

QMC Annual Report - 2019

With the resignation of Phil Baker as chair of QMC towards the end of 2018, I took on this role, assisted by Gethin Thomas, who has been elected deputy. Much change is afoot at present and I am grateful to the committed and active members of this working group. QMC comprises of: Area Liaison Officers for the LCMLA scheme from each region, representatives from the CIC panel, reps from AHOEC and the voluntary sector, BCA's training officer and representation from BCA Council. We are also indebted to Mary Wilde, who as the administrator, makes a huge contribution.

Tasks which have been on our agenda over the past year have included:

- Finalising detail of the terms of reference for QMC.
- Researching and implementing a suitable data management system to support the overall management of the BCA award schemes. We are currently in the set up phase, where we need to satisfy ourselves that 'GO' membership is fit for our purpose.
- Liaising with the various CIC holders who have offered to write resources to accompany our award schemes; these are to be available on the BCA website and available to all within the caving community. Guidance on level 1 rope-work is currently available, and other documents are nearing completion. These include: Geology, Hazards and Risk Assessment and Level 2 rope-work
- A Tyrolean 'stand-alone' module, available to LCMLA and CIC award holders has been launched and well received.
- Establishing a consistent and effective method of sampling for radon across the regions and advising award holders, so that they are able to comply with the regulations which were published by HSE in January 2018. This is work on-going and a 'wider' working party is to be established.
- Liaising with equipment manufacturers and advising award holders of recent developments and best practice.

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