



Newbury Mountain Club Welcome Pack



Meet the team

- President – Mark Foster
- Treasurer – Claire White
- Club Secretary – Marion Foster
- Trip Coordinator – Maggie Russell
- Committee Member – Gary Phillips
- Committee Member – Marta Rojnik
- Web Master – Mark Foster

NMC and BMC membership

You can join NMC at any time, but the BMC membership is confirmed on a quarterly basis. As long as you have provided suitable information on your membership form, you will be enrolled with the BMC during their next quarter you will receive your BMC magazine, membership card and a wealth of discounts for shops and retailers all over the country that you can use.

The remainder of the membership fee is used by NMC to fund deposits for trips, cover any shortfalls and general club administration. Membership is £37 for the year for adults, or £32 for students & unwaged.

Register your email and join the Facebook group & WhatsApp Community Group

You should register your email address to receive any email communications. The secretary should do this for you as long as it is present on your membership form.

The Facebook site is used less than email from an organisational point of view but we do put a number of updates on there, especially photos during club trips: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/614172218663772>

We also use a Whats App Community Group and if you have provided a mobile telephone number you will receive an invite to join. Once you have booked onto a trip most of the communication will be through a specific WhatsApp group for this trip, and is also used for attendees to share their photos of the trip.

Club communications

Much of this is done via email and/or WhatsApp or at a monthly pub meet, but you can contact us using the following email addresses:

- Internal Club emails = newburymntclub@gmail.com
- Committee = committee@newburymountainclub.org.uk
- Accounts and payment = accounts@newburymountainclub.org.uk
- Secretary = secretary@newburymountainclub.org.uk
- External = info@newburymountainclub.org.uk

Equipment and experience

A comprehensive kit list is detailed on our website. If you are a seasoned outdoor enthusiast most of this will be in your locker already but it is important to understand and appreciate the importance of some of the kit to keep you safe in the mountains. If you are short on experience and equipment, please raise this with the trip organiser and they will do their best to help you out. We like to support everyone where we can and quite often loan bits of equipment or offer guidance when out and about. We all have to start somewhere, and you will find many of the clubs long standing members have a wealth of experience that you can tap into...

Booking a trip

You will typically receive a club email notifying you of a new trip or you will see it on the website under 'Events' and we try to post them on Facebook as well.

Please use the trip booking form on the website to confirm the trip you would like to attend. The trip organiser will forward your request on and you should hear confirmation back shortly afterwards, and then you will need to pay the deposit to confirm your place. Discussions surrounding the trip, routes, transport, meals etc normally take place shortly before the trip and you will normally be asked to pay the balance 3-4 weeks before the trip is due.

Attending a trip

During a trip we will typically all join together for a group evening meal, but you will need to make sure you provide your own breakfast, lunch and drinks for the day and evenings. At the end of the trip everyone will normally settle the bill for shared food, drink and transport etc.

You may find that certain trips have more experienced people splitting off to do their own thing or the whole group may stick together for the day. If you are to take a different route from the group, it is essential that people know what route you are taking and have contact details as well.

Transport on Trips

Normally the trip organiser will co-ordinate with all those going on a trip a week or two beforehand and try to bring everyone together to keep things as simple as possible. Sometimes however this can also result in a flurry of emails amongst various people at the last minute as everyone has different plans.

Please assume that you may need to make your own travel arrangements for trips but most of the time there are a variety of options which helps share the journey and cost for everyone.

Payments

The preferred method is online to the club's account. All payments for trips, deposits, memberships etc uses the following bank details:

- LloydsTSB
- Sort Code: 30-95-89
- Account Number: 03344741

Please use your name and the trip in the reference field to identify the payment. Please email the trip organiser and also the Accounts email (see above) to advise them of your payment, how much and for which trip etc.

Feedback

Your feedback on a trip or walk is always appreciated. Please do help contribute to our social media by sharing photos, related articles or starting conversations helping to involve others and promoting our club.

Running a Trip

We welcome anyone who can offer their time and efforts to organise trip or day walk, helping to contribute to the club and taking us to locations we have not been to before. We are more than happy to help if you need any assistance or reassurance with this.

AGM and Social Nights

Early in the year, we have our AGM and award night to reward those in the club for their achievements over the previous year. Examples of awards are: Highest altitude, best trip, best meal, funniest moment and of course the dreaded 'golden underpants' !!!