

**DCA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2016**

**27th. February 2016**



# **Annual Report For 2015**

**Including**

**DCA Annual Accounts for the  
Financial Year Ending 31 Dec. 2015**

# **DCA Annual Report for 2015**

**Presented to the AGM 27th. February 2016**

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## **DCA Chairman's Report, AGM 2016.**

It has been a year of mixed fortunes and a fair bit of constructive activity for DCA.

As Chairman my role has been merely playing at being a figurehead, (not a very onerous task), mainly because the bulk of the practical activity has been carried out by the excellent team of Officers and other volunteers we are extremely lucky to have on board, my sincerest gratitude to all of you.

The year started with the sad demise of our cave registry co-ordinator, I understand the system of registry is at the moment in a state of flux, so I don't think there is any urgency to find a successor until the situation stabilises, the bulk of this work is being covered by existing officers at the moment.

Later in the year we were all staggered by the unexpected passing of our Conservation Officer. The unfinished business in this department took some sorting out but this is now done and we have found a willing volunteer to take on the post at this meeting.

More recently the position of Access Officer became vacant due to resignation, again, a willing volunteer has stepped forward for election at this meeting and we all hope for a smooth transition.

As you may be aware, I have always maintained that I consider my position as Chairman to be a caretaker role to ensure the smooth running of the organisation until a more physically active, younger replacement could be found, I understand that that situation has now been reached and am ready to hand over the baton.

I still intend to be active within DCA and if the AGM considers it appropriate I am willing to utilise my long experience in the roles of Vice Chairman and member of the Cave Discovery Fund Panel.

Once again, sincerest thanks to all Officers and volunteers for easing the pressure.

*Terry Jackson, DCA Chairman, 2015.*

## **DCA Honorary Secretary's Report, AGM 2016**

### **Communications**

During the year I have sent out 4 Information Circulars to all members, by email wherever possible. In addition I have circulated 23 brief information notes on matters of urgency by email to all members. (These have been incorporated into the Information Circulars for distribution later in printed form to those for whom I do not have an email address.) I have also made use of UKcaving.com to circulate important information more widely to DCA and non-DCA members, ensuring that such postings are purely "information" and signing off as DCA Hon. Sec.

I am grateful, firstly to Wayne Sheldon, and latterly to Angus Sawyer who has offered to take on the job of DCA website manager and who has posted all such information on the DCA website. Angus has also more recently updated and revamped the DCA website to make it a little more user-friendly and informative. They have had to take this on where Mel Milner left off and this has taken considerable time and effort in tracking down contacts, passwords, etc. and registering the site formally in DCA's name, where it is now hosted on the BCA website.

### **Problems**

This year has involved some difficult issues, not least following the untimely death of Mel Milner, our Conservation Officer, in July. (Mel was also our webmaster.) I have continued to liaise with the BCA Conservation & Access Officer on behalf of DCA but otherwise conservation issues have been dealt with by other DCA officers and members where possible.

Our Access Officer, Ewan Cameron, ran into unexpected difficulties during the past year as he was called to work away for home and without email contact for a number of periods of weeks at a time; he let me know on 1st. January this year that he would have to step down. I have been copied in on all emails to the address [access.off@theDCA.org.uk](mailto:access.off@theDCA.org.uk) so, as far as I am aware, nothing was missed - but it has meant that others have had to deal with some of the various issues which would normally fall to the Access Officer. In particular, thanks should go to Projects Officer, Pete Knight, who has done more than his fair share this year, and to all those others who helped with a stack of relatively minor issues relating to access, which nevertheless took up a good deal of time.

The number of amendments to access arrangements seems to have snowballed this year, to the level of 1 or 2 a month, making it impractical to attempt to produce a printed guide since it would be out of date before it was printed. Wayne Sheldon is now putting together an Online Access Guide, and has recruited a number of cavers to help clarify the necessary details, locations, etc. This should enable DCA to keep up to date and allow members and the general caving public to check quickly via the website what the latest arrangements are for any given site.

### **Sales of Caves of the Peak District and other publications**

I continue to deal with general publications sales: Caves of the Peak District, Cave Conservation Audits and the DCA Newsletter. I have also been able to supply cave surveys to Hitch 'n' Hike for sale, following the arrangement set up by John Beck, who bequeathed his A1 format printer to DCA so that we could continue to do this. After some investigation we have confirmed that Boyd Potts will be able to print the cave conservation audits at cost so we will be able to continue selling them on behalf of DCA. (This, of course, was one of the many tasks which Mel Milner did for us.)

