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It is good to not have measures to reduce the lockdown provisions and be able to get out more; meet up with folk better and enjoy that drink with friends.

HOWEVER !!!

We all know the Lakes are going to be busy this year so

PLAN YOUR TRIPS WITH CONSIDERATION TO LIKELY CROWDS IN THE LAKES AND TRY NOT TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS AND HAVE PLANS A, B AND C ACCORDINGLY !!

NEEDLESS TO SAY - "PACK IT IN & PACK IT OUT" - TAKE YOUR LITTER AND ALL THINGS HOME

HELP WITH LITTER PICKS ETC AS YOU CAN



Dream Buttress - Gaitkins - Duddon Valley

BMC VIDEOS

there have been a number of excellent videos produced by the BMC as follows -

Respect the Wild

Respect to Rock

Women in Adventure

Hills 2 Oceans campaign

.... and others

Well worth having a decko !!



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NEXT LAKES AREA MEETING - 5th May 2021

The next meeting of the BMC Lakes area will be a Zoom Meeting on Wednesday 5th May 2021 at 7.30 pm - come along and have your say - with also an interesting talk by Jase Wilson !!

There are a number of guests coming along to discuss the issues etc as follows –

Richard Leafe (LDNPA) will be letting us know what plans are in place from the LDNPA angle and work with the various agencies and organisations in the Lake District.

Kate Wilmslow (Friends of the Lakes) will be reported in a joint venture with the “Keep Britain Tidy” Campaign at a research programme to try and get into the minds of those who drop litter etc.

There is the Friends of the Lakes “**Great Cumbrian Litter Pick**” on Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd May - if you can help please go to the website of the Friends of the Lakes.

Nicola Bolton (Lakes Plastic Collective) will give her perspective of collecting litter etc from around the Lakes

The issue of litter and the leaving of tents etc on the fells and in the valleys has reached a critical level, both locally and nationally. Much is being done in this respect but we need somehow to change the behaviour of what is a minority of people.

Many seemed to grow up with “**Keep Britain Tidy**” - were people better “trained” then !!

Felling efforts should now be to educate people – we need a short strap line such as “Keep Britain Tidy”

The following are two other ideas –

Don't be a Tosser !

Pack it in – Pack it out !

No doubt there has been much discussion on ideas !

TALK AT THE BMC LAKES AREA MEETING

Title: Tourism in the Death Zone—an ethnographic encounter with Himalayan high-altitude tourism

by Jase Wilson

In this presentation Jase will share with the audience his exploration through the Himalaya to conduct research for his PhD project of the same title. He aims to reveal the seemingly mystical ‘world’ of high altitude climbing in the Himalaya and Karakoram Ranges. The presentation will also veer off course (slightly) to talk about himself (the researcher), how he came to find climbing and what it has come to mean to him and to those whom he has met along the way. Throughout the presentation, he will wander through questions of meaning, purpose, existence, and generally attempt to share his joy and love of the mountains with the attendees.

Bio: *Jase Wilson is an writer, photographer, and academic who is enthralled by adventure travel and mountain sports. Thus far his altitude record is 7000 metres on Khan Tengri in the Tian Shan range on the Kyrg/Khazak border. If lucky, in the summer of 2021 he plans for an expedition to Tajikistan where to climb Ismoil Somoni Peak (7500 m) and Peak Korzhenevskaya (7100 m) in the same season. Jase has clipped bolts from China to Spain, climbed granite cracks at 2 am in the midnight sun in the Norwegian arctic, explored the British ‘Classic’ and ‘Extreme’ rock test pieces, and extensively explored his native territory, British Columbia, and the mega-mecca destinations such as the Bugaboos and Squamish.*



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CRAG ACCESS

There have been a number of crag access issues –

SHEPHERDS CRAG - Unfortunately there is now no parking at High Lodore Farm for the public – please do not go there expecting parking !! The options are very limited now and these are being investigated. Consideration of use of the bus service, the launch or a bike should be made.

GOAT CRAG – WATENDLATH - The crag is on National Trust land which is Open Access Land however one must cross non-open access land to gain the Access Land. Like for many others there has been misuse of the land for camping etc and the farmer has closed these for access accordingly. Other access ways are being investigated – check the BMC Regional Access Database for information.

COMMON WOOD QUARRY - There was some concern at this quarry in the Duddon valley however two signs have recently been erected saying "Danger" and clearly warning people of the quarry but the access to climbing there is not affected. It should also be remembered that the quarry is on Access Land.

ADDITIONAL BIRD NESTING RESTRICTIONS

With the Covid 19 restrictions there have been fewer people of the crags and sometimes the birds have taken advantage of this and nested on crags where there has not been nesting reported in the past.

