

Cave Registry

The Cave Registry Data Archive (<http://cave-registry.org.uk>) hosted by the BCA has continued to grow and is now a substantial 28GB in size. The Archive is the place to keep your survey data safe. Not only is the data kept secure and safe but the archive provides version control tools to help manage and coordinate larger projects. The Archive will accept data from UK cavers for any project, large or small, either here or overseas, where there is a significant UK caver involvement. My thanks to Andrew Atkinson for his tireless work on the Archive.

The Devon Cave Registry came online during the year. It is online at <https://dcuc.org.uk/registry>. It is the fourth registry to use the same software that Matt Voysey developed for the Mendip Cave Registry & Archive. With the addition of the Devon registry the all the major caving regions now have registries although the coverage of Yorkshire is to be completed. The rest are:

- Mendip Cave Registry <https://www.mcra.org.uk/registry>
- Cambrian Cave Registry <http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry>
- Derbyshire Cave Registry <https://registry.thedca.org.uk>
- Scottish Cave Registry <https://registry.gsg.org.uk>
- Northern Caves (Three Counties System and the North-West)
<https://northerncaves.co.uk/caves/>

BCRA SIGs underwent a bit of a revival with the relatively recently formed Cave Archeology Group the new Cave Biology Group and now active talk about forming a Cave Hydrology Group. The Cave Registry Data Archive, which BCA maintains and funds, already holds copies of some cave biological data including the renowned Hazelton Database. I have extended an offer to host hydrology data as well should the group come into existence.

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