### **Thanks**

As always, my thanks go to all the Officers and members for their support during the year when I have called on them for assistance with various issues. It is also noticeable how much of the help with a number of practical projects has come from the community of cave instructors who operate in the Peak District; I will ensure that our thanks are passed on to them through P.I.C.A.

I am willing to stand for another year as your Secretary, if required.

*Jenny Potts, Hon. Sec., 2016*

## DCA Treasurer's Report for 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 2016 AGM

### **Caves of the Peak District:**

Total expenditure on Caves of the Peak District for 2015 which mainly includes distribution is £10.17; total income during 2015 was £896.20. Looking at the sales for the year, it is showing a steady increase, very similar to last year. We still have a stock of 773 copies as of 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2015.

### **Other Publications:**

Publication sales for 2015 are lower than last year, apart from newsletters which has shown an increase. Mike has done a great job in producing four newsletters this year, hence the increase in expenditure which is expected, as you can't produce a good newsletter without shelling out for it. The audit sales are much lower this year which means the printing costs are also lower. We only keep a small stock, print these on demand.

### **BCA Funding:**

Looking at the accounts for 2015, we have received £858.09 from BCA this year for core funding. A total of £410.63 has been paid for Cliffhanger costs but this includes 2014 Cliffhanger costs as well. For Cliffhanger 2015, Nigel applied for a training grant of £200 which still hasn't been paid.

### **Grants for SSSI Conservation Work:**

Natural England (NE) finally paid the remaining £2,568.82 that they owed us from our grant funding for period, April 2014 to March 2015.

### **Conservation Officer Float:**

Due to the death of Mel Milner, no information could be found in her belongings in terms of how much was remaining in her float so it was decided at the November council meeting that the remaining £120.65 had to be written off.

### **Banking:**

A current and deposit account was opened with Unity Trust Bank, which is now used for all DCA business. The membership standing orders for 2016 have been paid into the RBS current account but these now need to be changed to the Unity Trust Account. The RBS accounts have stayed open with minimum amounts of £1 to remain in these accounts

This is my last report as DCA Treasurer as Angus Sawyer is standing as Treasurer for 2016 onwards.

*Wayne Sheldon, DCA Hon. Treasurer  
08/02/16*

**(DCA Accounts follow on pages 9 to 11.)**

## **Report on Conservation Matters, AGM 2016**

Conservation matters have been dealt with by a number of people during the course of the year, pending the election of a new Conservation Officer at the coming AGM.

### **Liaison with BCA Conservation & Access Committee**

During the latter part of 2015 I have continued to liaise with Andrew Hinde, BCA's C&A Officer, over relevant national issues. This includes the ongoing matter of the interpretation of the Countryside & Rights of Way (aka CRoW) legislation.

Together with Wayne Sheldon and Christine Wilson, I took part in the first WebEx hosted meeting of the BCA C&A Committee on 21st. February 2016, the three of us travelling to Nick Williams' office at Great Hucklow as he had kindly offered his technical services. This enabled a link-up with 4 other regional locations (WebEx can actually cope with 8 online locations at once), so that a group of 10 people from around the country using computers were able to hold the meeting with minimum personal travel. The Minutes of this meeting will be posted on the BCA website in due course.

### **DCA Underground Conservation Forum**

The meetings of the Forum are normally held twice a year, in spring and autumn, but due to Mel Milner being unwell the spring meeting in 2015 did not take place. Adam Russell kindly volunteered to convene a meeting of the Forum in November 2015 and this went well, dealing with a number of urgent issues. (The Minutes are posted on the DCA website.) It was agreed that the following Spring 2016 meeting would be set up at the same venue in April this year, and this will need to be confirmed by the incoming Conservation Officer, who would normally act as the Convenor of UCF meetings.

*Jenny Potts*

### **Water Icicle Close Mine**

There has been very little going on with Water Icicle Close Cavern as far as trips or digging are concerned. After three trips early in the year, there were two more groups taken in late in the year.

There were some issues with the old padlock, but Keith Slatcher has since replaced this. He and Pete Wagstaff also replaced the rope on the traverse over Rift Pot with a wire cable provided by DCA. Digging within the gated section has been pretty much non-existent in the last twelve months and this isn't likely to change in the foreseeable future.

