

Council of Northern Caving Clubs

Life after permits... the evolving role of CNCC from 2020 and beyond.

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CONSERVATION



Since 2020, we have supported numerous safety and conservation projects, including...

Sell Gill Holes
Replacement of damaged fencing around the entrance.

Alum Pot
Rebuilding of sections of the drystone wall around Alum Pot and replacement of stiles.



Knacker Trapper Hole
Rebuild of the entrance.

Starting Handle Hole
Clearing of rubbish.

Scoska Cave
Installing barrier tape to protect an area with a scientifically interesting variety of flora and fauna.

White Scar Cave
A CPC project run with CNCC support, to restore access beyond the show-cave following a substantial collapse.

Ash Dieback
Hazardous dead trees removed at five pothole entrances.



Wretched Rabbit
A RRCPC project run with CNCC support, to regain access following a major collapse of the entrance and cliff face.



Lancaster Hole
A RRCPC project run with CNCC support, to stabilise a void arising from a collapse in the entrance.

Great Douk Cave
The remediation of a partially collapsed shakehole.

Death's Head Hole
Pruning of the dying rowan tree in the shakehole, installation of new ground-spike anchors and planting of new trees.

Buttertubs Pots
A CPC initiative, supported by CNCC, to remove litter from this iconic Yorkshire beauty spot.



Beck Head Stream Cave
Re-opening of blocked entrance.

TRAINING



Since 2021, we have run a new series of regular workshops for cavers.

Ropework
Workshops for all abilities including general SRT skills, rigging, rescue, ladder and lifelining and pull-through.

First aid for cavers
For recreational cavers to learn relevant first aid skills.

Geology
Our ever-popular underground geology tour.

Leadership
To help develop skills for those new to leading trips.

For more information on upcoming workshops:
cncc.org.uk/training



ACCESS



Following our previous success in bringing Ingleborough, Leck Fell and Casterton Fell out of permit systems, attention turned to other sites.

Birks Fell Cave
Through engagement with National Trust, completely open access was finally announced in 2022, allowing easier enjoyment of this magnificent cave.

Mongo Gill Hole
A simple online alternative to the historic permit system was agreed in 2023 with Stump Cross Caverns.

High Birkwith area
We published comprehensive advice regarding the loss of access to several caves not on CRoW access land in this area and negotiated parking at a nearby farm.



ENGAGEMENT



Raising awareness of caving amongst the public, National Park Authorities, and other organisations.

New to caving sessions
A new initiative for 2023 onwards sees our CNCC training team partner with local cavers to run 'try caving' events to make caving more accessible for novices.

Photography displays
At the National Park Authority and other local venues.

Caver engagement
Increased engagement with cavers through social media, UKCaving, a regular newsletter and our own mailing list which now has over 600 subscribers.

cncc.org.uk/mailling-list



ANCHORS



Anchor initiatives across our region.

Since 2020, full anchoring and new topes for:

- Scanty Lardos Pot
- Curtain Pot
- Growling Hole
- Newby Moss Cave
- Broken Finger Pot
- Pasture Gill Pot
- Valley Entrance (Toyland and Victoria Extension)
- Mayday Hole
- F'ing Hopeless Pot

Recent anchor replacement work
Replacement of defective anchors in at least ten potholes, including extensive work in Diccan Pot to improve rigging, and Swinsto Hole to replace defective anchors and make anchors better for pull-through.

