



The British Caving Association Membership News September 2025

2026 Membership Fees

Hopefully you have seen the email, sent to all BCA members on the 26th August, containing the 2026 members fees and the reasons why fees need to be increased.

If you missed the email, or want to re-read it, it can be found on the BCA website: [BCA Membership Fees for 2026 - British Caving Association](#)

Membership Type	2026 Fees (£)
Member Club	44
Associate Club	36
Access controlling body/ Hut supplement	96
Caving Member	32
Non-Caving Member	10
Student Member	12
Under 18 Member	Free of charge

As usual part-year discounts will apply to new members, or members returning after a gap of at least one year, if they join on or after the 1st of April, 1st July or 1st October.

AGM Voting Results

Following the 2025 BCA AGM members were asked to vote on two proposals. The first was a constitutional change intended to reduce the amendments that needed to go to a full member ballot and therefore allow changes to policies that are not contentious and/ or those that need regular updating.

The second proposal aimed to delegate specific policies to National Council, and therefore make it easier to keep them up to date throughout the year.

Both proposals were passed.

More details of the proposals and voting results can be found on the BCA website: [AGM voting - British Caving Association](#)

BCA/ BCRA Bid for the 2029 UIS Congress

Representatives of the BCA and BCRA prepared and presented a bid to host the 2029 Union Internationale de Spéléologie at the recent UIS congress, held in Brazil. The GB bid was praised for its professionalism and the enthusiastic support from the British Caving Community, but ultimately Romania, who have never hosted a UIS congress before, won the vote.

Whilst disappointed the 2029 conference won't be held in Britain the BCA team are looking forward to attending the Romanian congress, and wish them all the best with their event.

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Please add new members promptly!

The vast majority of BCA member clubs add new members very regularly throughout the year, however we have recently had a few individuals contact BCA asking for their membership numbers – only to discover the club they had joined 6 months ago had never got BCA membership for them.

Please remember to add new club members to your list promptly, especially if they are getting their BCA membership via your club.

You can add members as often as you like, but should be NO LONGER than 3 months after they joined your club.

With the new membership system it is good to update your membership list before the end of each quarter (31st March, 30th June, 30th September) as this way the system will automatically calculate the correct part-year discounts.

If you don't have the time or ability to add them directly to the online membership system you can email me with details and I will add them on behalf of your club.

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.

Hidden Earth 2025 – Tickets now available!

Hidden Earth will be held on the 26th to the 28th September at Llangollen Pavilion. There will be lots going on – a fantastic lecture program, films, workshops, the trade hall, competitions, conference dinner etc.

For more information, and to book your tickets have a look at the Hidden Earth website:

<https://hidden.earth/>



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