All wild birds, their nests and eggs are protected by law (the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 as amended by the Countryside Rights of Way Act 2000). Damaging, destroying or disturbing the nests, birds or eggs is an offence. Schedule 1 species (the subject of the majority of BMC agreed restrictions) are especially vulnerable and subject to additional special protection.

Where any new locations of nests on crags are reported then signs are erected on approaches to crags and details shown on the BMC Regional Access Database (RAD).

We would therefore ask climbers –

- **If you are planning to go climbing at a particular crag, check the RAD first to see if there are any restrictions on that crag.**
- **If you are going to a particular crag and you see a sign indicating a restriction - please go elsewhere!**
- **If you see someone else climbing there (i.e. ignoring the signs) point out to them that they, too, should go elsewhere.**
- **If you see a nest or are aware of disturbing nesting birds – again please go elsewhere!**
- **If you become aware of a nest please check the RAD and if the nest is not mentioned please contact the local BMC Access Rep**

We know this can be an annoyance but the crag will be there on another day!

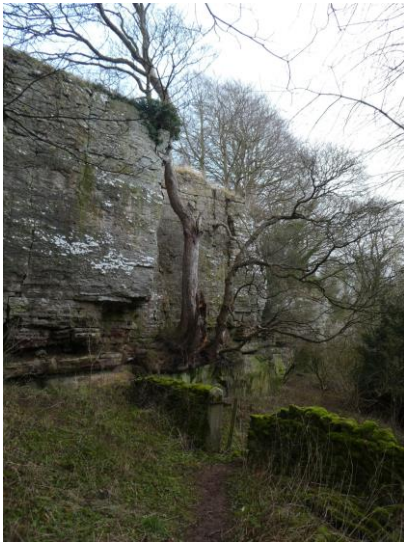
Check out the BMC website for more information about “Nesting Birds Advice” and “Respect the Wild – don’t trash your room” at this time!



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TREE REMOVAL AT KINGS MEABURN

Kings Meaburn is not the best crag in the world but is a useful crag in the Eden Valley, with a selection of routes. A large tree recently broke away and was wedged in part of the crag. A team of foresters were contracted to remove the tree, which they did, rather spectacularly, and cleared up the crag in that area. This is half funded by the landowner and half by the BMC.



NEW GUIDEBOOK FROM FRCC

The new **DUDDON & WRYNOSE** guidebook has (at last) been produced. There have been a lot of new (and very new) developments in the valley with now about 1300 routes there. The new guidebook is available at climbing shops and online, including the www.frcc.co.uk.





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DOWNLOADABLE CRAGS INFORMATION FROM FRCC

The FRCC has also produced a collection of **PDF's of newly developed crags** around the Lake District.

These are for the crags developed since the last definitive guidebooks.

They include the following –

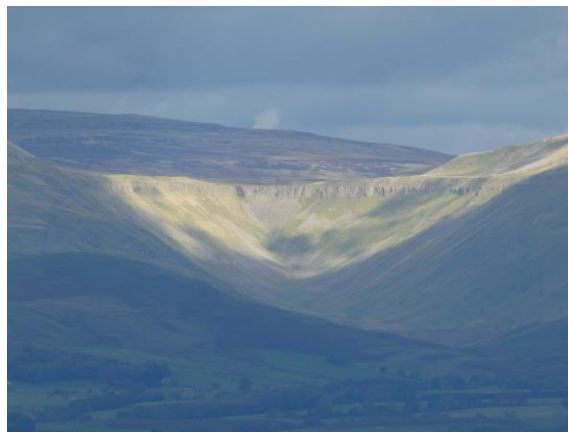
- Langdale
 - Thrang Crag - Chapel Stile (P17)
 - Scout Crag – High Upper Crag - Salmon Leap area (P 41)
 - Stile Crag - New Dungeon Ghyll
 - Pike How - Dungeon Ghyll, below Harrison Stickle (P128)
 - Birk Knott Crag – Blea Tarn
- Eastern Crags
 - Castle Crag – Wythburn
 - Lockdown Crag – near Standing Crag (P124)
 - Kirkstone Buttress – Kirkstone Pass
 - Upper Kirkstone Buttress – Kilshaw Chimney – Kirkstone Pass
 - Pets Bridge Crag – Kirkstone Pass
 - Piot Crag – Mardale Ill Bell
 - Dunmail Raise Crag

They are free to be downloaded and are on the website - www.frcc.co.uk - in the Climbing section

ENJOY THE LAKES – BUT STAY SAFE - AND HELP TO LOOK AFTER IT !!

The pandemic has produced a strange mix of access situations and pressures on the area and the facilities and services. Keep in mind that the Lake District is likely to be very busy and plan any trips keeping this in mind. Do your bit to help look after the area and also “Stay Safe !”

Ron Kenyon - BMC Lakes Area Secretary



High Cup Nick