

Local Byelaws of Craven Pothole Club Limited

The Local Byelaws of the club cannot be altered or rescinded except by the Club in General Meeting or by the Committee

1. Meet Coordinators Duties

Meet Coordinators shall provide a report in writing to Committee within fourteen (14) days on any incidents they are aware of involving Prospective Associates or Members which could shed light on the abilities of that person.

2. Tackle

The Meet Coordinator of a Club meet and the Leader of a private meet shall arrange for the completion of appropriate booking-out, booking-in and lost or damaged tackle report forms. They shall ensure that tackle is returned clean and in good condition, all ropes "coiled" and ladders correctly "rolled" and secured. Any damage or suspect tackle must be isolated and if necessary immobilised, the tackle record noted and the Tacklekeeper informed of the circumstances. Any lost tackle must be noted on the tackle record and the Tacklekeeper notified immediately.

4. SRT Riggers and Rules

SRT rope and equipment may only be booked out of the store by a person on the list of SRT riggers approved by the committee.

Members wishing to apply to become an SRT Rigger are required to:

- a) Rig a minimum of two potholes in the presence of four different, committee approved SRT Riggers.
- b) Complete the SRT riggers approval form and have it signed by the four approved riggers they have been underground with and submit it to the committee for approval.

All Users of SRT rope and equipment are required to follow the SRT equipment rules set out in Appendix 1.

5. Cottages

Members and Associates must book in immediately on arrival and Members shall assume responsibility for any guest. All Members and Associates using the cottages are responsible for the implementation of cottage rules as defined in Appendix 2. The Cottage Warden shall have absolute authority in matters affecting Members' conduct, that of their guests and that of Associates.

6. Annual Awards

The Club may award a number of trophies and or cash prizes at the annual dinner each year in the following categories:

Photographic Awards, the aim of which is to encouraging members to build up a record of club activities and for use in club publications

The Literary Awards, presented for outstanding contributions to club publications.

The Young Achievers Award may be awarded to the member or Junior Associate under the age of 25 who is judged to have made the greatest contribution to the Club's activities over the past year.

Further descriptions of the judging criteria, prize categories and entry rules for these awards are defined in Appendix 3.

7. The Gaping Gill Meet

The Gaping Gill meet is held in August each year under the terms of a Licence agreed between the Club and the Landowner (Ingleborough Estate). The provisions made in this licence must be observed at all times. The Landowner (Ingleborough Estate) gives consent to the meet under the terms of an agreement made between the Estate and Natural England. The provisions made in this consent must be observed at all times. Copies of these licences and consents are available from the Secretary on request.

In addition to the above the committee have put in place Local Byelaws to assist the Gaping Gill Meet Coordinator. These cover the conduct of Members, Associates and guests attending the meet and health and safety aspect of the meet. These Byelaws (Appendix 4) are to be observed at all times.

During the Gaping Gill Meet non-member cavers will be permitted to use Club equipment rigged in entrances to the Gaping Gill system provided they sign in with the club, have BCA insurance and provide rescue call-out details for their team and trip.

8. Administrative Provisions

The Club is to keep at its registered office:

1. A register of Members in which is entered the names and address of Members; the date at which each person was entered in the register as a Member and the date at which any person ceased to be Member; details of the share held by each Member and the amount paid or agree to be considered as paid for that share.
2. A duplicate register of Members containing the names and addresses of Members.
3. A register of other assets in the Club whether in loans or loan stock held by each Member.
4. A register of the names and addresses of the Members of the Committee, the basis of their Membership of the Committee and the dates on which they assumed office.
5. A register of Associates in which is entered the names and address of Associates; the date at which each person was entered in the register as an Associate and the date at which any person ceased to an Associate.
6. A register of the holders of loan stock in which is entered such particulars as the committee direct and register all transfers of loan stock.
7. A register in which are entered particulars of all mortgages and charges on land of the club as the Committee directs.

8. Subject to the Data Protection Act the registers to be maintained by the Club may be in electronic form.
9. The inclusion or omission of the name of any person from the original register of Members shall, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, be conclusive evidence that such person is or is not a Member of the Club.
10. The Club is to keep proper books of account with respect to its transactions and to its assets and liabilities in accordance with Sections 1 and 2 of the Friendly and Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1968.
11. Any notice required by the Rules of the Club shall be given in writing or shall be given using electronic communications to an address for the time being notified for that purpose.
12. The registered name of the Club is to be displayed on the outside of the registered office and every other office. The registered name of the Club is also to be mentioned in legible characters in all business letters, notices, advertisements and other official publications, bills of exchange, promissory notes, endorsements, cheques and orders for money or goods purporting to be signed by or on behalf of the Club; bills, invoices, receipts and letters of credit of the Club.

Appendix 1.

Rules for the use of SRT equipment

- 1) Leaders must agree to the regulations affecting SRT equipment.
- 2) Leaders are in charge of all activities on their meets.
- 3) Only authorised leaders may book out tackle using the logs provided.
- 4) Rigging must be carried out by leaders or under their direct supervision.
- 5) Leaders may refuse permission to anyone at any time during a trip.
- 6) Official Club meets take precedence for the use of tackle over private meets.
- 7) Permission must be obtained from the Committee before taking tackle out of the country.
- 8) Leaders are responsible for checking the condition of ropes and hardware before and after trips.
- 9) No ropes to be taken underground except in a tackle bag.
- 10) It is recommended that ropes are wetted before use.
- 11) Club SRT ropes should not be used on pull-through trips.
- 12) On return, ropes must be washed immediately.
- 13) Damage, falls and loss of equipment must be recorded on the logs and reported to the SRT Tackle-keeper as soon as possible.
- 14) Ropes must be stored in the approved manner and not left in tackle sacks.
- 15) Maillons and hangers will be booked out in tens and must not be left unscrewed.
- 16) No wet cells, Oldhams for example, are to be used.
- 17) The use of figure eight type descenders is not permitted.
- 18) Rope protectors should be avoided if at all possible.

(Approved by committee April 15th 1994)

Appendix 2. Cottage Rules

Arrangements for Clubs with reciprocal cottage rights

Members of the following clubs have reciprocal cottage rights:

South Wales Caving Club, Wessex Cave Club, Hamilton Tomo Group, Lancashire Caving and Climbing Club (2 huts).

Ivy Cottage:

Up to six members of clubs with reciprocal rights may stay without prior notice, but should be prepared to contact the Cottage Warden seven (7) days in advance to obtain a key. Parties of more than six may stay by prior arrangement with the Cottage Warden. Fees will be the same as current CPC member's rates.

Riverside Cottage:

The use of Riverside Cottage is available to members of clubs with reciprocal rights.

