There has been a lot of discussion at BCA level regarding the composition of the Training Committee and what other committees it has links to. Historically the local cave leader and cave instructor award schemes where administered by the Training Committee. A couple of years ago the award scheme was separated out and these are now administered by the Qualifications Management Committee. The Training Officer sits on the QMC as a link between the two committees. The composition is of the Training Officer, regional council's training officers, a voluntary sector rep (scouts), Association of caving Instructor rep

and co-opted people. This composition is in the process of being ratified by BCA Exec but both committees are working well and there has been an increase in training events across all the regions. The Training officer has been encouraging more events and has been present at several. I am not sure exactly how this will affect our region. Historically we have had a budget for training in the Cambrian region that has operated independently of the rest of Britain. The training committee is trying to open up training events to all BCA members so that may mean that an event run in Wales is open to all that in turn means that those events receive funding from BCA, that in turn means that CCC may have money to spend on different things such as access or conservation.

We have just run a SRT workshop at Langorse Climbing Wall with 17 cavers from 4 different clubs with 5 instructors running the day. There is another event organised for November at the same venue and we already have one person booked on.







It would be nice to see other training requests such as geology, fauna and conservation in the area. I am happy to stand as Training Officer again.

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