*Karen Slatcher*

## DCA Project Officer's Report, AGM 2016

Since the last report on the 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 2015 the following jobs have been undertaken by me and the Projects volunteer team:

- **Waterfall Hole** near Stoney Middleton had a new car parking area created. The old verge parking was cleared of vegetation, levelled by digger, sprayed for weeds and had a new liner and gravel spread. There is now parking for about 5-6 vehicles when positioned sensibly. The Nat Trust would prefer this new parking not be advertised but it is freely available to cavers visiting the hole.  
Thanks to Pete Mellors, Andy McHugh and Adam Russell for valuable help on this job and to Nick Williams for loan and donation of materials and equipment.
- **Axe Hole** was blocked by a large boulder after the 2015 winter period's heavy rain dislodged it from above the entrance. In a joint DCRO and CCPC exercise, the boulder was blown to bits. Over the course of a few visits, DCA volunteers cleared the blockage and used the remaining stone to construct a new entrance 'culvert'. The front edge uses a cemented grill to allow flood water but not flood debris in. The lid is a large piece of grill held in place by a metal pin. This only requires lifting off for visits and is not locked or captive. Making the hole animal proof was a condition of the works and this was the least intrusive way to do that.  
Thanks to Roy Rogers, Adam Russell, Duncan Scurfield, Ben Hiles and Ron Hammond for advice and physical assistance on this project.
- **Carlswark Cavern's** Eyam Dale Shaft has had a rotten tree trunk near it for some years now. After witnessing it move because a party had tied their rope to it I decided that it should be removed for caver safety. The next day I chopped it down and cleared the debris. Plenty of healthy, alive trees are available for a few extra metres of rope.
- The **Whalf shaft at Hillocks** mine has received stabilisation work during the year. A group of cavers fronted by Alan Brentnall made a number of visits, installing props, mesh and cement on an area of pack wall in the shaft. This project was entirely self-managed by the team and my sincere thanks go to all involved for keeping a popular route open and taking a job off the DCA list.
- Another self-led project occurred at **Garden Path in Lathkill Dale**. John Geeson and Leon Zablocki fronted a team to remove the old decaying wooden platforms. After a couple of trips and some consultation with interested parties, a new SRT route was devised and installed by the DCA Equipment team which removed the need for any new platforms to be constructed.  
Many thanks to all involved in this project, especially as almost all of the workload was taken off my hands right up to completion.
- The inner lid on **Knotlow mine Engine Shaft** had corroded and the hinges had failed. The inner lid was essential to stop animals falling down the shaft whilst cavers were below. A couple of quick visits to the location gave a temporary fix and then a more permanent solution. The new hinge bolts are awaiting some large washers but this should have been complete by the time of this meeting. Thanks go to Adam Russell for his visit here.  
I would expect that this entire inner lid will need completely replacing in the next few years. Rust is taking its toll and DCA should look to find a volunteer to help fabricate a new one.
- On a recent visit to **Knotlow** I had noticed that the ground anchor for the Climbing Shaft was leaning in towards the shaft.  
This is a concern as it may indicate that the stake is corroded sub surface or moving under load. I took a long length of galvanised angle from the DCA store and fabricated it into 2 new ground stakes. Each are 3 feet long and have been hammered over 2 thirds into the ground. 1 was installed near to the Climbing Shaft, the other at the Engine Shaft. Please do feedback to me about their effectiveness and how they hold up to corrosion.
- It was reported to the DCA that the belay bollards on the East and West routes in **Eldon Hole** were becoming unsafe. On inspection the bases of all 4 posts were showing high corrosion with 2 of the 4 being corroded through to the core. T-Pot fabricated us 4 replacements to the same specification as the originals. DCA volunteers finally got a chance to attempt the removal and replacement of them in early Feb 2016. After our Landrover became bogged down metres from the lane and with deterioration in the weather approaching, the volunteers carried all the tools, 4 bollards, 12 bags of cement and water supplies up the hole. I cannot thank them enough for this effort. We installed one new bollard on the West route but this consumed all our supplies and a return to complete the work will need organising. I returned on the 10<sup>th</sup> Feb to cut off the remaining old bollards to prevent their use. At the time of writing, the remaining bollards are yet to be installed.  
Many thanks to Roy Rogers, Beth Knight, Steve Rudge, Jon Daniels, Adam Geens and Tom Bradshawe-Dicken. A superhuman effort in foul weather.
- After a tip off, it appears the DCA needs to urgently think about finding a new home for our **container store**. Although nothing is imminent, I have reason to believe that we will need to move it from the current Cavendish Mill location.