Bookings are to be made with the Cottage Warden a maximum of three months prior to the proposed stay.

Fees will be the same as the current CPC Riverside guest rate. The current minimum charge is to apply.

Fees are to be paid at the same times as CPC members.

Rules for Ivy Cottage

Fees:

- Members and Junior Associates £4.00 per night
- Visitors with reciprocal rights £4.00 per night
- Prospective Associates and Guests £6 per night
- Day fee (for using facilities) £2
- Camping and use of camper vans as per member/guest rates. Children under 16 years no charge
- Children under 6 years of age No charge
- Members are allowed to book two of their own children into Ivy Cottage as guests at member's rates.
- Members or Associates in residence (and working) at official cottage working weekends, and other cottage working periods as defined by the Committee from time to time, GG gear fettling weekends, trailer loading/unloading days and GG de-tackling weekend (cleaning, drying, sorting and packing away gear) stay for free.

Fees should be paid in full at the end of your stay, either to the Cottage Warden, or placed in the money box (in the Ivy Cottage lobby) using the envelopes provided. The latter should be clearly marked with date, full name, indicating whether a guest or member and the number of nights. DO NOT place loose money in the moneybox. Any funds so found will be treated as a donation to the CPC.

Any Member who has not paid their subscriptions by the 28th February will be regarded as a non-member and be required to pay guest rates until re-instated.

Keys:

Keys may be held only by full and life members who may obtain one from the Cottage Warden upon payment of a £5 deposit (refundable if a member returns the key). Members must NOT have keys cut for their own purposes. Keys must not be lent to non-members, except by the Cottage Warden.

On Arrival:

Persons must sign the visitor book upon arrival, providing date, full name, indicating whether a member or guest, number of nights, bunk number and fee due. Only one person is allowed per bunk.

Only one guest is allowed per full or life member - other persons only by prior arrangement with the Cottage Warden and subject to Committee approval. Members bringing guests are held fully responsible for their behaviour including the settling of any unpaid fees. Members should familiarise themselves and their guests with the fire safety instructions posted in the cottage. Associates should familiarise themselves with the fire safety instructions posted in the cottage. Note that fire doors should be left closed at all times.

During Your Stay:

Persons staying at the cottage are responsible for keeping it clean and tidy at all times. Smoking is NOT permitted in either the cottages or the out-buildings. Drinking glasses must not be taken upstairs.

Due to the risk of fire no personal heaters may be brought into the cottage (central heating is provided for your convenience and comfort). Under no circumstances are members, their guests or associates to carry out repairs, alterations or otherwise tamper with electrical installations or fire safety equipment/signage or the central heating system.

The only work permitted in respect of electrics on club premises is of the nature of replacing an appliance plug, fuse or light bulb/fluorescent tube. In the event of a problem with equipment wired directly into the mains system it can be switched off by turning off the appropriate circuit-breaker at the consumer unit located in the kitchen. It is absolutely vital that if a problem arises, the Cottage Warden is informed as soon as possible and any committee members present also advised.

The CPC, the Cottage Warden, Officers and Committee accept no responsibility whatsoever for any loss or damage to personal possessions or vehicles left on or in club property. It is the responsibility of each cottage user to ensure the safety of their own property, and that of other members, guests and the club at all times.

Cottage users must respect other users and local villagers alike, and be quiet outside after midnight.

NOTE: Caving gear and pedal cycles must not be taken into the cottage. The Bridge End outhouse must be used for this purpose. Cavers should use the lamp-charging facilities provided therein, and those returning from especially dirty outdoor activities are to use the Bridge End showers. Dirty outdoor gear (including boots) must not to be taken beyond the entrance lobby.

On vacating:

The last person out must ensure that all perishable foodstuffs are removed; the fridges emptied, cleaned and left switched on. The contents of rubbish bins should be placed (in black bin liners) into the wheelie-bin in the car park, also any bottles, plastic and cans placed into the blue recycling bin provided. Ensure that all doors and windows are secured and the water is turned off at the stop tap, the latter located in the lobby adjacent to the entrance door. The gas must be turned off at the stop tap, the latter located beneath the kitchen worktop under the grills.

Any breakages, problems or deficiencies should be reported to the Cottage Warden.

Please leave the cottage as clean and tidy as you would wish to find it upon arrival. Personal property (including bedding) must not be left at either cottage, or in the outhouses, except in the designated storage boxes.

Rules for Riverside Cottage

Fees:

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| ▪ Members, and Junior Associates (over 16 but under 18) | £8.00 per night |
| ▪ Prospective Associates and Guests | £12.00 per night |
| ▪ Children under 16 years | free |
| ▪ Families on working weekends | free |
| ▪ Minimum fee per night | £20.00 |

Fees are to be paid to the Cottage Warden on the basis of 50% within 10 days of making a booking, and the balance no later than 21 days prior to the booking taking effect. If the balance is not received by this time the booking will be cancelled, the deposit forfeit and the dates shown as available on the website bookings page. Non-members must pay in full within 10 days of making the booking. Members bringing guests are fully responsible for ensuring payment of any dues.

Booking:

Bookings must be made via the Cottage Warden. These may be made up to 6 months in advance for members (4 weeks for non-members). A maximum number of 2 bookings (excluding those periods reserved for family use as specified below) may be held by a member at any one time. See the members' area at www.cravenpotholeclub.org to determine availability.

The booking and use of Riverside Cottage by members of clubs with reciprocal rights is only extended to families accompanied by children under 16 years of age.

Members who have not paid their subscriptions by the 28th February may not make bookings and will be charged at the Guest rate if staying as part of a Member's party, until re-instated.

Special Arrangements

During 2014 Members with young children shall have exclusive use of Riverside on a hostel (shared) basis for the following dates: New Year (Dec. 29th to Jan. 1st), two cottage working weekends, the summer barbecue weekend and the two Gaping Gill working weekends.

Families must book the number of bunks needed for their party in advance by contacting the Cottage Warden, who shall ensure that the maximum occupancy of seven is not exceeded. The number of bunks available for young children may be maximised if only one parent from each family sleeps in Riverside.

During the summer barbecue and New Year periods, members using Riverside shall pay Ivy Cottage rates, with no fees payable by under 16s. The working weekends shall be free of charge for Members and children contributing to the weekend.

The Committee will review this arrangement in January 2015.

Usage:

- Members
- Members with partners and/or families
- Members with guests
- Other persons only by prior arrangement with the Cottage Warden and subject to Committee approval
- Maximum number of persons sleeping in the cottage is to be seven

On Arrival:

The cottage key is held in a coded key-safe located within the outside front porch of the adjacent Ivy Cottage (the code will be provided by the Cottage Warden when payment is received). The key must be returned to the key-safe upon vacating the premises. Members must not lend out the key and are not to have keys cut for their own purposes.

