

Club Byelaws

1 Membership

- a) Members and Associates of Shepton Mallet Caving Club Limited (hereafter 'SMCC' or 'the Club') are subject to, and must abide by, these Byelaws and the Club Rules.
- b) All Members and Associates of the Club must hold current membership of the British Caving Association (BCA), either taken through the Club, through another club, or directly with the BCA.
- c) Membership subscriptions are due on 1st June each year as follows:
 - Full Members and Probationary Associates (Caver): £50.00
 - Full Members and Probationary Associates (Non-Caver): £39.00
 - Full Members and Probationary Associates (BCA Direct Member): £33.00
 - Full Members and Probationary Associates (Full-time students): £25.00
 - Honorary Members: Free
 - Junior Associates: Free

2 Fees

- a) Members, Associates, and Guests staying overnight at the Mineries, either within the hut, camping or sleeping in a vehicle, must pay a fee as follows:
 - Members and Probationary Associates: £4.00 per night
 - Junior Associates & Members' children under 18: Free
 - Non-members: £7.50 per night.
 - Non-members' children under 18: £4.00 per night
- b) Individual day use fees are charged at £1.00 per person. Groups day use fees are £50 per day.
- c) Members of Clubs with reciprocal rights will pay members rates. (See End Note 1)

3 Health and Safety

- a) Fire exits must be kept clear at all times; inside and outside.
- b) There is to be no smoking or vaping anywhere inside the hut.
- c) The smoke alarms, fire-fighting equipment, electrical fuse board and security devices must not be tampered with or modified without the agreement of the Committee or Hut Warden.

4) Staying in the Club Hut

- a) Children and vulnerable adults must be supervised by a parent or nominated adult *in loco parentis* at all times when at the hut.
- b) The designated sleeping areas in the hut are the Main Bunk Room, the Old Library, and the Family Room. Spaces in these may be booked in advance through the Hut Warden. Any remaining unbooked spaces are available on the basis of "first come, first served".

- c) Guests can only use the hut as either personal guests accompanied by a Member or Probationary Associate, or by prior booking with the Hut Warden. A Member or Probationary Associate bringing more than two guests must make a prior booking with the Hut Warden.
- d) Residence at the hut for periods of more than a fortnight requires the prior permission of the Committee.
- e) Sleeping in the Library or corridors is forbidden.
- f) The boarding of dogs and other pets in the sleeping areas is not allowed without the agreement of the Hut Warden.

5 Use of Bed Spaces

- a) The Family Room is for the use of Members and Probationary Associates only.
- b) Family groups have priority over, and sole use of, the Old Library and Family Room.
- c) Junior Associates and children aged 9-17 years can sleep in the Main Bunk Room in an area designated by the Hut Warden. Children and vulnerable adults sleeping in the main bunk room must always be accompanied by a parent or nominated adult *in loco parentis*.
- d) The Committee or Hut Warden reserve the right to temporarily vary these arrangements as may be required (eg, for Family Weekends).

6 Use of Club Tackle

Use of Club tackle is subject to the following conditions:

- a) Club tackle must only be used under the personal supervision of a Member or Probationary Associate.
- b) Junior Associates must only use club tackle under the supervision of a Member.
- c) All Club tackle use must be recorded in the log book provided.
- d) Members and Associates must examine all tackle they wish to use before use.
- e) After use, all club tackle must be cleaned and returned to the Tackle Store.
- f) Any club tackle thought or known to be damaged must be labelled as such to prevent further use and brought to the Tackle Warden's attention.

7 Digging

No excavation shall be carried out in the name of the Club without the sanction of the Committee.

8 Use of the Library

Only Members, Probationary Associates and Junior Associates aged 15-17 years are permitted to remove items from the Library and must sign for such removal in the log book provided.

9 Electronic Media

Any public-facing electronic presence created in the name of the Club must be discussed with and approved by the Webmaster. The Webmaster reserves the right to discuss any issues with the Committee before approval

10 Financial Byelaws

- a) No Member or Associate of the Club, other than the Treasurer and Hut Warden, shall hold more than £100 of cash belonging to the Club.

- b) Any financial transaction or agreement with a value of between £500.00 and £4,999.99 shall require the prior agreement of the Treasurer and one other Committee Member, or the approval of the Committee. Any financial transaction or agreement of £5,000.00 or over shall require the prior agreement of the Committee.
- c) The Lay Auditors, if elected in accordance with Clause 18 d) of the Rules, shall not be servants of the Club and nor shall they be the partner of, or in the employment of, or employ, a member of the Committee

End Notes

- 1 Clubs with reciprocal rights are:
 - Bradford Pothole Club,
 - Devon Speleological Society,
 - Hillingdon Mountaineering Club,
 - Orpheus Caving Club,
 - Plymouth University Adventure and Expeditions,
 - Red Rose Cave & Pothole Club,
 - South Wales Caving Club, and
 - Westminster Speleological Group.
 - Grampian Speleological Group