

MEMBERSHIP OF DERBYSHIRE CAVING ASSOCIATION

DCA welcomes membership of all who are interested in caving in the region.

A copy of the current constitution and other information on DCA is on our website at theDCA.org.uk.

There are three categories of DCA membership: Individual, Club and Associate. All types of membership receive Minutes of meetings and are welcome to attend the Annual General Meeting and the open Council Meetings, which take place 3 times a year.

All members receive Agendas, Minutes, Information Circulars and the DCA Newsletter, "The Derbyshire Caver", by email. Clubs and Individual Members may also be eligible to receive a grant from the DCA Cave Discovery Fund.

If you are interested in joining, download the appropriate form from the website, complete it and send it to the DCA Secretary. Once your form is in the Secretary's hands you will automatically be put on the circulation list, pending formal approval of your application at the next DCA meeting.

Individual Membership

Basically, DCA Individual Member subscription is £10 per year (reduced to £7 for BCA Direct Individual Members) and there is an entry fee of £2 in addition. (If you wish to receive a printed copy of the DCA Newsletter "The Derbyshire Caver" there is an additional subscription of £10 per 4 issues.) Individual Members have a vote at meetings. If you apply to become an Individual Member your payment for subscription and entry fee must accompany your form. Your name would be put on the circulation list but cheques would not be cashed until the next Council Meeting formally accepts you as a member.

Note that DCA itself does NOT provide PL insurance, this is available through BCA and to obtain insurance you must be either a BCA Direct Individual Member or a member of a BCA Member club. Details of the benefits and costs of this insurance may be found on the BCA website at british-caving.org.uk

Club Membership

DCA Member Clubs must first be Club Members of BCA, then membership of DCA is open to any BCA Member Club interested in caving in the region and there is nothing to pay DCA itself. (This is because BCA now funds DCA's administration, conservation & access and training expenses.) Member Clubs may be represented and have a vote at meetings. Clubs may request that a printed copy of the DCA Newsletter, "The Derbyshire Caver", be posted to their Library free of charge.

Associate Membership

DCA Associate Membership is open to non-club groups (e.g. outdoor centers) who must first be Associate Members of BCA. It is then open to any Associate Member Group of BCA interested in caving in the region to apply for Associate Membership of DCA and there is nothing to pay DCA itself. (This is because BCA now funds DCA's administration, conservation & access and training expenses.) Associate Members receive the same benefits as clubs but have no vote at meetings, although representatives are welcome to attend. Associate Members may request a printed copy of the DCA Newsletter, "The Derbyshire Caver", free of charge if they have a common room where it can be made available for clients or instructors to read..