A signing-in book is providing, in which everyone must enter the date, their full name and indicate membership status and the fee paid.

During Your Stay:

Persons staying should familiarise themselves with the displayed fire safety instructions.

Due to the risk of fire no personal heaters may be brought into the cottage (central heating and a coal fire is provided for your comfort). Under no circumstances are members or their guests to carry out repairs, alterations or otherwise tamper with electrical installations or fire safety equipment/signage or central heating system.

The only work permitted in respect of electrics on club premises is of the nature of replacing an appliance plug, fuse or light bulb/fluorescent tube. In the event of a problem with equipment wired directly into the mains system it can be switched off by turning off the appropriate fuse in the consumer unit. It is absolutely vital that if a problem arises, the Cottage Warden is informed as soon as possible & any committee members present also informed.

Persons using the cottage must provide their own sleeping bag and/or bedding (including base sheets), all of which to be taken away upon vacating the premises.

Persons staying at the cottage are responsible for keeping it clean and tidy at all times. Smoking is not permitted either in the cottage or the out-buildings. Drinking glasses must not be taken upstairs.

Cottage users must respect other users and local villagers alike, and be quiet outside after midnight.

Note: Caving gear and pedal cycles must not be taken into the cottage. The Bridge End outhouse must be used for this purpose. Cavers should use the lamp-charging facilities provided therein, and those returning from especially dirty outdoor activities are to use the Bridge End showers.

The CPC, its members, the Cottage Warden, Officers and Committee accept no responsibility whatsoever for any loss or damage to personal possessions or vehicles on or in club property. It is the responsibility of each cottage user to ensure the safety of their own property, and that of other members, guests and the club at all times. Members are fully responsible for the behaviour of their guests.

On vacating:

Ensure that all perishable foodstuffs are removed; the fridge should be emptied and left switched on. The contents of rubbish bins should be placed (in black bin liners) into the wheelie-bin in the car park, also any bottles, plastic and cans placed in the blue recycling bin provided. Ensure that the door and all windows are secured, the fire grate is cleaned out and the water turned off at both stop taps. (The latter are located beneath the sink for cold water, and in Ivy Cottage lobby, behind the door, for hot water and upstairs washroom). An Ivy Cottage key (to access the stop tap and the Bridge End keys) is located adjacent to the notice board.

Any breakages, problems or deficiencies should be reported to the Cottage Warden. Please leave the cottage as clean and tidy as you would wish to find it upon arrival. The cottage must be vacated by 6 pm on the day of departure.

Rules for Bridge End

GG Store:

Restricted Area - Access to this store is limited to the key-holders: Alec Bottomley, Jeff Cowling, Peter Rose, Peter Jones, Russell Myers, Dave Milner and the Cottage Warden.

Ladder Tackle Store:

Restricted Area - access to this store is limited to CPC Members only. The tackle in this store is available for use by Members in accordance with the procedures posted within the store. Access to the internal locked cupboard for any of the equipment listed on the door is to be via one of the two Tackle Keepers or local key holders Pete Rose and the Cottage Warden. Storage of personal kit is not allowed.

Rope washing, Changing/Caving shower Areas:

Available for use by all members, associates, reciprocal rights guests and guests of members. When CPC caving tackle has been washed it should be stored in accordance with the appropriate ladder or SRT tackle rules posted in the relevant store. Personal gear may be left in the changing area whilst a trip is undertaken but should be removed when vacating Horton. No other items are to be stored in this area. Use by any other group to be approved by Committee. Anyone using these facilities should make sure the area is clean and the lights, heater and water turned off when they leave.

Drying Room:

Available for use by all members, associates, reciprocal rights guests and guests of members. On vacating Horton all gear and equipment must be removed from the Drying Room. Use by any other group to be approved by the Committee.

FIRST FLOOR**SRT Store:**

Restricted Area - Access limited to CPC recognised SRT Riggers who will have access to the relevant key code. Use of this store/equipment is to be in accordance with the rules posted in the store. Storage of personal equipment of any sort is prohibited.

Rope Drop test facility:

See the CPC *Handbook* for correct operating procedures

Far Store (opposite the SRT store):

This area is designated for CPC use for storage of first aid equipment and cottages maintenance supplies, all to be contained on the shelving. Maintenance ladders may be stored at ceiling level. No personal equipment of any sort is to be left in this area.

Near Store:

Available for use by all members, reciprocal rights guests and guests of members.

- **Battery Charging** facilities, to be used in accordance with procedures posted in this area and all charging facilities to be turned off when not in use. A small bench and vice are available for lamp fettling etc. A basic set of tools is provided in this area – please ensure any tools used are put back in the store.
- **Short Term Cycle Storage** is provided to the right of the entrance door for use whilst you are staying at Horton or day visiting. All bikes/kit to be removed when you leave. A cycle rack is fitted in this area and any bike stored on Horton premises must be left here.
- **Long Term Members Storage.** Secure, standard sized lockable boxes are provided in this area. See the Cottage Warden about using this facility. Limit one box per member. Members name to be displayed. Key deposit £8, refundable when the box no longer required; forfeited if key and/or lock lost or damaged. Second key kept by the Cottage Warden. A nominal rent of £5 per annum (or part thereof) renewable on the 1st January each year. Only tinned food may be stored here in order to reduce the risk of infestation and no flammable liquids to be stored.
- **Short Term Storage** for Members and guests and day visitors is permitted on the shelves adjacent to the box storage. All gear/kit to be removed when you leave
- **Any gear/kit** left in contravention of these rules will be placed aside and clearly labelled by the Cottage Warden so the Member concerned can reclaim it. Any not reclaimed within one month will be disposed of.
- **Safety** – it is essential that all Bridge End users cooperate to ensure that any problems are reported promptly to the Cottage Warden or any Committee Member. Work to the electrical system (other than wiring a plug or changing a light bulb/fluorescent tube) is strictly prohibited and no building work can be undertaken without prior approval. Users must ensure all lights are turned off and doors locked when leaving the building.

Digging Store:

All digging equipment must be stored in the shed provided for this purpose around the back of Bridge End.

The Cottage Warden has the full backing of the CPC Committee for any decisions taken in the day-to-day running of the cottages, outhouses and grounds. Any complaints should in the first instance be made to the Warden.

