

COUNCIL OF NORTHERN CAVING CLUBS

British Caving Association

Meets Secretary reports received for the 13th September 2014 Committee Meeting

Leck Fell – Geoff Whittaker (acting meets secretary)

Following on from Jim's last report, there has been an extra three clubs requesting permits making a total of 36 for the year 2014/2015. For the remainder of September, the weekend 20th/21st is fully booked with plenty of availability for all other dates.

Going forward, in October, only Saturday 25th is fully booked with some availability for all other dates, November has some limited availability on the 1st, 2nd and 8th, and the weekend of 15th/16th is fully booked. There is availability on the remaining dates. December has availability on all dates.

There have been no issues reported from the Estate Office, so hopefully everything is progressing smoothly.

Bowland – Tony Brown

No applications for permits in Bowland in 2014 and nothing to report.

Aygill Caverns – Geoff Whittaker

The last 3 months have been very quiet regarding clubs requesting permits, in fact since last May only one permit has been issued, making a total of 8 permits for the year so far.

There have been no issues raised by the Estate Office.

Excalibur Pot – Matt Ewles

Seven permits have been issued for Excalibur so far this year.

Excalibur Pot has recently acquired a new entrance, also in the streambed of Hutton Beck. Work is required to construct it to such a standard that it will survive flooding. The entrance is unlikely to be used for those doing the standard sporting trip to the streamway (it is further away) but will allow a satisfying 'through trip' to be undertaken (going in the new entrance, to the streamway and out of Excalibur). The landowner will be contacted over the coming months to ensure that access to the new entrance can be covered by the existing agreement.

There have been no issues raised by the landowner.

Other areas

Nothing to report for any other areas.