

# Coventry Mountaineering Club

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## President's Foreword

Founded by Bob Cooper and fellow outdoor enthusiasts in 1952 the Coventry Mountaineering Club has continued to attract like minded individuals with a love for and a desire to explore wild places to pursue adventurous activities.

Mountaineering and its associated activities are exciting, enjoyable and demanding but also inherently dangerous. In response to this reality the Club offers its members, through its affiliation to the British Mountaineering Council (BMC), access to appropriate skills and training.

Membership including affiliation to the BMC is open to all over the age of eighteen with the enthusiasm to participate in the outdoors. Why not join us??

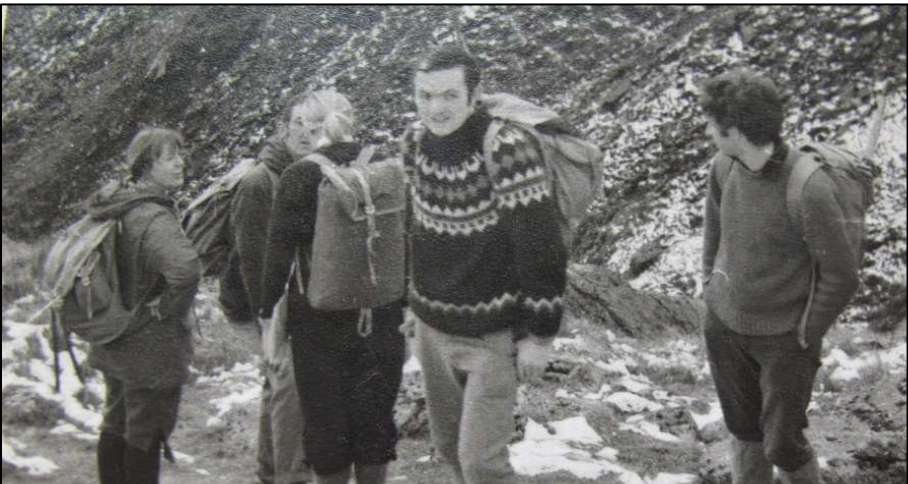
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**CMC President**



## History

The Coventry Mountaineering Club was founded by a group of outdoor enthusiasts in 1952 and had its first club event in January 1953 – a New Year's walk.

From this modest start the club moved swiftly. Within weeks of its establishment meets were organised in Wales, Scotland and further afield. Members arranged walking and climbing expeditions; coaches were chartered and hostels were booked up and down the country. As the club went from strength to strength, friendships were born and climbing partnerships forged on the rocks of Derbyshire and Wales.



As the club membership grew, trips to Wales became more frequent. Day trips were arranged to the hills in Shropshire, Derbyshire and the Cotswolds to cater for walkers as well as climbers.

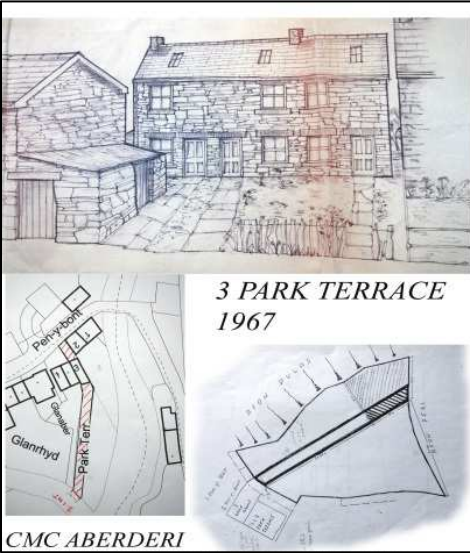
The programme of meets became more adventurous with club expeditions going to Skye and small groups to the Alps, Pyrenees, Picos de Europa and Dolomites.



## Aberderi

In the 1960s the club purchased Aberderi, a small terraced house in the village of Corris, for the princely sum of £140. This became and still remains the club's very own home in the mountains.

Over the years the CMC Hut has hosted many meets and has been lovingly cared for by a small succession of loyal hut wardens.



CMC ABERDERI

Aberderi is available for club meets and also for hire to club members and other mountaineering clubs. It provides a warm and comfortable base from which to enjoy the challenges of Cadair Idris and quieter parts of Snowdonia.





Over the years club members have enjoyed the many and varied challenges of the outdoors.





## Activities

Enjoyment of the outdoors is the club's main aim. In recent years members have added mountain biking, cycling, mine exploration and canoeing to the regular programme of climbing and walking.







In addition to the weekly gathering at the climbing wall, the current club programme offers a wide range of outdoor activities.

Events include a winter trip to the Costa Blanca, spring in Normandy, summer outings to mid Wales based on the CMC Aberderi Hut, visits to other parts of Wales such as the sea cliffs of the Gower, climbing on the Roaches in Derbyshire and walks in the hilly parts of Britain .

An autumn trip is arranged to the Greek Islands in the never ending quest to find sunshine and good rock. Finally the club year culminates in a social Christmas walk closer to home, usually somewhere in Warwickshire.









## Courses

There are opportunities to attend courses arranged through the club or the BMC.

Course levels cater for a wide range of experience from beginners right through to the more proficient.

Recent courses have covered mountain navigation skills and self rescue for climbers.



**Meetings:** Club members attend The Warwick University Bear Rock Climbing wall on Wednesday evenings from 7pm. The club meets socially every Wednesday evening from 9.30pm at the White Friars Olde Ale House, Gosford Street in Coventry City Centre.

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The Coventry Mountaineering Club is affiliated to the British Mountaineering Council: BMC Club No. 910244