(Regulations as amended by committee, July 2014)

Appendix 3. Annual Awards

Annual Photographic Competition

The primary aim of the Annual Photographic Competition is to encourage Members and Associates to build up a photographic record of the activities of the Club. The secondary aim is to ensure that in future years the Club will be able to mount a high quality display where necessary. It is hoped that the Club will be allowed to retain winning entries for the Club records but this is not a condition of entry.

It is further hoped that by its existence the Annual Photographic Competition will promote photography by its Members and Associates in pursuit of their outdoor activities. In this respect the competition will not be judged solely on photographic excellence but equally on subject and content so far as they represent the activities of the Club.

CLASS	AWARD
Best Underground Print	President's Challenge Cup
Best Above Ground Print associated With club activities	Man of Kent Trophy
Best Above Ground Print associated with climbing	Climber's Cup
Best Portfolio of Six Prints on a caving theme	Philip Tyas Cup
Best Print Depicting the Spirit of Gaping Gill at the latest meet	Spirit of Gaping Gill Trophy
Best Humorous Print which may include significant digital manipulation	J R Nield Cup

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. Pictures must have been taken by a Member or Associate in the 18 months prior to the AGM, except the Spirit of Gaping Gill, and should reflect the aims and objectives of the Club.
2. A maximum of four entries are permitted per member in any one class.
3. Entry is free and will signify that entries are eligible under the rules. Cash prizes will be awarded.
4. Medium: Print only, maximum size A4 except for panorama images which may be up to A3 size. Colour or black and white.
Electronic copies should also be submitted when available for use in publication and for archive purposes.
Entries must be clearly marked with name of the entrant, the class entered and the date taken.
5. All images may be reproduced in the Club's publications and with the entrant's permission become the property of the Club.
6. All trophies are to be held for one year only and must be returned to the Secretary in time for the next competition. Winners are encouraged to have trophies inscribed and the Club will reimburse reasonable costs.
7. All entries, except for the Best Humorous Print, to be judged jointly by the President and his nominees and their decision in all matters relating to this competition is final.
8. The Best Humorous Print will be judged by a secret ballot of Members and Associates attending the AGM and Annual Dinner. In the event of a tie the President will decide.
9. All entries must be with the President at least 14 days before the AGM. Prints will be accepted up to 2:00 pm on AGM day provided a digital image has been submitted to the President before the 14 day deadline. Judging will take place as soon as possible after that time and entries will be displayed at the AGM and Annual Dinner.

Literary Awards

The Albert Mitchell Trophy

The Albert Mitchell Trophy and a cash prize of £20 will be awarded specifically for a major contribution concerning new cave exploration in the Yorkshire Dales. It will only be awarded if an article of sufficient merit is put forward.

The Tom Pettit Cup

The Tom Pettit Cup and a Cash Prize of £10 will be awarded for the best item in the Club publications (excluding photographs) not winning either other category. The award will normally be presented annually at the Annual Dinner of the Club. A second cash prize may be awarded for the runner-up.

The Judges for the Albert Mitchell Trophy and the Tom Pettit Cup will be the retiring President and his two Vice-Presidents or their nominees. Entries in all categories will be based on all publications appearing since the last occasion of judging.

Meets Report Prize

For the best contribution to Meet Reports in the current year's publications. The award is donated and judged anonymously.

The Young Achiever's trophy

The Young Achiever's trophy, together with a cash prize of £20, will be awarded to the member or junior associate under the age of 25 who is judged to have made the greatest contribution to the Club's activities over the year prior to the Annual Dinner. Nominations should be submitted to the Secretary by November 1st for consideration by the Committee. They should detail the contributions which may include any of the following; taking an active part in meets, assisting with digging or other projects, participating in the running of Gaping Gill. The judges for this trophy will be the retiring President and his two Vice-Presidents or their nominees. It will only be awarded if a nomination of sufficient merit is put forward.

Rules for Annual Awards adopted by the Committee:

<i>Literary Awards</i>	<i>10th March 1995</i>
<i>Young Achiever's Award</i>	<i>11th February 2000</i>
<i>Photographic Competition</i>	<i>8th July 2011</i>

Appendix 4.

Gaping Gill Winch Meet - Safety & Operational Policy Statement

The Policy

The policy with regard to the Winch Meet is to provide and maintain safe operating conditions, equipment, and systems of operation for all our members and visitors and to provide them with such information, training and supervision as they need for this purpose.

The Club recognises its responsibility for the safety of other people who may be affected by its activities. The allocation of duties for the operation of the winch, and the meet generally, and the arrangements for the discharge of those duties particularly with regard to safety for the implementation of our policy are set out below.

The policy will be updated from time to time as changes occur and in any event, reviewed annually prior to the year's meet.

Organisation

The day to day running of the Club is vested in the Committee who, amongst other things, arrange the caving and potholing meets including the Annual Gaping Gill Winch Meet.

The Meet Coordinator is appointed by the committee to be responsible for organising the meet and to ensure its proper running. For this purpose the Meet Coordinator is vested with such powers and responsibilities as he or she sees fit to conduct the meet and in particular for any matters regarding the safe operation of the meet.

The Meet Coordinator may appoint a Deputy or Day Coordinator who will assume the responsibility for overseeing the operation of the winch for a designated period.

The need for such control is paramount and the winch will not operate unless a Meet Coordinator or Deputy has been appointed to take responsibility for whatever period of time the winch is being operated.

There may be occasions when the Meet Coordinator or Deputy is indisposed. In the event that there is no-one available to take control then winching operations must be suspended until the situation can be resolved. One exception would be if there were a number of people underground to be brought to the surface when an experienced Driver must assume control until those people are safely above ground and then winching operations should be suspended until the matter is resolved.

Transportation

The meet equipment is transported to Gaping Gill using a tractor and trailer usually operated by the tenant farmer whose right of access onto the moor we utilise.

Agricultural plant and machinery pose particular dangers and members and their guests should recognise this by not coming into close proximity to the moving tractor and trailer and in particular by keeping well away from blind spots and narrow access areas, e.g. alongside walls, gateways etc., where there is a danger of being trapped or crushed.

In particular no-one should ride on the loaded trailer or its drawbar due to the dangers of overturning or slipping beneath the moving vehicle.

Before the loaded trailer is moved all members involved in loading should check and ensure that various loaded items are stable and well secured with either rope netting or rope lashings.

The loading and unloading of the trailer involves man-handling quite heavy dead-loads; all members should recognise this and utilise appropriate lifting techniques, i.e. bend at the knee, straight back, head up, arms straight, using the muscles of the legs and buttocks to do the lifting and not the back.

Anyone with a history of back problems should recognise these problems and refrain from engaging in lifting anything beyond their capabilities. This is particularly important when man-handling the heavy elements of the winch as a team is required who may suffer the consequences of one of the team members suffering a strain and suddenly letting the load pass onto those involved in the lift.

