



The British Caving Association Membership News May 2024

Apologies there hasn't been one of these since January – the BCA renewals season, plus the move to Just Go has been taking up a lot of my BCA time.

BCA AGM 2024

The BCA AGM for 2024 will be held on Monday 3rd June at 7pm. Details of how to attend online will be on the BCA website very soon.

Membership price changes

BCA council has approved increases in membership prices for 2025. These are needed to counter the increased insurance premiums BCA faces, and dwindling reserves.

	2024 fee (£)	2025 Fee (£)
Caving member	20	24
Non-caving member	6	8
Student member	8	10
Under 18	Free	Free
Club membership	25	36
Access controlling body, or club with a hut	60	72
Associate Club	25	25

If you would like to read more about why these increases are necessary, please have a look the report on our website:

<https://british-caving.org.uk/bca-finances-and-membership-fees/>

*please note these increases are for 2025 membership. Members joining in 2024 can continue to pay the 2024 fees.

Just Go!

Work continues on migrating BCA membership to Just Go, where it will join the BCA qualifications scheme, which has been on the platform for 3 years. BCRA are also moving their membership to Just Go, so it will hopefully become a 'one stop shop' for British Caving.

We are hoping to 'go live' on Just Go in June/ July. Once we are ready we will ensure our contact person at each caving club gets good instruction on how to use Just Go to manage their membership.

Ecards and the future of plastic cards

Club members have been brilliant at embracing the change to ecards, with fewer than 2.5% of our club members requesting a plastic card.

Moving forward BCA will completely stop issuing plastic cards. However we don't want to alienate our members who don't have internet access or a smart phone etc, so by request, we will send a card/ paper card to those members, which will be more environmentally friendly and cost effective to produce.

An example of the new card BCA membership card below:

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Plastic card printer for sale!

Following on from the above BCA will soon be selling our plastic card printer, along with a supply of coloured cards. If your club may be interested in purchasing it please get in touch! Email membership@british-caving.org.uk to enquire.

BCA Artificial Cave

The BCA owns an artificial cave which is mobile, and available to hire for events. It can be booked for any event - caving club open days, scout/ guide events, village fetes, birthday parties, and even weddings!

The cave costs £25 per event to hire, with the hirer responsible for collecting and towing it, setting it up, staffing it and returning it to its base, near Tideswell, Derbyshire. If you would like to enquire about booking the artificial cave email artificial.cave@british-caving.org.uk



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