



## British Mountaineering Council SOUTHWEST AREA

Zoom Meeting to be held on the 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024 @ 7.00pm

Meeting Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83082192169?pwd=lqK0gvBSAUyrth76SsznA1PTjKaraz.1>

Chair: Colin Knowles, Secretary: Philip Wilson

### AGENDA

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

1. Welcome Introductions & Apologies for Absence.
2. Meet The New BMC CEO Paul Ratcliffe Q & A.
3. Minutes: Previous Meeting Minutes held on the (these will not be read out verbatim during this meeting. It would be helpful if participating members could read the minutes and actions and note any points for discussion prior to this meeting taking place.
4. Actions: From the previous meeting (held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2023 @ The Robins Pub in Bristol:
  - Link from the BMC RAD database to the Avon Gorge Fixed Equipment Policy made from the BMC Community Site South-West Area Meeting & AGM (02 12 2023). See [BMC Community \(thebmc.co.uk\)](http://thebmc.co.uk)
  - Update From the BMC Board (Nov 2023) added to the BMC Community Site SouthWest Area Meeting & AGM (02 12 2023). See [BMC Community \(thebmc.co.uk\)](http://thebmc.co.uk)
5. Cheddar Gorge for Everyone - Mendip Hills National Landscape Proposal. Should The BMC Support This?
  - See: <https://mendiphills-nl.org.uk/news/cheddar-gorge-etrol/> for details
6. Election For Clubs Committee SW Area Clubs Rep.
7. Election For SW Climbing Wall Rep.
8. Local Area Access Issues:
  - Avon Gorge (update on Bristol City Council Representations)

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- Cheddar Gorge (news on a bolted via ferrata)
- Carn Gowla
- Symonds Yat (rockfall & catch fence)
- Dartmoor Access Islands protest at Vixen Tor (24th Feb 2023). Report by Trevor Smith
- Any Other Issues

9. Matters Arising Not Covered Elsewhere.

10. Any Other Business.

11. Date, Time & Location (next area meeting).