



November Round-Up

Summary of the BMC Monthly Bulletin

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Access Roundup

- **Peaks area crags & quarries** – lots of local actions
- **North & South Wales** - Crag clean-ups
- **Symons Yat** - rock falls at Coldwell Crags continuing concerns
- **Purchase of Sirhowy** –crowd funded
- **Portland waste Incinerator** opposition
- **Winter monitoring equipment for Snowdonia now operational**
 - Equipment up dated & improved
 - New monitor for Yr Wyddfa Trinity Gulley area
 - Emphasis on protecting fragile turf routes if not fully frozen
- **Welsh Right to Roam consultation**
 - Scottish style open access proposed

Autumn Events

- **YHA/BMC Festival of Walking**
 - Organised by YHA with BMC volunteer walk leaders
 - 36 events nation wide spread over 6 weeks with over 600 participants
 - Sponsored by Cotswold Outdoor, The Ramblers & OS Maps
- **Kendal Mountain Festival**
 - Prominent BMC presence
 - Wide range of talks, events, films & trade stands
 - Getting bigger each year

Administration Highlights

- **Office Staff Representing the BMC at:**
 - Sports Governance Academy event
 - Sports England Conference
 - Various access & technical
- **Published** - new Safeguarding Policy & Step-up against Bullying
- **Recruitment**
 - New Governance & Compliance Office appointed to Start January 2024
 - Interviews for new CEO should completed next week

Competitions

- **Toby Roberts qualifies for Paris 2024**
 - Took Gold at European Bouldering & lead championships
- **Ski Mountaineering (SkiMo)**
 - Introduced at 2026 Winter Olympics in Milano-Cortina
 - BMC as NGB will facilitate in conjunction with Climb Scotland (ex. SMC)
- **Youth Climbing Series 2023 finals** – held at Parthian Southampton 25th November

CCPG & GB Climbing

- **National Squad & Olympic Team**
 - largely funded by SE & UKS
 - 2025 – 2029 Olympic bid cycle to start soon
- **CCPG Listening sessions** above & beyond typical volunteer duties
 - Key recommendations for refocusing GBC
 - Changes based on a **CLIMBER FIRST** approach
 - Clarification of roles, improved communications, better prioritisation, coaching relationships & athlete management
- **New Structure, budget & financial controls** - being introduced now

Financial Position

- **Plan budget deficit for 2023 -**
 - £72K close to pre-COVID level
 - Based on an ambitious grow plan that was not achieved
- **GBC Income Profiling Error**
 - UKS funding model very complex
 - Insufficient knowledge of system
 - Budget overstated grant funding by circa £200K
 - No specific checks to identify error of this type
 - BMC contribution overspent by circa £150k
- **Travel Insurance suspension –**
 - Underwriters administrative changes meant no new business for key 4 week period
 - Subsequent restrictions on cover particularly for expedition over 4000m
 - Estimated loss of income circa £45K
 - New underwriter engaged effective from 1 December means full cover should now be restored
- **Total Deficit for 2023 –** projected as circa £250-300k
 - £178-228k over budget
 - Manageable from reserves
 - Will impact future work & 2024 budgets

- **Winter Summit Magazine**
 - Issue #112 Available on-line
- **Monthly Round-Up**
 - <https://www.thebmc.co.uk/november-update>
 - Links to full news articles
- **Open Forum Webinar - 13 December**
 - Summit questions in advance or live on-line
 - Details eNewsletter 30 November