



## **The British Caving Association Membership News August 2023**

### **Membership Matters**

A number of our member clubs have reported high levels of interest in joining/starting caving recently. This is reflected in the membership numbers – these are currently at the highest levels I have seen since taking over as membership administrator in Spring 2021, with over 6,500 BCA members. This is great news for the clubs, the BCA and UK caving in general!

Please remember you can update the BCA on new members/ re-joiners at any point throughout the year but as a minimum should be updating your membership details quarterly.

**Look out for:** BCA membership fees for 2024 will be confirmed very shortly. I will update all clubs on these ASAP.



### **Hidden Earth 2024**

After a gap of a few years, due to the impacts of the Covid Pandemic, Hidden Earth is back!!!

Please see the Hidden Earth website for more details:

<https://hidden.earth/#>

Please tell your club members about it, it would great to have a good turn out to welcome Hidden Earth back!

### **The British Caving Library**

The British caving library, in Derbyshire, is open to all cavers, by arrangement, and can help with online enquiries.

<https://caving-library.org.uk/>

The Caving library will have a stall at Hidden Earth full of duplicate publications, those that the library already has a copy of and the extras are looking for a new home. Cavers will be able to browse these at the event. If your club librarian would like to look through our list of duplicates in advance of the event to select what your club library needs please get in touch via the email address at the bottom of the page. We can then set these aside for you.

### **And Finally...**

BCA membership has no upper or lower age limit. We welcome everyone. However we were delighted to recently welcome our youngest ever member. One of our member clubs added their newest member to their BCA list on the same day he was born!

We haven't asked who they told first, the BCA or the baby's new grandparents, but we like to think it was us.....

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