

CNCC Council Meeting: January 7th 2011

Treasurers Report

Financial Status as of 6th January 2011:

Current Account: £1,516.45

High Interest Account: £18,675.01

Major expenditure this period has been:

£200 for the farmers “do” from which we received a refund of £73.14

volunteer payments for work on Shuttleworth Pot (£110.87)

volunteer payments for work on Barbon Pot (£148.00)

volunteer payments for work on capping on GG area (£148.00)

12 months web hosting for Cave Conservation web site (£60.00)

Income consists of the sale of Rigging Guides, NE grants and 2009 BCA grant funding (£486.39).

Cave Rescue Manual: There are 9 remaining from the original 50 purchased.

BCA Report: The next meeting is on Saturday January 15th – all welcome!

Glenn Jones – CNCC Treasurer

CNCC Conservation Officers Report 2010

In the last 12 months the following conservation projects have been undertaken by CNCC volunteers and financed by Natural England through the Northern Caves Monitoring Project :

1. Cow Pot Fencing/ Walling and Tree Planting;
2. Long Churns Fencing and Access Improvements;
3. Interpretation Panel fitted at Alum Pot Lane;
4. Yordas Wood walling /fencing and stock control gating;
5. Browgill stile replacement;
6. Gaping Gill area dig capping with concrete lintels;
7. Aygill Cavern entrance stabilisation;
8. Red Moss Pot entrance rebuilt with stock proof cover;
9. Shuttleworth Pot entrance pipe and construction materials costs;
10. Cup cake Pot materials costs.

We have also supplied stainless steel conservation pins and tape for newly opened discoveries at Voldamort and Shuttleworth Pot.

I have liaised with colleagues at Natural England to gain NE Consent for digs at Cupcake, Shuttleworth, and most current activities in GG area.

I have responded to the YDNP consultation paper on the future of Victoria Cave(with my NE hat on).

I have presented talks on Cave Conservation and the NCMP to Hidden Earth and CHECC Conferences.

I have also had opportunities to raise the profile of Cave SSSIs within Natural England and its regional staff, who have responded in a positive way. Many NE staff attended the BCRA Cave Biology Field Meeting in Littondale and some attended Hidden Earth.

All the work undertaken by CNCC and the conservation volunteers has been written up and published in Descent and Speleology .

There are other conservation projects to complete before the end of March 2011.

Andrew Hinde 3.01.2011.

Report to CNCC Committee 07/01/11 – **Casterton Fell Access Agreement**

During 2010 - 28 different clubs have been issued with permits and this adds up to a total of 112 permits issued for the year.

This indicates that NO ONE is caving on Casterton Fell or we have most clubs ignoring the permit system

To date I have issued 19 permits for 2011

Overall there are no problems to report at this point and there are plenty of permits available.

Alan Speight (CNCC Meets Sec – Casterton Fell)

Report to CNCC Committee Meeting 7th January 2011 – Leck Fell Access Agreement

Since the last AGM (6th March 2010) 45 clubs have now been issued with permits for the year 2010/2011, and in addition, 12 clubs have permits for 2011/12. Overall this represents an increase in activity on the previous year, with the autumn being particularly busy and the fell being almost fully booked out between Xmas and New Year. Having said this, January currently looks as though it will be a quiet month with a few less bookings than there were last year.

There is not a great deal else to report and since the last committee meeting, apart from requests for permits, there has been no other significant correspondence or communications about the access agreement.

Jim Sloane (CNCC Meets Secretary Leck Fell)

27/12/2010