

2018 Cambrian Caving Council Training Officer Report

There have been some significant changes at BCA level in recent times with the Training Committee being separated from the professional cave leader awards to focusing just on recreational cavers. On the ground this has not meant much in Wales but as a result there has been a push to advertise recreational training grants nationally. SWCC have held two SRT training events supported by BCA. SWCC are hosting a cave surveying workshop which has at time of writing applied for a BCA grant to support them. The Training Committee are looking to increase the pot of money available (BCA funded) to support more events.

CCC have historically been supported by Sport Wales for training events and this still exists but CCC affiliated clubs can also tap into the BCA funds. DCA have been running a "training scheme" for years to help support their clubs. SWCC training officer attended one of their workshops and was impressed. There is talk of expanding the DCA scheme nationally.

Personally I have organised and fronted two SRT workshops, one in South Wales that was well attended and one in North Wales that was not!

I am happy to stand for CCC training officer again but it would be good if people came to me with events that they want put together that I can help with or steer for funding and experts to run so that the event is well attended. In the past we have run photography, geology and bat workshops as well as the perennial SRT workshops. I will put together a South Wales vertical workshop for April.

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