## APPLICATION FORM FOR CLUB MEMBERSHIP WITH CONSENT AND WAIVER



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(full name):		
of (address):		
	Post code:	
Apply for membership of the Hill & Mountain Walking Club. I acknowledge that have read a copy of the Club's constitution and agree to be bound by it.		
<ul> <li>I accept that mountaineering, hill walking, rock climbing and other club activities have a danger of personal injury or death. I am aware of and accept these risks and will be responsible for my own actions and involvement.</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>I agree to waive any claim, against the club, for any befall me, due to the lack of reasonable care of the club</li> </ul>		
Signature:	Date:	
Proposed (name):	Must be current paid up club members of at least one year's standing!	
Do not fill in below, for Club records - Secretary to complete		
Date of acceptance:		
Signed (Club Secretary):		
Signed (Club Chairperson):		

Secretary: David A. Wilkinson For contact details please refer to the membership list.

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# AND CHANGE OF DETAILS FOR CLUB RECORDS



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Dear Member.

At 'The Club' AGM in 1992 it was agreed, by the members, that a members' address list should be circulated. In order to enable the Secretary to assemble an up to date membership list, would you please fill in the details below (one per member) in block capitals and return this form to the Secretary. This information is also required for your registration with the B.M.C. Some members may not want some or all of their details circulated on this list, if so please indicate this by answering YES / NO in the appropriate place. The Club undertakes not to circulate this list to any person or body other than **current** members of the club and the B.M.C.

<u>NAME</u> :	
ADDRESS:	YES / NO
POSTCODE:	
TELEPHONE: NO	YES /
E-MAIL ADDRESS:	YES / NO
CIRCULATION OF CLUB INFORMATION: E-MA	IL or POST
The preferred method is E-mail, due to the simplicity and cost, but it can be required, please indicate your choice above.	e posted if

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# HILL & MOUNTAIN WALKING CLUB CONSTITUTION



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#### 1.0 Name:

1.1 The name of the Club shall be: **HILL AND MOUNTAIN WALKING CLUB**, hereinafter referred to as the "Club".

#### 2.0 Objectives of the Club:

- 2.1 To promote the interests of hillwalking and mountaineering amongst Members of the Club.
- 2.2 To provide the kindredship of the hills.
- 2.3 To act on behalf of and in the interests of Club Members.
- 2.4 To promote awareness of the need to maintain access to, and the conservation and protection of the mountain and wilderness environment.
- To support the work and activities of the British Mountaineering Council, hereinafter referred to as the "BMC".

#### 3.0 Membership of the Club:

- 3.1 Membership of the Club shall be open to all individuals, of eighteen years of age and over, upon nomination by two currently paid up Members, each of at least one year's standing. Membership shall be deemed to be effective at any time during the year upon payment of the appropriate annual membership subscription.
- 3.2 In addition to Sub-Clause 3.1 above the Membership of the Club shall only be open to individuals who recognise that climbing and mountaineering are activities involving a risk of danger, personal injury or death. Members shall be aware of, and accept these risks, and agree to be responsible for their own actions and involvement. Candidates for membership must be proficient hill persons, able to look after themselves and show care and consideration to others. Also they must be aware of conservation issues and willing to participate in protection of the wild lands of the United Kingdom and any other countries visited.
- 3.3 Club Membership is not open to individuals under eighteen years of age.
- 3.4 Members acknowledge and agree that they will become Affiliated Club Members of the BMC and that the Club shall pay the appropriate subscription on behalf of each Member, resident in the United Kingdom, included in the return filed by the Club with the BMC, and, in the event of the BMC being wound up, shall pay the sum of not more than one pound sterling on behalf of each Member included in a return, filed by the Club, with the BMC at any time within the preceding period of one year pursuant to the guarantee comprised in Clause 6 of the Memorandum & Articles of Association of the BMC. Members are to further acknowledge and agree that upon the Club being affiliated to the BMC each Member will therefore become an Affiliated Club Member of the BMC and that they will each be bound by the Memorandum & Articles of Association of the BMC.

#### 4.0 Management of the Club:

4.1 The Management of the Club shall be entrusted to the Club Committee, hereinafter referred to as the "Committee".

#### 5.0 Officers of the Club:

- 5.1 The elected Officers of the Club, hereinafter referred to as the "Officers", shall be the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Area Co-ordinators, Journal and Web Editors and Adviser(s) on protection and welfare of young and vulnerable persons.
- 5.2 Voting for the election of Officers shall take place at the Annual General Meeting, hereinafter referred to as the "AGM". Nominations must be proposed and seconded from fully paid up Members.
- 5.3 All Officers and any other Members of the Committee are to be appointed for one year and subject to re-election at the AGM. The maximum term of office for the Chairperson shall be three consecutive years, with a minimum break of one year before being eligible for re-election.