Recognise your limitations!

A wheeled dolly is used to assist in the transport (and retrieval) of heavy items of equipment from the moor top to their installation position at the head of the Main Shaft. The dolly is constructed so as to safely carry the

winch engine, winch bed, cable winding drums and hydraulic oil reservoir tank when secured with suitable ratchet straps. In practice the dolly is secured by a steel cable to a tractor and lowered or raised up and down the shakehole side under the control of the tractor driver.

During these operations a Banksman should be positioned on the edge of the shakehole to give the tractor driver clear hand signals. Other persons in the vicinity should stand well clear of the path of the dolly until the operation is completed.

Gantry and Winch Installation

The installation of the gantry across the open shaft of Gaping Gill is potentially one of the most dangerous aspects of the meet and should only be attempted by a team under the direction and supervision of someone with previous experience and at all times under the overall control of the Meet Coordinator.

The first step is to establish a number of belays at the stakes on the moor above the hole and at the large boulders and P-hangers adjacent to the lip of the shaft. Those members engaged in the shaft head installation should wear safety helmets.

Where a member has to descend from the moor level belay stakes to reach the back wall of the shaft it is appropriate to use SRT harness, equipment and rope. Good SRT practice should be followed and the rope should be maintained in tension at all times.

Members accessing the shaft head from the right-hand ledge and being belayed to the pre-installed P hangers should be belayed with a dynamic climbing rope. SRT rope should not be used for this situation as in the likelihood of a fall the shock absorbing properties of the rope would be such as to cause severe injuries to the victim and in extreme situations may result in the rope breaking.

A set of ladders and lifelines should be to hand to facilitate the retrieval of anyone so unfortunate as to sustain a fall.

Two people are normally required to manoeuvre the gantry base into position on the lip of the shaft whilst others are positioned at safe points to assist in the lifting. These would include a team of at least three on the moor top and four to six people on the rock platform by the winch site.

The scaffold gantry base is normally left intact between meets and the aim is to manoeuvre it over the shaft. This is done by attaching a hauling rope to one end of the gantry base, the team on the moor top taking the weight and belayed members manoeuvring it into position.

Once in position appropriate rock anchors should be connected to the gantry to stabilise it. These can be found by reference to photographs of previous installations which identify the key anchors. The photographs will be found in the Gantry Construction Guide in the 'Command Box' of key documents.

Having stabilised the gantry base the belayed members should commence installing scaffolding tubes to build up the complete gantry starting with the fitting of various legs and uprights to further stabilise the base and to develop the basic integrity of the structure.

Until the gantry is complete with guard rails, floor plates, toe boards and trapdoor, those erecting the structure should at all times remain belayed.

The Meet Coordinator should satisfy himself, in consultation with other experienced members, that the structure is stable and safe and follows the design incorporated in the various photographs taken of previous gantries and depicted in the design drawings.

Dismantling of the gantry is essentially the reverse of its installation and should only be undertaken under the direction and supervision of an experienced member using appropriate safeguards identified above.

One pre-requisite for the erection and dismantling is not to drop anything down the shaft as it has been known from past experience that people do gain access to the system despite the Club having control of access to all of the system entrances. Security cords or string should be attached to all tools in use on the gantry and they should be used to secure tools to the user whenever they are in use.

Installation of the winch (which includes the engine) poses no undue hazards other than the usual ones of lifting and manoeuvring a substantial deadweight into position. It is essential that once installed and built key fastenings are checked to ensure their integrity. These include the tightness of the bearing bolts holding the winding drum shaft bearings to the frame, and the rock anchors holding the winch frame to the rock bed. The rock anchors should be installed through the timber side plates including the steel staves to ensure a safe secure fixture to the rock bed.

Once the winch has been built it should not be operated under power without the appropriate guards in place especially those shielding the gears on the winding drums.

On completion of erection of the gantry and installation of the winch it will be necessary to install the guide wire and hauling cables. Gaping Gill shaft is not plumb vertical for winding purposes so a guide wire has to be fixed between an anchor on the moor top via the gantry and chair and then to an anchor in the floor of the Main Chamber.

The guide wire is stored rolled on a light weight drum and should be carefully unwound on the moor top adjacent to the belay stakes. The loose end should be fed down onto the gantry, through the location devices on the top of the A-frame and through the guide pulley on the winch chair. The remaining cable should be fed down the shaft carefully to avoid snagging. On reaching the shackle and hook end these should be fastened to the belay stakes with suitable chain and lashings.

A team of members should then descend into the Main Chamber via an alternative entrance, e.g. Bar Pot or Jib Tunnel (Lateral Shaft) to locate and fix the loose guide wire end with an experienced member in the group to ensure its correct location and fastening.

On completion of fastening the guide wire a general check of winch, gantry and chair should be made to ensure that everything is fastened securely and safely including, in particular, the fastening of the chair to the hauling ropes.

Once everything has been checked a number of trial runs should be made initially with an empty chair to ensure everything runs properly and to check that there is adequate clearance particularly where the chair passes close to the rock wall near the top of the shaft and through the trapdoor.

On being satisfied that everything is in order a deadweight, e.g. drum of water, should be fastened to the chair for further trials simulating the effects of lifting/lowering a person under normal operating conditions. Any adjustments to the hang of the chair should be made at this stage. A calibrated drum of known capacity (mass) is used to prove the lifting capacity of the winch.

Once the test runs have been conducted to the satisfaction of the Meet Coordinator a number of trial runs should be repeated using a volunteer, experienced, "live" load. Communications should be available to ascertain problem areas in the lift/lower in anticipation of any difficulties occurring.

On satisfactory completion of the test runs the winch should then, and only then, be made available for general duties.

During this test period the Meet Coordinator, preferably with other experienced previous Meet Coordinators, should be in attendance to supervise and direct operations to his or her satisfaction.

The installation and running of the winch is a team effort and requires everyone involved to co-operate with one another and above all, ensure not only their own safety but also that of their fellow members.

Installation of communication equipment

Safe operation of the winch requires the use of two individual communication systems. The Winch Drivers Buzzer, which provides a signal instructing the driver to commence an ascent of the chair and a telephone system which provides general communication between the surface and the Main Chamber. Two separate cables service these electrical systems.

Lowering these cables into the Main Chamber requires a person to approach the top of the Main Shaft via Jib Tunnel (Lateral Shaft) and to manually feed the cables over the lip and finally secure them in place. The individual carrying out this task should be a competent SRT user, equipped with a safety helmet, caving headlamp, SRT harness and cows-tails.

