

Guidelines for information to be given to new /prospective members

General

- Basic competency required – depends on what is intended. Bottom line- Belaying (refer to guidelines on yahoo docs). Traditional climbing- experience of removing gear.
- We do not provide training.
- Experienced leaders MAY take you out but the more training you have the more attractive you will be to them.
- Gear - Have some. Helmet, harness, shoes, belay plate at a minimum. Slings, carabiners and rope even better. Think about what suitable equipment you would need on a trip (ie to a mountain area in winter, ice axe etc..?). Always ask trip organiser if you are uncertain.
- We have regular trips; summer evening weekday climbing; monthly pub meets; Christmas party; yahoo group to contact other climbers.

Yahoo group

Members are able to contact each other to arrange informal climbing trips:

Recommendations for posting to find a partner: If you describe your level of climbing eg HS Trad or 5C sports, or that you can belay and second on two ropes, and indicate what gear you have, then other climbers are more likely to reply.

AMC trips are advertised here.

Posting guidelines: Used for anything climbing related.

No advertising.

When replying respond directly to the person who sent out the message, rather than to the whole yahoo group membership.

Trips

- Monthly in winter. Fortnightly in summer.
- Hut spaces are limited. Camping not usually restricted.
- Be proactive in finding someone to climb with before you go. For new members it may be that on your first trip you will be just getting to know the others there. You may find an opportunity to climb but it's best not to make that assumption. We appreciate everyone has to start somewhere, and most leaders are happy to provide advice to inexperienced climbers. But be aware that leaders often have their own agendas and preferred climbing partners, and a refusal could cause offence.

So to avoid disappointment, try to communicate in advance with all club members attending the trip to arrange climbing partners.

- Bring the right equipment.
- Check out the climbing and walking on offer in the area before the trip – guides and maps are always available from the club librarian. You can then assess a suitable area to climb and to determine the grades on offer!
- If you are concerned about finding someone to climb and don't want to take a chance then come along to the pub meets when you can , or use the yahoo group to make initial contact – to perhaps climb with them before the trip .