



Newbury Mountain Club New Members Welcome Pack



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NMC membership is **only** open to persons aged **18 and over**.
The NMC membership year is 1 January to 31 December.

Hello and welcome to Newbury Mountain Club, West Berkshire friendliest club for outdoor walking and mountaineering. We hope the following information will be useful to you...

Meet the team:

- President – Mark Conway
- Treasurer – Claire White
- Club Secretary – Marion Foster
- Trip Co-ordinator – Maggie Russell
- Committee Member – Gary Phillips
- Committee Member – Ann Shepley
- Web Master – Andy Moss

NMC and BMC membership

You can join NMC at any time but the BMC membership is confirmed on a quarterly basis. As long as you have provided suitable information on your membership form, you will be enrolled straight away with the BMC and during the next quarter you will receive your BMC magazine, membership card and a wealth of discounts for shops and retailers all over the country that you can use.

The remainder of the membership fee is used by NMC to fund deposits for trips, cover any shortfalls and general club administration. Membership is £30 for the year for adults, or £25 for students & unwaged.

Register your email and join the Facebook group

You should register your email address to receive any email communications. The secretary should do this for you as long as it is present on your membership form.

The Facebook site is used less than email from an organisational point of view but we do put a number of updates on there, especially photos during club trips:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/614172218663772>

Club communications

Much of this is done via email these days or on a Tuesday pub meet. The club uses the following email addresses:

- Internal Club emails = newburymntclub@gmail.com
- Committee = committee@newburymountainclub.org.uk
- Accounts and payment = accounts@newburymountainclub.org.uk
- Secretary = secretary@newburymountainclub.org.uk
- External = info@newburymountainclub.org.uk

Equipment and experience

A comprehensive kit list is detailed on our website. If you are a seasoned outdoor enthusiast most of this will be in your locker already but it is important to understand and appreciate the importance of some of the kit to keep you safe in the mountains. If you are short on experience and equipment, please raise this with the trip organiser and they will do their best to help you out. We like to support everyone where we can and quite often loan bits of equipment or offer guidance when out and about. We all have to start somewhere and you will find many of the clubs long standing members have a wealth of experience that you can tap into...

Booking a trip

You will typically receive a club email notifying you of a new trip or you will see it on the website under 'Events' and we try to post them on Facebook as well.

Please use the trip booking form on the website when you see something you would like to attend. The trip organiser will forward your request on and you should hear back soon afterwards, and you will normally be asked to pay a deposit that is typically £20 to confirm your place. Discussions surrounding the trip, routes, transport, meals etc normally take place shortly before the trip and you will normally be asked to pay the balance of the trip 3-4 weeks before the trip is due when the club normally needs to pay the remaining balance.

Attending a trip

During a trip we will typically all join together for a group evening meal but you will need to make sure you provide your own breakfast, lunch and drink for during the day and any drinks in the evenings. At the end of the trip everyone will normally settle the bill for shared food, drink and transport etc.

You may find that certain trips have people splitting off into numerous groups as people like to do their own thing or the whole group may stick together for the day. If you are to take a different route from the group it is essential that people know what route you are taking and have contact details as well.

Transport on Trips

Normally the trip organiser will co-ordinate with all those going on a trip a week or two beforehand and try to bring everyone together to keep things as simple as possible. Sometimes however this can also result in a flurry of emails amongst various people at the last minute as everyone has different plans.

Please assume that you may need to make your own travel arrangements for trips but most of the time there are a variety of options which helps share the journey and cost for everyone.

Payments

Payments can be made in cash/cheque to one of the Committee during a pub meet but the preferred way is online to the club's account. All payments for trips, deposits, memberships etc will be to the following bank details:

- LloydsTSB
- Sort Code: 30-95-89
- Account Number: 03344741

The trip organiser will ask for a reference for the trip (eg LakeDistrict-Q1) that we ask to be used for all payments to simplify the accounts process. When making a payment please email the trip organiser and also the Accounts email (see above) to confirm your payment, how much and for which trip etc.

Trip Feedback

We try to keep the website and Facebook up to date and like to post trip reports. Your feedback on a trip is always appreciated including photos. You can send these to the internal Gmail address

Running a Trip

We welcome anyone who can offer their time and efforts to organising a club trip and bring something new to the club or take us to a location we have not been before. We'd also be happy to help if you are unsure and would like some assistance or reassurance.

There are some guidelines that we have regarding planning and our trip organisers can share this with you.

AGM and Social Nights

Every January we have our AGM and organise a social night as well to award those in the club for their achievements during the past year. Examples of awards are: Highest altitude, best trip, best meal, funniest moment and of course the dreaded 'golden underpants' !!!