If Jib Tunnel has previously been rigged with SRT rope as a means of gaining access to the Main Chamber the traverse line forming part of this rigging can be used to safeguard the cable rigger. If Jib Tunnel has not previously been rigged for a descent of the shaft a traverse line should first be installed to protect the cable rigger. The individual working at the lip of the shaft should be secured with SRT cows-tails at all times during the operation.

A minimum of three individuals is required to safely install the cable in Jib Tunnel:

A suitable protected person to work at the lip of the shaft. An individual sited at the entrance to Jib Tunnel to assist taking the weight of the cable and to guiding the cable through/over the rocks at the entrance to Jib

Tunnel. A person to secure and pay out the cable from the cable drum. Careful control of the cable drum is required as the weight of the outgoing cable is eventually sufficient to cause free running.

Winching Operations

Descents into Gaping Gill using the winch are made available not only to members and their guests but also to the general public to whom we owe a responsible duty of care for their safety and well-being. To this extent the operation of the winch must always take place with this duty of care in mind to ensure everyone's safety.

The winch is operated by a team of eight (8) (plus a variable number of guides in the Main Chamber) which are:

- Meet Coordinator or Deputy
- Driver*
- Gantryman*
- Whistleman*
- Whistleman's Assistant
- Guide(s)
- Bookman
- Timesheetman

The duties of the winch crew members are broadly described in the following pages, more detailed descriptions are available on the Job Description Sheets held at Gaping Gill. Before undertaking some key tasks (indicated with *) members are required to sign that they have read these Job Descriptions, and must obtain a counter signature.

The Meet Coordinator

The Meet Coordinator has overall responsibility for the meet, making such decisions as he or she sees fit for the day to day running of the meet. In particular he or she has responsibility for:

- (a) organising manpower for all winch crew duties including the drafting of a work roster for each day
- (b) ensuring that the mechanical parts of the winch are in good order with daily and other regular checks of fuel and oil levels, check of moving and non-moving parts of the winch and gantry for security, tightness of nuts and bolts, and general safety
- (c) dealing with other clubs/cavers wishing to use other entrances to the system to ensure they are competent
 - (i) to tackle those entrances or use CPC tackle
 - (ii) have sufficient knowledge, experience and equipment to undertake their trip
 - (iii) decide on what fees are appropriate
- (d) on busy days arranging for someone to be stationed at Bar Pot entrance to advise visitors and cavers to book in and out with the Bookman at Gaping Gill to avoid confusion
- (e) deal with visitors on such matters as age limits for young people

The selection of Meet Coordinator is agreed by the Committee of the Club: he or she must be over the age of 21 years and be a fully paid up member of the Club. A high degree of commitment and motivation will be required of the person fulfilling the role. Because of the responsibility placed upon the position the Meet Coordinator should always arrange for a responsible member to deputize in his or her absence.

The responsibilities of the post are such that the Committee vests its power and decision making roles in the Meet Coordinator to conduct the meet in such a responsible manner as he or she sees fit, particularly where safety is concerned. On some issues he or she may wish to consult with other members but everyone in camp at Gaping Gill or attending the meet at any time must be prepared to accept the Meet Coordinator's decision.

The Meet Coordinator should make arrangements for the independent engineering inspection of the winch and other systems by the inspector appointed by the Committee at a suitable time prior to the meet opening for public descents.

Driver

In many respects the Driver of the winch is second only to the Meet Coordinator in terms of responsibility for winching operations as he or she has effective control. The Driver's duty is to operate the winch in a safe and efficient manner. He or she requires a high degree of concentration to keep a careful watch on the winding drum and hauling ropes, gantry trapdoor and Gantryman in case of emergency signals.

To this extent the Driver's judgement must not be impaired through the consumption of alcohol, medication or illness and in the event of being affected in such a manner must refrain from driving.

The Driver observes the proper management of access to the gantry ensuring that the line of sight to the trapdoor and chair is not obscured, that the trapdoor is opened and closed in the correct sequence, and that the person descending is properly seated and helmeted. The Driver must refuse to operate the winch for a descent if he or she is not satisfied with the situation.

The Driver must keep a watchful eye on the operation of the winch; rope wrapping correctly, gauges giving correct information, position of depth markers. In practice he or she is aware of everything going on in front of him or her. This high degree of concentration is tiring and can lead to loss of concentration to the extent that a Driver should only drive the winch for short periods of time, usually one hour continuously, with a substantial break before repeating the task.

The signalling system to operate the winch involves three people: the Driver, the Gantryman and the Whistleman. In the normal course of events the Drivers station is linked by landline to a signalling system, a push-button and buzzer, in the main Chamber controlled by the Whistleman. To engage an ascent, all things being satisfactory, the Whistleman presses the push-button device twice to initiate a buzzing sound at the Driver's station.

This signalling system is also linked by landline to the gantry emergency stop button – see Gantryman's operations below.

This signalling system operates on the basis of:

One buzz to stop the winch

Two buzzes for ascent

Three buzzes for descent

In such a way the Whistleman can control the movement of the chair up and down the shaft from the bottom.

In the event of the electrical signalling system becoming inoperative the Whistleman can fall back on the use of a whistle for such signals (hence the title). Conversely, to make a descent from the surface the Gantryman, on being satisfied everything is in order makes an overt sweeping downward motion of his arm to indicate to the Driver that a descent can be made. In this way the Driver understands what is required of him.

The Driver must be a fully paid up Member of the Club, over 21 years of age, and fully trained by other experienced drivers under the supervision of the Meet Coordinator. An operational Driver must be named on the current Driver's list held by the Meet Coordinator. No other person is allowed to operate the winch except for training purposes and then only with a dummy load.

Gantryman

The Gantryman is in a position of risk due to the presence of the opening through the gantry when the winch is operating. In recognising this danger, the person performing the duty must be safely and securely belayed to the gantry at all times using the safety harness and lanyard provided.

The Gantryman must keep a watchful eye on everyone using the gantry to ensure their safe access and egress and be prepared to direct and control potential rushes of people seeking to view the shaft.

He or she should check everyone making a descent for proper equipment, e.g. safety helmet and clothing, and issue specific instructions regarding their behaviour in the chair, i.e.:

to sit well back in the chair

to not move about in the chair

to not look up

to keep feet well tucked in under the chair

to keep arms inside the framework of the chair

to not interfere with the gate closure in any circumstances

that a person at the bottom will let them out of the chair

The Gantryman is responsible for the correct and safe operation of the trapdoor. When the chair is stationary at the top of its travel, the trapdoor should be closed and effectively latched. When closing the trapdoor it should not be slammed shut as there may be a danger of it bouncing back open.

