



The British Caving Association Membership News March 2026

Welcome to our newest member club!

BCA is pleased to welcome a new student caving club – Staffordshire University Caving Club. Best of luck with growing the club, and may you only ever be StUCC in name!



2026 Renewals

Thank you to the 150+ BCA groups that have already renewed for 2026. We are delighted to have you as members for the next year. If your group is one of the small number who have yet to renew for 2026 please do ask if you require any assistance. I am very happy to help.

Add new members before 1st April please!

Just a reminder that the online system applies part-year discounts for new members, and those returning after a gap of at least one year, automatically - based on the date the club adds their BCA membership. Therefore please make sure you add any members who have joined between January and March BEFORE the 1st of April, so the club is invoiced the correct fee for them.

Please note 2025 members count as 'renewing' members all year and do not qualify for part-year discounts. This ensures BCA doesn't penalise those who pay on time each year by charging them more than late payers. If your club has a member who has a genuine reason for joining later in the year part-year discounts can be arranged. Please email me, rather than renew via the online system.

2025 BCA Annual Report

This year BCA are planning to produce a report to summarize the activities of BCA, and its constituent parts, in 2025. We plan to list all member clubs, and would like to include contact details for each club. We also plan to list club huts that are available for others to book.

If your club had a significant anniversary, expedition or event in 2025 you would like to see included please send in any articles and photos.

Please email these to Katie:

membership@british-caving.org.uk

Key BCA dates

The BCA AGM will be held on Sunday the 28th June in Monyash, Derbyshire. Plans are afoot to make it a whole weekend event, so save the date! More details to follow soon.

Dates for upcoming BCA council meetings:

31st March, 19th May, 7th July

These meetings are held at 7pm, via zoom.

Anyone wishing to attend would be welcome, and should email the BCA secretary:

secretary@british-caving.org.uk

Hidden Earth will be held on the 25th to the 27th September 2026 at Llangollen Pavilion.

More BCA events can be found here:

[Events - British Caving Association](#)

Katie Eavis, BCA Membership Administrator

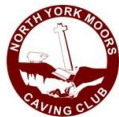
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NAMHO Conference 2026

Bookings are now open for the National Association of Mining History Organisations Conference 2026.

https://www.namho.org/conf2026/confpages/conf_home.php



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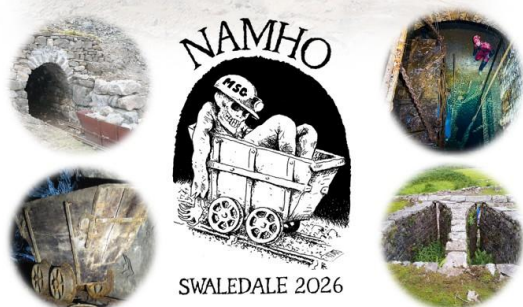
"Mining the Swaledale Orefield"

Friday 19th - Monday 22nd June 2026

Moldywarps and NYMCC invite you to Swaledale in the beautiful Yorkshire Dales National Park.

Two-day lecture programme in a venue adjacent to campsite with surface and underground visits planned to local lead mines and smelt mills.

Further details and booking information :-
https://namho.org/conf2026/confpages/conf_home.php



Convenor needed for T and E group

The BCA Training and Equipment working group are in need of a convenor. This would ideally be a technically minded caver, who is able to manage a committee, organise meetings and direct discussion. IT skills an advantage!

The convenor will NOT be required to compile minutes of meetings. (BCA staff do this)

If you are interested in learning more please email the BCA secretary: secretary@british-caving.org.uk

Student Clubs and Organised Fun

BCA secretary, Aidan Kuhlmann, and Youth and Development officer, Isaac Neale, will be representing the interests of student caving clubs at the upcoming talk hosted by Organised Fun/ Howden on the 24th March.

If your club has any specific queries or feedback for this event please get in touch with BCA.

Underland Film

In cinemas from the 27th March Underland features natural and manmade underground spaces from around the world.

This may be of interest to your members, or perhaps even make it a club social?

<https://www.instagram.com/p/DVY1RtpDrwj/>



Incident Notification

BCA would like to remind all our members about the importance of notifying us of any incidents that have the potential to become an insurance claim, so we can communicate with our insurers. Please let us know ASAP after an incident, even if you think it unlikely to develop into a claim.

News from the European Speleological Federation:

https://www.eurospeleo.eu/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/EuroSpeleo_News_letter_Jan_2026-EN.pdf

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