

## **Membership as at 31.5.19**

**695 DIMs** (Caving): 416 (Caving DIMs with BCRA): 213 (Non Caving DIMs): 5  
(Non Caving DIMs with BCRA): 61

## **170 Groups**

**5291 CIMs** (Caving): 4309 (Non Caving): 837 (CDG Members): 145

## **Applications for Group membership**

There are 2 Clubs who wish to be approved for Membership of BCA at this Meeting

### **UK Mine Exploration**

Originally we were keen mountain walkers. We would often come across old workings and every now and then we would find an old adit or shaft that was open. Sooner or later our urge to enter got the better of us. We never ever ventured in very far as we knew we were ill prepared. As we wanted to venture down this alley of sport we started to research the sport, brought ourselves some safety equipment and taught ourselves to read surveys. We realise now the way we got into mine exploration wasn't the best route into the sport, however, what's done is done, but if we could take people on trips and give them some proper training, we are hoping to encourage people to do it properly and conscientiously, which in turn will promote safety and make people aware of the dangers underground activities, something we didn't have access to

### **Carbis Bay Crew**

The Carbis Bay Crew was formed around 10 years ago, as a group of like minded individuals who were interested in exploring and maintaining the underground and overground Cornwall Mining Heritage. The Founders of the Club are still Members. The Club has some element of exploration, preservation or surveying ongoing most days usually in groups of 2 - 4 Members. It is fairly routine to be asked to help search for missing pets in Mine Shafts, along with recovery of dead pets found during surveying. Occasionally, Members have supported Cornwall Fire and Rescue when requested. The Club has now grown to 36 Members who also undertake mine related work for the Community.

### **Our Reason for joining BCA**

The Carbis Bay Crew has matured to the point that we seek to be part of the wider Caving & Mining Exploration Community. We wish to share our experience and knowledge, and to glean knowledge from other groups, to enhance the overall experience and knowledge base of the BCA in whatever way we can