Only after the descending passenger is safely seated and the chair closure gate securely closed, with lap strap attached, should the Gantryman open the trapdoor and give a clear signal to the Driver with a full downwards

sweep of the arm for the descent to begin. The Gantryman should then observe the descent for the first fifty feet to ensure the safe passage of the chair.

In the event of any difficulties being observed or on perceiving a whistle generated stop signal, the Gantryman must be prepared to operate the emergency stop signal button. If the signalling system is not operational the Gantryman should give an appropriate horizontal full sweep of both arms to the Driver to stop the descent or ascent.

On ascents, if the signalling from below is by whistle the Gantryman should listen carefully for the correct signal (One - Stop; Two - Up; Three - Down) and only when sure of the Up signal, give the Driver a signal to raise the chair by a full upward sweep of the arm. If there is any doubt the ascent signal should not be given to the Driver.

On ascents, if the signal from below is by buzzer direct to the Driver, the Gantryman only needs to observe the last 100 feet of ascent to ensure that the guide wire is correctly placed for a clear ascent through the trapdoor.

The Gantryman must be a fully paid up Member of the Club and will expect a term of duty of one or two hours.

Whistleman

The Whistleman's duty is to ensure safe entry to and exit from the chair in the Main Chamber and to observe the movement of the chair and cables in the shaft, particularly during the ascent.

He or she is stationed by the cable cairn in the Main Chamber. He or she releases passengers from the chair on descent and signals for the empty chair to ascend when, and only when, the visitor is clear of the chair. He or she fastens passengers in the chair for the ascent and after performing the following safety checks sends the appropriate signal of two blasts on the whistle, or two distinct pushes of the buzzer button, to the surface (or to the Driver) for the ascent to begin.

Safety checks:

The passenger is safely seated and the chair safety bar is securely locked with lap strap attached.
That the lift and guide cables are not twisted or hooked on protrusions from the shaft walls (also applies to empty chair ascents).

The Whistleman must observe the ascent of the chair so far as is reasonably practicable and in the event of any difficulties being observed signal the Driver immediately to take remedial action; e.g. stop, descend, etc to retrieve the chair.

The Whistleman must be a fully paid up Member of the Club and may expect a term of duty of one or two hours.

Whistleman's Assistant

The Whistleman's assistant performs the following role:

To stabilise the chair as it slows to a stop and to hold it steady while passengers move out of and into the chair by firmly holding the safety cage from the rear.

To direct descending passengers safely away from the chair to the Guides assembly point.

The Whistleman's Assistant must be over the age of 18 and may expect a term of duty of one or two hours.

Whilst the next to ascend waits for the chair to arrive the Whistleman or assistant should instruct the passenger as to do's and don'ts on the journey up.

Guide

The Guide's duty is to help visitors to safely obtain the greatest benefit from their short stay underground. Visitors may be "tourists" or "cavers". In the normal course of events tourists are given a tour of the Main Chamber floor only and not taken up either the East or West slopes. They should never be taken out of, or allowed to leave, the Main Chamber unless prior arrangements have been made for proper guidance. Cavers, of course, will have indicated their intentions when booking in.

Clearly the Guide has a responsibility to ensure that tourists do not go beyond their abilities. Parties should be contained to a size that can be easily handled, e.g. between 4 and 8 people.

A typical Main Chamber tour is best started by taking the party to the bottom of East Slope, or a similar spot, away from the noise of falling water and talking about general statistics of the system and the Main Chamber

(Hall of the Winds), Spout and Rat Hole Waterfalls, East Pot, East slope, Mud Hall, South Passage, North Passage, etc. From there visitors may be taken along the back wall of the Chamber noting the Main Chamber Fault, the Water Sinks, the Porcellaneous Band, the Sand Bank, West Slope and other items of interest. A brief fact sheet for use by Guides is available from the Meet Coordinator and all Guides are advised to read this.

In adverse weather conditions, e.g. high water levels, the Guide and the Whistleman have an obligation to look out for visitors, particularly old or young people, showing signs of suffering from cold and damp. There should be no hesitation in sending to the surface anyone who shows signs of distress.

At least one guide should be on duty whenever a tourist is in the Chamber and at busy times several guides are required. Any member or non-member may act as Guide but only after approval by the Meet Coordinator and will expect a term of duty of two hours.

Bookman

The Bookman's duties are to receive visitors, check their eligibility, arrange for indemnity chits to be filled in, fees to be collected, number tags to be issued and helmets to be supplied. The Bookman enters the details of name, number in party, group or club membership and destination in the Descent Book and directs visitors to the gantry.

He or she particularly makes a note of people moving in parties which will usually have a leader or organiser and if some are under the age of 18 the party leader/organiser is usually authorised to sign.

Any request for a descent which is questionable is made at the discretion of the Meet Coordinator - if there are doubts with nervous people or children for example, they are best advised not to make the descent. Children over 14 years of age should descend only with the written permission of a parent or guardian. Children under the age of 7 should not normally be allowed to descend.

The position requires a reasonable person to be in charge and an assistant (Tags) is usually desirable except during exceptionally quiet periods. The term of duty is normally two hours.

Timesheetman

The Timesheetman is located on the gantry and notes times of descent and ascent on the time-sheets and also notes where parties or oddities occur and at all times works in close co-operation with the Bookman and with the Gantryman.

He or she is also responsible for collecting numbered tags from persons ascending in the chair before they leave the gantry.

The role also involves priming passengers on the procedure for getting ready for a descent.

At busy times a "runner" is required to carry messages between the Timesheetman and the Bookman.

At the end of the day the Descent Book must balance, in terms of "all who went down must come out" and it is the combined duties of the Bookmen and the Timesheetmen which ensure this is so.

The same responsibilities are expected from the Timesheetman as are required for the Bookman and he or she will normally expect a term of duty of one or two hours.

Waterworks

Gaping Gill is an active stream sinkhole swallowing the whole of Fell Beck, an impressive and sobering sight in times of high flood. To mitigate against flooding, Fell Beck is diverted down Rat Hole and Mouse Hole by judicious rearrangement of boulders in the stream bed. This is backed up by the construction of a timber dam between Rat Hole entrance and the opposite bank. In the interests of conservation turf should not be cut from the banks of Fell Beck.

This arrangement will handle and divert a considerable flood of water. However it is not uncommon for a period of heavy rain coupled either with existing saturated ground or ground baked hard by a drought, to give rise to a flood sufficient to overwhelm the dam and flow down Gaping Gill Main Shaft. This presents certain problems, e.g. rocks being washed down the shaft, and whilst from experience it is known that the winch can operate in high water conditions it is not desirable and winching operations should be suspended.