My personal thanks go out to every single helper involved with a DCA project. The on the ground work is what is most visible to outsiders but the back room help, equipment loans, advice and organisation is the real backbone for the jobs. My particular thanks go to Roy for being good company and a constant volunteer despite the conditions and bad pay and to Adam Russell who also won't stop coming to my aid.

The DCA store of equipment at Cavendish Mill is looking healthy. We have purchased a new cement mixing spot and there are now some basic cementing tools and buckets in there. We have 3 heavy duty bollards ready for the Eldon job.

I'd like the meeting to consider the next projects for this officer to look at in 2016, we can then publish this list to help find volunteers. I would like to look at installing some ground anchors for shafts that have no back up. I think this is a real risk to cavers and something that the DCA should make a move to rectify. Currently I think the J.H. mine entrance shaft should have a bollard or stake and I'm happy to entertain other suggestions.

Finally, I'm happy to continue in the post of Projects Officer should the DCA continue to require me. I have no objections to someone with more time and availability taking the post from me should anyone wish to step forward. I'm sure that there are more skilled and available people in the region. On average I will be working away in Wales 4 days a week this year and potentially more in the summer. I shall do what I can as always.

*Pete Knight, Project Officer  
12-2-2016*

## **Legal & Insurance Officer's Annual Report, AGM 2016**

### **Chatsworth Licences**

Access licences for the Lathkill Upper and Garden Path Entrances as well as for the Ashford Black Marble Mine were renewed for a further 3 years (i.e. till March and October 2018 respectively). My concern that access to the Garden Path had become too restrictive led me to propose DCA adopt a more relaxed approach to the issue of permits, and this change will take effect in 2016. Evidence of attempts to extract ore of some kind from a mineral vein in the Ashford Black Marble Mine was reported and Chatsworth have asked us to try and identify who is responsible.

### **Waterfall Hole**

Work on clearing and surfacing land for a parking lay-by along the farm track was undertaken and completed with the help of DCA's Projects Officer and others, to whom I am grateful. The loan of a mini digger by Nick Williams certainly made the clearance job a lot easier than it otherwise would have been. Nick also liaised with local residents and arranged for stone to be delivered to the site. Cavers no longer need to seek permission to visit the site for routine trips. However, the National Trust, which owns the enclosed swallet area, would have to be consulted over any serious digging here, as the site is a SSSI.

### **Holme Bank Chert Mine**

Late in the year problems arose here when cavers reported being challenged over access to the Mine via the lower main entrance. Then an extra padlock appeared on the gate, one not supplied by the access controller, Joe Oldfield. The combination lock on the top quarry entrance also went missing, though this was seen as a separate matter not connected to the incidents at the main entrance. Rather ominously, 2016 looks like being a year of disputed ownership of the Mine's lower workings, including the flooded galleries used by divers.

### **Hazlebadge Cave**

Dan Abrahams of Natural England was approached with a view to reminding the Rowarth family who own the site that DCA would welcome access in order to monitor the state of the cave (part of the Bradwell SSSI) and, if necessary, replace the old gate with a new one. I understand Dan has had no response to a letter he sent the Rowarths and no answer to phone messages left for them.

### **Re-election**

I am happy to be considered for a further year in office.

*Peter Mellors, Legal & Insurance Officer  
February 2016*

## **Equipment Officer's Report, AGM 2016**

There are now thirteen fully accredited installers in the DCA anchor installation team and one who has lapsed and needs re-validation. The main reason for this number is to reduce the workload on any one individual installer. Ten of these installers have either been trained or re-validated under the terms of the IPTD in 2015. In the past many of the installers were employed in caver training which precluded them from operating during the summer due to pressure of work. With the increased numbers this should help to rectify this problem. Also I am in the process of allocating specific installers to cover the various areas.

Recently the anchor programme has been relatively inactive as the two batteries on the BCA 36v Hilti drill have faded and subsequently failed. Also there is a fault on the battery connectors in the drill. Nick Williams, the convenor of the BCA Equipment Committee, has both the drill for repair and the batteries which he is replacing for DCA at BCA's expense.

One of the projects in 2015 was to remove the platforms in the Garden Path, Lathkill Head Cave to reduce the possibility of rotting wood contaminating the environment. This required adjusting the bolting to allow the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> pitches to be linked into one drop. Two deviation bolts were placed both to give a free hang and also to avoid and protect the formations just below the old 4<sup>th</sup> pitch platform.

