

Acting Treasurer's Report

The BCA claim for year 2020 for £3551.67 has been paid in full.

Please note the BCA will be increasing the membership fee for CIMs from £17 to £20, see the BCA website for further details. How quickly the financial position has changed? It is sad to see the subs. increasing when so recently BCA passed a motion to return a portion of its surplus to the members via reduced fees. In large part this is due to the ongoing CRoW court case, currently budgeted at £90,000. I fear win or lose the December hearing, this case will continue to cost BCA substantial amounts of cash.

If there are any expenses to be claimed can you please let me have them ASAP so they can be processed before the end of the year. A copy of the expense form is available on the Documents page of the website.

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Webmaster's Report

I've added a Met Office Weather Warning feed to the front page of the website.

Our new Comms. Officer has quickly got to grips with the technology and learnt how to update the website to post news items. That's great because items can be posted without delay since he's not reliant on the Webmaster finding the time.

He is also up to speed on using the MailChimp software to replace the CSCC mailing list used for announcements. That mailing list will now be retired.

The CSCC's other mailing list for Reps. and Officers will remain although the software it uses is getting rather long in the tooth. For another website I run I have been investigating a modern alternative called Discourse (see <https://www.discourse.org>). Interestingly it is not just a mailing list but a mailing list and forum combined. I think forums are a useful place for debate and disseminating information which CSCC is missing out on since many of CSCC Officers will not engage with the ukCaving forum. Is there support for a Discourse forum/ mailing list for CSCC?

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