



Application for membership of the WESSEX CAVE CLUB

Please write clearly (especially your email address), in capitals if you wish

Full Title and Name Known As

Address

. Postcode

Telephone Home Mobile

Telephone Work Email

Occupation If a joint member, joint with

Date of Birth Gender Male / Female / Unspecified (circle as appropriate)

I hereby apply for membership of the Wessex Cave Club and agree (if elected) to be bound by the Club Rules so long as I shall retain my membership of the Club.

Signature Date

For applicants under the age of 18:

I, the undersigned, as Parent / Legal Guardian (delete as appropriate) of the above named, give my permission for him / her to apply for membership of the Wessex Cave Club, and on his / her behalf, I accept the provisions of the Club Rules.

Signature Print Name Date

We, the undersigned, propose and second the application for membership of the Wessex Cave Club, and vouch for his / her suitability to be a member of the Club. Re-joining members do not require re-proposing.

Proposed (Signature) (Print Name) Date

Seconded (Signature) (Print Name) Date

Applicant's Suitability (to be written by the Proposer and Seconder overleaf):

Circle as appropriate:

I am A FULL TIME STUDENT. NOT A FULL TIME STUDENT.

Info to show other members: ALL NO ADDRESS. NO TEL NOS. NO EMAIL. NAME ONLY

You will receive an electronic copy of the Club Journal & AGM Handbook unless you indicate otherwise below:

Paper Club Journal **By Post** **OR** **Will Collect from Upper Pitts**

Paper AGM Handbook **By Post** **OR** **Will Collect from Upper Pitts**

Circle if you wish to receive emails about: **Wessex Cave Club** **BCA Communications**

Membership of any other caving club / organisations

If you pay BCA membership (Insurance) through another club: Club BCA No.

Previous experience (write overleaf):

Reason for seeking to join the Wessex Cave Club (write overleaf)

Application accepted (Signature) Date pp. The Committee

Applicant's Name:

Applicant's Suitability (to be written by the Proposer and Seconder):

Previous experience (please state caves visited, with whom, and over what period of time):

Reason for seeking to join the Wessex Cave Club:

Membership Application Form Notes

1. Application forms for the Wessex Cave Club should be forwarded on to the membership secretary.

Membership Secretary
Wessex Cave Club
Upper Pitts
Eastwater Lane
Priddy
WELLS
Somerset
BA5 3AX

2. You will be notified of the amount you need to pay by the membership secretary once your application has been approved. **See notes 7 and 8.**

Cheques should be made out to, **Wessex Cave Club**

You will be informed of other, preferred, payment options by the membership secretary after your application has been accepted.

Please mark the reference as SUBS or SUBSINS as appropriate. SUBS if the full amount is for membership fee and SUBSINS if it is for membership fee and BCA membership.

3. Couples applying for joint membership must each complete an application form.

4. No application for membership shall be considered for any person under the age of 18 years who is married.

5. Minors who join the Club are required to complete a new application form, accepting the provisions of the Club Rules when they reach the age of majority.

6. The Proposer and Secunder should be established members of the Wessex, who have caved with the applicant.

7. The subscription rates are detailed below. The amounts due depend on when your application is considered by the committee and your preferred start date. Provisional dates as detailed below.

Committee Meeting Date	Part of Year to pay
14 September 2025	1 Quarter – Joining date 1 October 2025

Membership	4 Quarters	3 Quarters	2 Quarters	1 Quarter
Single	£44.00	£33.00	£22.00	£11.00
Joint (Note 1)	Each member to pay 75% of their rate (round up to nearest 1p).	Each member to pay 75% of their rate (round up to nearest 1p).	Each member to pay 75% of their rate (round up to nearest 1p).	Each member to pay 75% of their rate (round up to nearest 1p).
Student (Note 2)	£22.00	£16.50	£11.00	£5.50
Under 25	£22.00	£16.50	£11.00	£5.50
Junior	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00

Note 1. One journal. Each having a vote at the AGM

Note 2. In Full time education

Other fees (optional and only once your membership is confirmed) are:

Hut Key £10.00 fee (See HQ Warden for availability)

8. All members are required to be members of BCA either through the Wessex Cave Club or through another club. This is so that members will have Public Liability Insurance which is a benefit of being a BCA member. BCA 'Club membership' rates, Jan 2025 through to Dec 2025:

Type of BCA Member	4 Quarters	3 Quarters	2 Quarters	1 Quarter
Active caver	£24.00	£18.00	£12.00	£6.00
Non-caver	£8.00	£6.00	£4.00	£2.00
Under 18 years old on 1 st January	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Foreign members (not caving in the UK)	£8.00	£6.00	£4.00	£2.00
Full time Student	£10.00	£7.50	£5.00	£2.50
Already a BCA member via another club	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00

People who are members of more than one caving club only need to join BCA once, so if you pay your BCA membership direct or through another club (it is important that you state which club) please provide your BCA number on the application form.

9. Membership List. You can select what information you wish to be available to other members.

10. MCR Callout. For large rescues Mendip Cave Rescue organisation operates a procedure where members of the Mendip clubs may be called upon. You must register with MCR if you wish to be included on this list.

11. Some Criteria for Prospective Membership of the Wessex Cave Club

Have a keen and genuine interest in caving and its advancement.

Be known to the proposer and seconder, preferably to have been caving with them.

Be known to be honest and trustworthy.

Be willing to freely help with the maintenance and upkeep of the Club.

Be able to complete an application form sensibly.

12. Club Rule 8.1

"That every person, whether a member of the Club, making use of the services of a guide or guides, or taking part in any activity or expedition organised by the Club, or in which any member of the Club shall take part, shall do so at his or her own risk, and that he or she, or his or her legal personal representatives or assigns or dependants shall have no claim or right of action against the Club, or any member thereof, in respect of any damage, loss or injury (including death) sustained by whomsoever and howsoever caused notwithstanding any negligence of the guide or any members, or the body of members of the Club."

13. Data Protection Act

Your name, address, contact details etc. will be held on a computer to aid the administration of the Club. This information will only be used in the following limited circumstances:

By club officers and members to pursue the aims of the Club.

To mail the journal or other letters.

To publish a membership list. (See note 10 above)

To collect fees.

To confirm membership of the Club to external organizations.

For other purposes of the Club which the Committee or AGM decide are necessary in accordance with the Data Protection Act. More information can be found in the Privacy Notice on our web site.

14. It is not necessary to return these notes with the membership form.