

Avon Mountaineering Club (AMC) – Yahoo Group Posting Guidelines

The Avon MC Yahoo Group moderators will attempt to refrain from overt censorship, the purpose of these guidelines is to ensure everyone uses the group for that which it is intended. If people stray outside the reasonable requests below then their postings may be removed by the moderators. If you would like to report a message that contravenes the guidelines below, then please use any of the moderator or committee members emails/message facility on the Yahoo Group.

General Behaviour

We encourage all members to make use of the Yahoo Group but would like to stress that it is primarily for the posting of messages related directly to the Avon MC, climbing, mountaineering, walking, and other outdoor activities as well as organising club related trips and social events etc.

Please don't use rude, abusive or politically offensive language - Messages which contain excessive and pointless swearing, or insults aimed at other people, or politically offensive language will be removed.

Please don't use even mild bad language in thread titles or starter posts - Messages with bad language in the title or starter post will also be removed no matter how serious and relevant the topic is. This is done because thread titles are picked up more readily by search engines and we don't want people to be direct to our group/Avon MC who are actually searching for dodgy groups/web sites.

Please be responsible for what gets posted under your name - We regard everything that gets posted under a personal profile as having been posted by that person. If others have access to your machine then log out each time you stop using the group to avoid someone posting something unpleasant attached to your profile.

Please don't post private information - Please don't post private/personal information about people you know without asking their permission first. This includes for example; posting the contents of emails without getting permission of the sender.

Please don't create second profiles - It is not necessary to create a second profile to log in from a different computer or location, you can easily do it on the same profile. Do not create second profiles in order to self-promote, or as an attempt to be anonymous in order to cause trouble.

Please don't post links to other sites without any description - Posts of just a link can cause problems since the content isn't obvious and people can end up going places they don't expect to. Please do not post links to sites which contain something which might be undesirable eg. loud sound files, unpleasant images or offensive language. Do not attach the words 'not work safe' to a post. If it isn't work safe, then don't post it.

DO NOT post links to pornographic, racist or other offensive sites - Anyone doing so will be banned permanently from our Yahoo Group and may have their membership cancelled without us issuing a warning. It is not acceptable to attach the words 'not work safe' to a post. If it isn't work safe, then don't post it.

Posting Etiquette

Please don't be anonymous - People like to know who they are talking to and it is polite to at least attach the same name to all your posts, so please DO, put your first and last name on your profile so that members may know who you are when sending/replying to messages. If you feel the need to be anonymous then you shouldn't be using the Yahoo Group. The moderators will consistently home in on anonymous profiles.

Please don't use the group to chat to your mates - If you must exchange short personal email messages, or supposedly funny one-liners which only a small, select bunch of members understand, then please send them a private email or send a text. Please don't post a message starting with 'FAO xxxx' - If your post really is only "For the Attention of xxxxxx" then send them an email or a text.

Please don't use the group to discuss personal relationship issues - These issues are much better off being discussed in private. We will not tolerate the practice of posting a message under the pretext that it is a general relationship discussion, yet in reality it refers to a specific personal issue.

Special Cases and Commercial Posts

Please don't post adverts or commercially related messages - We don't allow any advertising within the normal posts. However, some commercial messages may be beneficial to members e.g. a hut or cottage you may know of which can be rented cheaply or a project which may be of interest to climbers or walkers etc – If you wish to post a commercial or non Avon MC related message then please get in touch with any of the moderators/committee members first.