

Cave Registrar Report March 2019

The Registry continues to expand with some 80 more sites added in the year. Most of these are not new but have been added from references found in old caving club journals which had escaped previous attention (the Croydon, Cwmbran, Hereford, and Isca clubs, in particular - I have not been able to locate any Brynmawr journals). Only from Pembrokeshire have new sites been reported to me by my, regrettably few, correspondents.

My attention has been drawn to some of the access data being (often long) out of date (including organisations, names and phone numbers which are unlikely to correct any longer). I do that consider the Registry should cover access to this level of detail, so plan to remove it. I would suggest that the access pages on the CCC website might be revamped to cover, and even improve on, this.

I finally got around to seeking out an old, hard copy of the Registry deposited on a shelf in Earth Sciences library reached via a labyrinth of corridors hidden behind the public display spaces in the National Museum of Wales in Cardiff. A brief view confirmed that most of what is online for caves (including the access notes mentioned above) originated from it verbatim. However, I found that there were many entries devoted to mines which have not been used.

I am happy to offer to continue in this role, including adding data on mines from the old CCR in Cardiff (where still relevant), but would be happier if I were to hear from users more often...

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