

Wessex Cave Club – Social Media and Electronic Communication Guidelines

Comments from the public (or members on exclusive members area sites) are welcomed on social media but must be monitored to ensure they meet certain criteria. The Wessex Cave Club, through its Management Committee, may remove postings based on the guidelines below.

The purpose of this site is to inform members of the aims and events associated with the Wessex Cave Club; give visibility to the efforts and accomplishments of the club and its members in furthering the club's goals; and to foster general camaraderie in support of cave and karst exploration, study, and protection. We encourage you to submit your questions, comments, and concerns, but please note that this is a moderated discussion site dedicated to serving the best interests of the Wessex Cave Club and the greater caving community. The Wessex Committee and its appointment group moderators reserves the right to delete posts on the club's social media sites/pages that contain:

1. Vulgar language/images.
2. Personal attacks.
3. Comments or content that promotes, fosters, or perpetuates discrimination or negative opinions on the basis of race, creed, colour, age, religion, gender, marital status, genetics, status with regard to public assistance, national origin, physical or intellectual disability or sexual orientation.
4. Spam or links to off-topic sites.
5. Clearly off topic comments, including but not limited to arguments over politics or politicians, discussions on religious beliefs and their credibility, or explicitly sexual posts.
6. Advocating or advertising illegal activity and/or misuse of cave and karst resources.
7. Promotion of particular services, products, or political organizations.
8. Infringement on copyrights or trademarks.
9. Another person's private personal data.
10. Private land or cave locations, including GPS coordinates, latitude and longitude, specific directions, or indications on maps or photos without express permission of the landowner.
11. Repeated or similar posts.

The Wessex Cave Club has the right to remove any topic at any time as we see fit. If you are unable to abide by this policy, please do not use these pages. Posts express the views of the author, and are not necessarily those of the club, committee or its general membership. By posting any material, you confirm, represent, and warrant that you have the lawful right to distribute and reproduce such material. The Wessex Cave Club reserves the right to amend these rules at any time without notice. The page admin and Wessex Committee is responsible for enforcing this policy in a fair and just manner. Decisions by the moderators on the suitability of any post, and the actions taken as a result, are final. If you have any questions concerning this social media platform or wish to join the Wessex Cave Club, please contact the club at membership@wessex-cave-club.org.