



# COUNCIL OF SOUTHERN CAVING CLUBS

A constituent member of the British Caving Association

Summary of Emailed reports submitted by Officers 13thDec 2008

Reports Received		Reports not received		
Chris Binding	Chairman	Toby Maddocks	BCA Rep	
Carmen Smith	Secretary	Les Williams	C&A Officer	
Andrew Atkinson	Equipment & Bolting Officer	David Cooke	Webmaster	
Chris Whale	Treasurer			

## 1. Chairmans Report

Chairman's report:

There's not much I need to say but the following do come to mind:

- a) Mrs. Maine continues to note cavers failing to see the signs about where to make their goodwill payment and would like CSCC to send a reminder to its listed clubs just in case any are unaware of their change of address and the relocation of the letterbox!
- b) Keen volunteer, Sam Hall (along with others) should get a mention in dispatches for lugging 400kg of cement up to Goatchurch during the remediation/cementing weekend on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2008, organised by Ed Waters and Buddy - it appeared to be a successfully organised working day and has hopefully solved the problem of the undermined approach climb to the Drainpipe; it is worth reminding cavers that although Goatchurch Cavern may not represent much of a challenge to established cavers, the cave is often cited as "what got me into caving in the first place"; Goatchurch is therefore something of a "muddy jewel in the crown" of Mendip Caving and eminently worthy of CSCC's C&A involvement.
- c) It is hoped that CSCC can oversee a period of C&A works around its region in the near future, and become more "can do; let's do; it's done" rather than batting topics around for possible action.

## 2. Secretary's Report

### Correspondence Received

DCA Agendas and circular No. 2008/4  
 BCA Training Committe Minutes (courtesy Steve King) 8th Sept 2008  
 Agenda for BCA Council Meeting on 4th October plus the Draft Minutes from June's Meeting.  
 Draft Regional Council Funding Procedure  
 Latest BCA Updated Contacts list.  
 Updated BCA statement on Children and young people within Caving.  
 Agenda BCA's E&T Committee 8 Nov 2008

Rob Norcross is putting together an updates CSCC Handbook and whilst making good progress would like to remind anyone who knows of any changes to access to email [webmaster@CSCC.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@CSCC.org.uk) to update the site with changes.

Reports of several Missing Items Of caving gear occurring in and around Mendip at Various locations were received in October. An email was sent to all CSCC member clubs asking them to be vigilant with their Kit.

Concerns from CSCC members about plans to turn Chelms Combe Quarry into a residential and outdoor pursuits centre. It was hoped that comments could be received on the suitability of these sites for novice caving activities, with respect to preserving the fine formations in the caves there.  
This will be discussed at the next meeting.

It was felt that The funding Request for Bedlam Bank Mine appeared to fulfil the criteria for BCA/CSCC funding. (access funding sought initially in 2006 and so payment was long overdue.)  
Access has been secured to this mine and trips are being organised for any club that wishes to visit the caves. All relevant paperwork had been forwarded to the C&A officer for comment.  
No comments were received so the total requested for building materials and locks/keys was duly paid to the Wealdon Cave and Mines Club.  
This figure will appear in the next Treasurers report.

### Treasurers Report

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Current - £194.11  
Reserve - £3066.87

Not aware of any demands for money  
Account files sent to Dave and Chris. Awaiting request for any further info

Need to see if Secretary has up to date club addresses. With a view to sending out reminders for payment by those clubs not affiliated to the BCA

Resigning in May or before if a volunteer can be found

Chris Whale  
12.12.08

### Equipment/Bolting Officers Report

Equipment report

At last I have some Glue, and it has more than 2 weeks to use it, but more importantly, this time I have some nozzles as well. This should allow us to finish the additional anchors needed in Rods.

The only anchors that are out of test (which we have not allowed to lapse) are Star shaft, Goughs, Oxbow and Waterwheel. The website needs updating, meant to be getting a database that automatically does this, but, it looks like I will have to do these things manually yet again. We have had a request to place anchors in Wigmore, I see no reason not to do this, but there are through bolts there, so depending on the traffic, may or may not be worth it.

2 Equipment meetings have taken place. Main discussion have been about improving the anchor records, and whether or not the testing regime can be reduced. Evidence will be needed for this, for which we need data that can be queried. It appears that a solution for restocking the eco anchors has been found, subject to finalisation, they will look the same, Peco anchors here we come. There has also been some discussion about fixed aids and trying to bring them into the insurance scheme, but I feel that this is a discussion that will go on an on.

Thanks to whoever replaced the rope in Swildons 1. Quite impressive, as I went down to do it the day after I returned from the short round, oh well.

**Training Officers Report**

**No Training Officer in Post. Post to be advertised.**

**Webmasters Report**

**No report received**

**Conservation And Access Officers Report**

**No report received**

**BCA Officers Report**

**No report received**

**Dates of Next Meeting**

**14<sup>th</sup> Feb 2008 Hunters Lodge Priddy 10.30am**