

## Code of Conduct

- 1) The Club hut is maintained by the Club primarily for the convenience of Members, Associates and guests taking part in Club activities.
- 2) Members and Associates of the Club will ensure that their personal information held by the Club is up-to-date.
- 3) Members and Associates of the Club shall:
  - a) respect the rights, dignity and worth of other Members and Associates regardless of age, ability, gender, sex, race, ethnicity, religious belief, sexuality or social/economic status;
  - b) pursue the Objects of the Club in a manner that fosters an equitable environment free from discrimination or the threat of intimidation, harassment or abuse;
  - c) extend these same values to others with whom they interact in pursuit of those Objects including, but not limited to, those residents in properties neighbouring the Club Headquarters and landowners;
  - d) conduct themselves in a manner that does not bring the Club into disrepute.
- 4) Residents at the hut will maintain it in a reasonable state of cleanliness and tidiness, and to this end the following specific points will be observed:
  - a) The bulk of personal equipment will be stored in the bunkrooms.
  - b) Dirty caving clothes or equipment will not be taken into the living room, kitchen, bunkrooms or library.
  - c) The waste bin(s) will be emptied and the floor swept when necessary.
  - d) After use all cooking and eating facilities will be cleaned and put away and all surplus food packed away.
  - e) Books, maps, magazines and surveys will be returned to their proper places.
- 5) The general behaviour of everyone at the hut will be based on the principle of showing consideration for all others, and to this end the following specific points will be observed:
  - a) No rowdiness, horseplay, talking, etc will be allowed upstairs at night.
  - b) Destruction of Club property must have prior approval of the Hut Warden.
  - c) **Children should not be left unattended.**

- d) Any mess created should be cleared up by those that created it.
- 6) All persons using the hut must adhere to the following fire safety precautions:
- a) All fire doors must be kept shut.
  - b) The lighting of fires inside the hut must only be for the purpose of lighting the stove in the lounge and lighting the cooking facilities. All other fires (including the testing of carbide lamps) must be done outside.
- 7) On leaving the hut at the end of their stay all persons will:-
- a) Leave the hut in a clean and presentable state.
  - b) Remove their perishable food or donate it to another person stopping at the hut.
  - c) Take all their personal possessions with them.
  - d) Any personal possessions found in the hut after all persons have left will be assumed to be lost property. The Club accepts no responsibility for ensuring property left behind is kept safe. The Club will keep lost property for a period of at least 3 months, after which it will be treated as club property. The Club may decide to dispose of lost property held for more than 3 months by throwing it away, selling it or by other means.
- 8) The last person to leave the hut will ensure that:-
- a) All perishable foodstuffs are removed from the hut and that the rubbish has been placed in the blue wheelie bin located in the parking area.
  - b) That the gas is turned off at the cylinders and all lights and electrical appliances are switched off.
  - c) The doors and windows are securely fastened.
- 9) The Hut Warden's interpretation of the Byelaws and Code of Conduct must be accepted, but in the case of dispute a further ruling may be obtained from the Committee.
- 10) Club Tackle
- a) For trips outside of the UK tackle may be obtained on application to the Tackle Warden.
  - b) Members and Associates must be properly equipped and must take all reasonable safety precautions when proceeding underground.
  - b) Attention is drawn to Rule 13 of the Club Rules regarding liability.

- 11) The leader of any excavation shall be responsible for returning a full report to the Editor.