



SOUTH WEST AREA ORDINARY MEETING

Meeting to be held online on Zoom
On Monday 1 March 2021, 7.00 pm

AGENDA

*If anything to be discussed on this agenda gives rise to a conflict of interest for anyone,
please declare it at the start of the meeting.*

- 1. Welcome, apologies and vote of thanks**
- 2. Minutes of previous meeting held on 3 November 2020**
- see appendix i
- 3. Ratify Area Representative Appointment**
- see appendix ii
- 4. National Council Volunteer Posts (Helen Wilson)**
- 5. Anstey's Cove: special issue meeting held on 27 January 2021**
a) minutes of meeting – see appendix iii
b) bolting proposals
- 6. Wintour's Leap: replacement of fixed gear**
- 7. Culm pegs / Fixed gear policy**
- 8. Crag Restoration Policy**
- see appendix iv
- 9. Any Other Business**
- 10. Date & time of next Area Meeting**

APPENDICES

Appendix i: [link to agenda and minutes of meeting held on 3 November 2020](#)

Appendix ii:

Area Chair	Mark Kemball
Area Secretary	Alan Dovey
Area Reps on National Council	Helen Wilson; Philip Wilson
Clubs Representative	Martin Corfield
Hill Walking Representative	Tony Bird
Area Youth Co-ordinator (North)	Dave Taylor
Area Youth Co-ordinator (South)	Julian Wills
Climbing Wall Representative	Paul Roberts
Access Rep: Wye Valley	Julio Sánchez
Access Rep: Avon	Simon Fletcher
Access Rep: Somerset	Mark Courtiour
Access Rep: Fairy Cave Quarry	Ian Butterworth
Access Rep: Portland	Neale Heanes
Access Rep: Swanage & Dorset	Martin Hallett
Access Rep: North Devon & Culm	Mark McMannus 'Macca'
Access Rep: South Devon	James Mann
Access Reps: Dartmoor	Will Hornby
Access Rep: Atlantic Coast	Iain Peters
Access Rep: West Penwith	Dave Hope

Appendix iii: [link to agenda and minutes of meeting held on 27 January 2021](#)

Appendix iv:

Crag Restoration Code:

Every crag is different – there isn't a 'one size fits all' approach but there are some general principles to consider:

- **It's good to talk:** discuss your ideas with your local BMC Access Rep or BMC Access Officer before starting work. They can help to establish if there are any known issues that should be considered and help put a plan of action together.
- **Nesting birds:**
 - o Avoid carrying out work, especially anything involving tree or scrub clearance, between March-August in case birds are nesting.
 - o Check the RAD for seasonal restrictions for crag nesting birds before starting any work on or around a crag. If any restrictions are in place limit work to outside of the nesting season.
- **Legal designations:** many crags are covered by legal designations for conservation, geology or heritage features. These include Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), Special Areas of Conservation (SAC), Scheduled Ancient Monuments (SAM) and many more. These don't necessarily stop climbing or restoration work taking place, but do mean there may be interest features which need to be considered and avoided. Sometimes a formal process of gaining permission from Natural England, Historic England or Natural Resources Wales is required.
- **Landowner permission:** depending on the access agreement in place, permission may be needed from the landowner. Failing to gain this before starting work could result in lost access.
- **Other users:** climbers are rarely the only visitors to areas crags are located in. Be mindful of those other users, how they might view any changes you want to make and importantly, consider other people's safety at all times when carrying out work.
- **Visual impact:** consider this carefully and limit the visual impact of any work that takes place. Often only relatively small changes are needed to make routes climbable, leaving the surrounding area untouched and undisturbed – for example, avoid indiscriminate vegetation removal.