After several reports of concern with the anchors in Devonshire Cavern and Jugholes checks took place on twelve anchors with the Hydrajaws to the specifications of EN959. All anchors at both venues passed the 6kN test for 15 secs. The reported loose bolt on the traverse to the top of Garlands Pot in Giants Hole was replaced and subsequently tested. Also reported was a loose anchor on the Bitch Pitch in JH Mine. It turned out to be an indeterminate anchor set by persons unknown and was replaced with a BP. The loose bolts in Suicide Cave and at the top of Eyam Dale Shaft have also been checked. The Suicide bolt was replaced and the Eyam Dale shaft bolt ratified as good but further checks should be made in the near future.

Installations on the "to do" list include Router, Assault Course, various caves in the Manifold etc. but things are held up until the drill and batteries are returned from Nick Williams.

*Bob Dearman, Equipment Officer  
February 2016*

## DCA Cave Atmosphere Monitoring Annual Report, AGM 2016

- 1. Problems reported.** There have been very few reported problems this year. One early report concerned the winze in Slayley Sough known as Thunder Shaft, where "foul air" was suspected. This was followed up, but there was very good air throughout the system at the time of the investigation, including the bottom of Thunder Shaft. Please note that the shaft was sampled using a meter attached to a fishing rod!
- 2. Measurements.** Gas levels were recorded in Robin's Shaft, Knotlow, Holme Bank, Slayley Sough, Waterfall Hole, Mandale Sough, Silver Eye, Neptune Mine, Lathkill Head Upper Entrance, Waterways Swallet, Clayton Level, Cromford Sough and Yatestooop Sough. With the exception of Cromford and Yatestooop Soughs, where bad air was detected, but only sections of the soughs which led to collapse and had no through draught, none of these readings gave rise to any concern. All readings have been added to the database.
- 3. Equipment.** The two DCA meters (Crowcon Gasman CO<sub>2</sub> meter and a GasAlertClip Extreme O<sub>2</sub>) are still functioning well, and calibrations are still being done, free of charge, through the DCRO and Able Safety.
- 4. Equipment Usage.** There have been no requests by cavers by cavers to use the meters. I was asked to join a group who were accompanying John Gunn on his annual safety check of Yatestooop Sough, so that I could sample the air quality with the meter, and John Gunn has asked to borrow the CO<sub>2</sub> meter for a visit with the Environment Agency to Cromford Sough in the near future.

*Alan Brentnall*

## DCA Training Officer's Report, AGM 2016

As per last year, this year looks to be just as busy with lot of events and workshops taking place.

### DCA Caver Workshops

DCA has for the last 25 years run lots of successful caver training workshops in various topics such as SRT training, SRT rigging, rescue and specialist subjects such as photography etc. Some of which have run at a loss if the numbers were short. If we make any money, the proceeds go back into the pot to cover any shortfalls. Sometimes, individual cavers are not able to attend organised club events or clubs themselves do not have anyone at the appropriate level to run training in certain topics. The DCA training workshops for these such people provide valuable opportunities and I encourage everyone to support them in any way they can.

As training officer, it falls in my duties to respond to demand of the clubs and individual cavers to provide provision for training in many aspects of caving. My main focus is to encourage and support clubs to run their own training to a high standard, as you know, I am a big believer that training should be provided by caving clubs for their members. This is achieved by either running a workshop directly for the club, setting up a workshop with a specialist trainer or training up their own training officer. Some of these training officers are now going through the BCA leader and instructor schemes which goes to show that enthusiasm is still very much out there.

### REPORTS ON 2015 EVENTS

These are the workshops that were run last year:

#### Specialist SRT Rigging and Rescue Workshop

There were 2 of these run last year. Taken directly from the CIC scheme - *A candidate must be skilled and fluent in Single Rope Technique (SRT) and pull-through abseiling and be competent to use and coach all these techniques in a safe and effective fashion to others. The skills required include the ability to rig pitches, traverses and climbs to best and safe advantage.*

*Above all the candidate should have clear judgement on the appropriateness of different vertical caving techniques to suit the skills, nature and size of his / her groups.*

#### Cave Leader Workshop

This practical workshop, ideal for cavers already or are thinking about leading others underground proved to be very rewarding for the 6 people who attended. These specialist, low cost days look at the leadership skills and knowledge required for leading parties underground.

#### Digital Cave Photography Workshop.

Not run in 2015 but there is interest to run another one this year.

#### SRT Underground Master class

There were 2 of these days run last year. There was a variety of experience in the group which really helped to move the pace along. All I will say about this day is that it was brilliant fun. If you want to know what we get up to on these masterclasses.... Come on one.