#### 6.0 Committee of the Club:

- 6.1 The Chairperson will normally preside at, and chair, all meetings of the Committee and Club and shall be responsible for reporting to the Membership at the Club's AGM.
- 6.2 The Committee shall be composed of the Officers of the Club and up to four additional Club Members, elected by the Membership at the AGM.
- 6.3 The Committee may nominate representatives of the Club to attend BMC Area Meetings and represent the views of the Membership and may nominate a representative to attend the BMC AGM.
- 6.4 The Club Secretary shall be responsible for all correspondence relating to Club affairs and for announcing Committee Meetings, plus the production and distribution of minutes from those meetings. The Secretary shall also be responsible for announcing the AGM and shall give at least thirty clear days notice of such a Meeting and its Agenda. Items for inclusion should be submitted at least forty five days prior to the AGM. The Secretary shall keep records regarding the Membership of the Club and shall report to the BMC the size of the Membership.
- 6.5 The Treasurer shall be responsible for the collection of subscriptions and will account for any other income and expenditure made on behalf of the Club. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the payment of the Membership Subscription to the BMC and the Insurance premium if this option is taken up.
- 6.6 The Committee shall have the power to co-opt additional non-voting Members.
- 6.7 The Committee can propose Members, and in exceptional cases Non-Members, for Honorary Membership, for election by the Membership at an AGM.

#### 7.0 Meetings of the Club:

- 7.1 The AGM of the club shall be held in October or November. All items to be considered at the AGM must be notified to the Secretary prior to the meeting (see Sub-Clause 6.4 above). The Treasurer will be required to present a Statement of Club Accounts and recommend subscription levels for the following year. Reports from Officers and a proposed programme of meets shall be presented. No minimum quorum is set and a simple majority of votes cast by those present will suffice on all items of business, and in the event of a tie the Chairperson shall have the casting vote. This does not apply in regard to the dissolution of the Club (see Clause 11).
- 7.2 At the AGM Members will elect an Auditor who will be responsible for scrutiny and endorsement of the Club Accounts.
- 7.3 Extraordinary General Meetings of the Club can be called by the Committee or by more than one third of the Membership current at that time.

#### 8.0 Subscriptions:

- 8.1 The annual membership subscription shall be fixed at the AGM for the following calendar year commencing 1<sup>st</sup> January.
- 8.2 Separate rates of subscription may be set at the AGM for new and re-joining lapsed Members.
- 8.3 Subscriptions shall be paid to the Treasurer by the 14th February in the calendar year to meet the requirements of the BMC. If subscriptions are not paid by this date, the Member will be deemed to have terminated his/her membership. Any subsequent late payment of subscriptions shall be subject to that set out in Sub-Clause 8.2 above.

#### 9.0 Club Rules:

- 9.1 The Committee shall have the power to set Club Rules. Such rules shall be in accordance with the articles of the Club Constitution and the policies of the BMC.
- 9.2 The aims of the Club are to provide an informal and friendly atmosphere for kindred spirits to enjoy the hills and mountains in company of others. Rules will be minimal and the management of the Club is by consent. It is expected that those who no longer respect the aims of the Club will terminate their Membership.
- 9.3 If at any time the Committee considers, in the interests of the Club, they may suspend a Member whose attitude or behaviour they deem detrimental to the status or reputation of the Club. The suspended Member will be provided with a written explanation of their suspension and will have the right to appeal to an AGM in person, or by letter. If the Member accepts the decision, or if the appeal fails, then their membership will be terminated forthwith.
- 9.4 Upon ceasing to be a Member, such person forfeits all right to and claims upon the Club, its property and funds. A Member expelled from the Club shall not be entitled to participate in any subsequent activity of the Club.
- 9.5 Young persons under 18 years of age may attend Club meets if they are accompanied by either a parent or adult Club Member acting in loco parentis for the specific young person(s). Any Member who is acting in loco parentis must have the consent of the parent/carer and have duly informed them, namely the parent/carer and young person, of the activities involved and all arrangements for the meet. The parent/carer or Member, in loco parentis, must return a Child Protection Declaration Form, duly signed, with their application for the meet.

#### 10.0 Amendments to the Constitution of the Club:

10.1 This Constitution may be amended by a simple majority of Club Members at the AGM. Notice of any amendment must be delivered to the Secretary at least forty five days prior to the AGM.

#### 11.0 Dissolution of the Club:

11.1 The Club can be dissolved by a two-thirds majority vote on a formal proposition. Such proposition must be notified to the Secretary at least one month in advance of an AGM or an Extraordinary General Meeting. The Committee will arrange to dispose of assets. Any liabilities at dissolution will be the joint responsibility of all Members.

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### **DATA PROTECTION POLICY**

Here at Hill and Mountain Walking Club we take the privacy of our member's data seriously and will only use your personal information for club administration purposes and for communicating with you about your membership. Only committee members will be able to access your details. More information about how we look after your data can be found from The Club Secretary (info@hmwc.org.uk).

As a BMC-affiliated club we will provide your name, contact details and date of birth to the BMC to administer your membership of the BMC, including your combined liability insurance cover. The BMC will use your data to communicate with you about your membership. The BMC will contact you to invite you to create a 'Member Profile' which, amongst other things, allows you to set and amend your privacy settings. More information about how the BMC uses data can be found at <a href="https://www.thebmc.co.uk/privacy">www.thebmc.co.uk/privacy</a>. We will never share or sell your data without your prior permission.

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