

IT Working Party

The IT Working Party (ITWP) exists to provide expertise to BCA on IT matters. It also provides IT support. The ITWP is comprised of a small group of techies and a representative from the Executive. The following are items that the ITWP have been involved in.

Selection of Training Administration Software System: A considerable amount of work went into the selection process. That included the due diligence necessary to minimise the risk of escalating costs or loss of control of our data. We were about to cross the finishing line when the long held concerns about Tahdah's financial stability were realised. Tahdah was not purchased. The process of looking for a replacement is beginning again.

Ballot: A significant amount of time was spent sending the email ballot papers and associated emails. Since this is the first time we have processed the ballot in-house, this was inevitable. Much has been learnt for next time. Many thousands of pounds were saved by running the ballot in-house.

Software Development: The work on enhancing BCA Online and the Membership System continues. The BCA-Online software that I've developed for BCA has been open-sourced. It is available on GitHub. This is the best way to manage software development with a team of volunteer programmers. If you are a programmer and keen to be involved please get in touch.

GDPR: The General Data Protection Regulation came into force on 25 May 2018. The BCA Privacy Notice has been published on the website. An article entitled "GDPR for Caving Clubs" has been published on the website. Consent to process members personal data was gained from them as part of the renewal process. The renewal forms included a paragraph on data protection and also drew the members' attention to the Privacy Notice. GDPR compliance should be seen as an on-going process. There is more to do.

Help and advice has been given to Wendy Williams, the new Membership Administrator, whilst she learns what is needed for her new role.

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