

# COUNCIL OF NORTHERN CAVING CLUBS

## British Caving Association

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### Meets Secretary reports received for 28<sup>th</sup> June 2014 Committee Meeting

#### **Leck Fell – Jim Sloane**

As of 7<sup>th</sup> June 2014 33 clubs had been issued with permits for the fell during the year 2014/15. This is exactly the same number as for the same time last year. During July weekend dates of 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> are now fully booked but there is some availability on all other dates that month. Going forward the only other dates that are currently fully booked are 9<sup>th</sup> August, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> September and 15<sup>th</sup> November 2014. I have not been asked to raise any other matters concerning the access agreement at the committee meeting.

#### **Bowland – Tony Brown**

No permits given out for Whitewell Pot in the last 12 months (or in 2013) and I doubt if the Estate Office gave any for the other caves. We now have an agreement with the Estate Office that CNCC operate the permit system for the whole of Bowland which is a much simpler arrangement overall because people tended to want book (some of) the others at the same time as Whitewell Pot. It will also make it easier to have regular visits to extend the caves. It is a good achievement for CNCC with negotiations originally started in 2009 at which time the Estate Office wanted to retain the permit system for all but Whitewell Pot.

#### **Aygill Caverns – Geoff Whittaker**

Since accepting the responsibility for issuing permits to Caving Clubs on behalf of the CNCC and the Shuttleworth Estate, I can confirm the following permits have been issued from the end of January up to and including the first week in June to BCA member caving clubs. It has been very quiet in respect of clubs requiring permits, in fact there have only been 7 requests. One by letter, and the remainder by email, allowing me to issue a permit almost immediately. Monthly information has been passed onto Charles at the estate office, and I've had no adverse communication from the Estate, so things hopefully are moving smoothly.

The monthly permits issued as follows to full BCA member Caving Clubs.

- January            --        1 permit issued
- February          --        3 permits issued
- March             --        1 permits issued
- April              --        No permits issued
- May                --        2 permits issued

#### **Excalibur Pot – Matt Ewles**

Six permits have been issued for Excalibur so far this year. There are no issues to report.

#### **Other areas**

Nothing has been reported that requires discussion for any other areas.