



Club Meets

a). **Booking a place on a Club Trip.** MKMC has to book huts months, sometimes years, in advance and it can be quite a drain on the clubs financial resources. Hut custodians often require full payment months in advance of our stay. Members wishing to book a place on a club trip will be required to pay the full cost of their stay at the time of booking.

Obviously the club does not want to be charged for unfilled places, so when booking the meet organiser will make an informed estimate about numbers. Places will be allocated to club members who have paid on a first come first served basis.

Members are welcome to bring guests if space permits. We operate a 'member first' policy. To promote membership, guests staying in huts will be asked to contribute an additional £2 per night above the member rate.

No refund is possible from the trip organiser or any member of the committee under any circumstance. If a member finds themselves in a position where they cannot attend a meet, it will be the responsibility of that member to find another club member to take their place and let the trip organiser know.

b). **The Roles of a Meet Contact, Co-ordinator or Organiser.** A member of MKMC designated as a meet 'contact' or 'co-ordinator' does not have responsibility "to ensure the safety of the members on a meet" or "to check route plans, clothing, gear and competence to fulfil the objective". The organiser is not a 'supervisor'.

It is the responsibility of any individual embarking on a club trip to find out whether they possess the fitness, ability, resilience and equipment necessary to participate.

On the trip, the 'Meet Co-ordinator' **will not** take on a role of supervision. If a group with a specific objective in mind has concerns about an individual's fitness, ability, resilience or equipment they should raise these concerns with the individual. If possible, the individual should be encouraged to join an alternative group which has an appropriate objective. If no alternative is available and/or the member insists on joining the original group, the concerned group should jointly inform the individual that he or she cannot join the group. Reasons should be given.

If a member repeatedly gets into difficulties, the committee should consider various means of expressing their concerns and obtaining the member's agreement not to participate in meets which are considered to be inappropriate for that member. Such means may include informal and formal discussion, through to the ultimate withdrawal of membership of the club. Any actions taken should be in line with the principles of 'natural justice', i.e. absolute fairness to both sides. formal discussion, through to the ultimate withdrawal of membership of the club. Any actions taken should be in line with the principles of 'natural justice', i.e. absolute fairness to both sides.

BMC affiliated club *"Climbing, hill walking and mountaineering are activities with a danger of personal injury or death. Participants in these activities should be aware of and accept these risks and be responsible for their own actions and involvement."*