#### Caving Club Training Officers Workshop

This is **THE** workshop for 'Training the Trainers' which we run every year. Many clubs already have a CTO to whom it usually falls to organise and supervise training for newly joined novice cavers. This DCA event, open to training officers anywhere in the UK was attended by 7 club training reps and the topics covered included leadership & judgement, geology, equipment, flooding and ropework from life lining to rescue.

Almost a 1 day crash course between the LC/MLA and CIC schemes, this workshop is a brilliant opportunity for any caver wishing to share their teaching experiences whilst gaining new skills.

#### SRT Introduction Workshop

Another 2 sold out workshops for those at the beginning of their SRT caving.

### **Cave Leader Assessment Workshop**

This practical trip was aimed at cavers who are already or who were thinking about leading others underground.

### **SRT Assessment**

We ran the pilot for this in December last year. More assessment days will be run in 2016.

***Nigel Atkins, DCA Training Officer  
February 2016***

**(The Programme of Training Events for 2016 follows at the end of the Annual Report on page 12.)**

## **Newsletter Editor/Publications Officer's Report, AGM 2016**

2015 has seen publication of *The Derbyshire Caver* resume the normal four issues per year and the content has been sufficient to fill the maximum sixteen pages per issue that postage costs allow. The increase in price following the adoption of colour for the cover and the back page does not seem to have affected circulation.

Some very interesting and varied articles have been submitted and published during 2015. I hope that this will continue through the coming year but of course this is dependent upon Peak District cavers putting metaphorical pen to paper. I do have the promise of some interesting material, including a possible couple of series of articles, and hopefully this and more besides will come to fruition.

Work continues on the production of the index of the Newsletter from the first issue in 1962 up to the present time. Progress has been slower than anticipated due to other commitments but I keep plugging away when I can. Completion will take time but I believe that it will be a useful tool for cavers as there is a lot of material available in back numbers that does not appear elsewhere.

My sincere thanks to everyone who has submitted articles or photographs for publication in 2015 – please keep it coming for 2016!

***Mike Higgins, DCA Newsletter Editor/Publications Officer  
13/2/2016***







**DCA TRAINING EVENTS 2016**  
**Derbyshire Caving Association Caver Workshops**  
Winter

**DCA**

**Coaching for Cavers Leader/Instructors**

Saturday **June 4<sup>th</sup>** - places available

This brand new workshop is designed to introduce the skills of coaching. This is an ideal introduction for any leaders wishing to move into coaching not just for caving, but for all sports - especially in the outdoors.

**Caving Club Training Officers Workshop** - TBA - Derbyshire -

**Surface Navigation Workshop** - Saturday **April 2<sup>nd</sup>** - places available

This workshop is designed to introduce and improve navigation techniques useful to any outdoor enthusiast, especially cavers venturing to those more remote caves. We will look at map interpretation, compass work and micro navigation. This workshop is for anyone wishing to navigate themselves in remote areas.

**SRT Introduction workshop** - Saturday **March 26<sup>th</sup>** - - places available  
- Saturday **July 18<sup>th</sup>** - places available

**SRT Training course** - Saturday & Sunday **June 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>** - places available

**SRT Assessment (Module 3)** - Saturday **August 6<sup>th</sup>** - places available

**SRT Master class** - Sunday **May 8<sup>th</sup>** - places available  
- Sunday **July 17<sup>th</sup>** - places available

**Specialist SRT Rigging and Rescue Workshop** - Sunday **April 3<sup>rd</sup>** - places available  
- Sunday **July 24<sup>th</sup>** - places available

This workshop is not an introduction to SRT, however there will be plenty of opportunity to pick up on techniques etc. People attending will be expected to demonstrate basic S.R.T. This surface training day will be of an informal nature with emphasis on personal techniques improvement.

**Cave Photography Workshop** - *phone for details as this is a very specialised event with limited places.*

**BCA Cave Leader Training (LC/MLA)**

Level 1 Wednesday & Thursday April 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> – Derbyshire - cave

Level 1 Friday April 8<sup>th</sup> – Derbyshire - mines day

Level 1 Wednesday & Thursday August 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> – Derbyshire - cave

Level 1 Friday August 5<sup>th</sup> – Derbyshire - mines day

Level 2 Thursday & Friday May 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> – Derbyshire

Level 2 Thursday & Friday August 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> – Derbyshire

**BCA Cave Instructor Training (CIC)**

Monday to Friday October 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> 2016

Please **call** or **email** for further details on any of the above workshops and courses.

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