Future Meet Coordinators should note that the dam has been overtopped from a low water level at the base of the dam within half an hour. Weather conditions should be considered and treated with utmost respect.

During times of flood people in camp should be aware of the dangers of fast rising water and always ensure that children, whether members' or visitors', are never allowed to venture near the stream at such times.

At such times the Meet Coordinator will be aware of the dangers of lightening and related static on the metal structures of the gantry and winch in the vicinity of Gaping Gill and should suspend winching if it is thought desirable.

The Meet Coordinator or deputy should keep the Whistleman and Guides up to date with changing conditions on the surface if the stream begins to rise to a point where it may potentially over-top the dam, by frequent use of the phone system. Guides should curtail tours and begin winching out children and any persons showing signs of distress. The aim being to ensure that all visitors are out of the Main Chamber before conditions necessitate the suspension of winching.

Competent cavers with the correct equipment can be directed to surface via Bar Pot if they wish.

Recent history indicates that most flooding episodes are of relatively short duration, perhaps 1 – 2 hours, the flood then subsides and winching can commence again. Under these circumstances the most appropriate course of action is for those remaining underground to seek dry shelter in South Passage. To this end an emergency pack is provided in a drum located next to the telephone at the climb up into South Passage. The drum contains brewing gear, bottled water, candles, a lightweight nylon shelter and an extension cable which when connected to the phone system indicates when the phone is ringing.

A responsible member should always take charge in such a situation (e.g. the Whistleman) and should maintain frequent phone contact with the Meet Coordinator or deputy on the surface.

The back-up to retrieve people from the system when a flood suspends operations for an extended period is via Bar Pot which must be tackled for this purpose. It will require a strong and well supported team to facilitate the removal of people from the system. The contingency should include the supply of food and hot drinks to those people and the provision of warm waterproof over clothing to offset the risks of hypothermia.

There is no known risk of flooding at Bar Pot so that people caught in this situation can be reassured as to their safety and well being. In such situations in the past everyone involved had thoroughly enjoyed themselves!

Electrical apparatus

A portable generator capable of producing 240 volts AC or 110 volts AC is used during the meet for a number of purposes including lighting, battery charging and as a contingency power supply to drive an emergency hydraulic pump in the event that the main diesel engine fails.

Both 240 volt and 110 volt supplies are drawn from the generator and members and guests should have due regard and respect for this fact: even 110 volts can cause injury.

Work on the electrical supplies and apparatus should only be undertaken under the direction of the Meet Coordinator. Installation of and modification to the wiring should only be carried out by a competent person.

Standby electrically driven hydraulic pump

An electrically powered standby hydraulic pump is available in the event of failure of the winch engine or hydraulic pump. This can be connected into the hydraulic hoses at the winch engine unit in a manner which by-passes the main hydraulic pump.

Powered by the portable electrical generator the standby motor/pump will raise a loaded chair in approximately three minutes and it will lower such a chair in approximately two minutes.

The main aim is to retrieve someone stuck in mid-ascent or mid-descent. It will function continuously to retrieve people from the Main Chamber at a reduced rate, probably no more than twelve people an hour.

The Ultimate Standby

In the event of a total loss of power to the winch the hauling drum can be disconnected from the hydraulic drive and the winch operated manually using two winding handles. This is extremely tiring and should only be considered as a last resort to retrieve someone from mid-shaft.

The winch in this mode operates with a ratchet system to safeguard the ascent and a manual band-brake to control descents. It may be easier to lower someone from mid-shaft to the floor of the Main Chamber rather than rely on hand winching to the surface.

First Aid

First aid materials will be available during the course of the meet under the control of the Meet Coordinator who will dispense requisite items as and when required. Members and their guests should bear in mind the relative remoteness of Gaping Gill from emergency services and essentially take care and think twice in situations where they may be at risk of injury. This goes without saying: when underground everyone has a duty of care to themselves and to their colleagues.

The first aid equipment will be split into two lots - one for general use on the surface, and one as an emergency pack kept solely for use in situations underground: it would be pointless breaking into the underground pack for general use only to find it depleted in the event of an underground accident.

Meet Coordinators may wish to bear in mind that, generally, there is a reasonable "labour force" in camp to initiate a rescue prior to calling out the Cave Rescue Organisation (CRO). All things will have to be considered however; severity of injury, position in the system, etc. Generally speaking it will be beneficial to get the victim moving out especially from a wet situation rather than to wait for the CRO as a long lag-time will occur in response to a call for assistance from those in camp.

Additional consideration for those members visiting or camping at Gaping Gill

Private Vehicles

Access to the fell for the purpose of transporting the winch equipment and personal gear to Gaping Gill is granted under the terms of a licence with Ingleborough Estate. This does not permit the use of private vehicles on the fell for whatever reason during the meet period.

Guests

Members wishing to invite guests to camp at Gaping Gill during the meet must write to the Committee for permission, the letter to be in the hands of the Secretary prior to the July committee meeting.

Fell Beck

Fell Beck and its tributaries provide the main source of drinking water at Gaping Gill. Members and guests should consider, having regard to its position, that it is unsuitable for human consumption in its raw state. All water should be boiled or treated with appropriate purifying agents. It is essential that no washing of any kind is carried out in the stream(s) above the swimming dam. Water should be drawn from the stream, used and then deposited away from the bank to soak away. Caving gear and equipment should only be washed in the pools just upstream of the Rat Hole diversion dam. Chemical toilets are provided for members in camp and they should be used.

Waste and Litter

Facilities for the collection and disposal of solid waste are not provided at Gaping Gill. All members and guest visiting or camping during the meet are required to carry their rubbish off the fell when they leave, for disposal at home. Please ensure that bags used to store camp rubbish are "animal proof".

Dogs

Dogs should be kept on a lead in all areas where livestock is present. Loose dogs represent a hazard around the head of the Main Shaft and should be kept on a lead. Please try and ensure that the visiting public adhere to this rule. Please ensure that dogs are exercised away from the camp and from Fell Beck and its tributaries. Dog owners must ensure that their animals do not foul the area around the camp and must remove and dispose of excrement in an appropriate manner.

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Date	Adoption / Revision made by	Detail Changed	Brief details of change
24/11/12	Adopted by CPC AGM	--	--
11/01/13	Motion at Committee meeting	Appendix 2	Revision to accommodate changes to Riverside rules.
08/03/13	Motion at Committee meeting	Section1	Addition of Membership application criteria.
08/03/13	Motion at Committee meeting	Section2	Addition of Meet Coordinators duties.
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