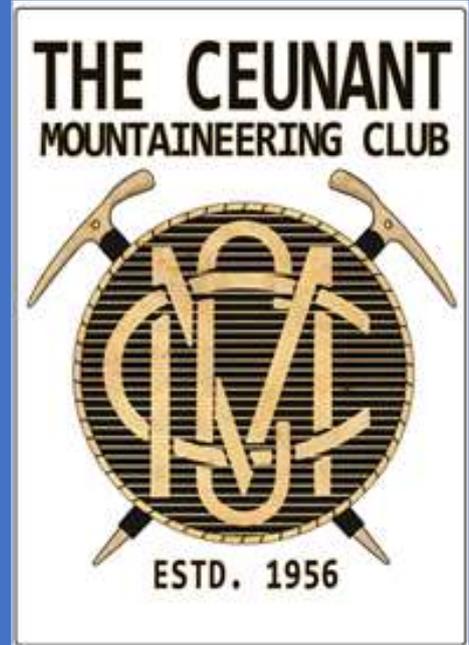


# Welcome Pack



# About us

The Ceunant Mountaineering Club is essentially Birmingham based, but rapidly spreading to include members from all over the Midlands and further afield. With around 180 members from several generations, a huge wealth of knowledge and experience from every mountaineering background can be found within the Ceunant.

The Ceunant meet every Wednesday evening, during the winter months this is more often than not at the Creation Climbing Wall, Moseley or Redpoint, Birmingham. Following a trip to the wall, on the first Wednesday of the month members will meet up afterwards in the Spotted Dog pub in Digbeth, usually by around 9.30pm.

In the summer we try to get out to the crags, however, being somewhat short of locations you might describe as “local”, this is not always as frequently as we might like! The Meets and Events pages on our website [www.ceunant.org](http://www.ceunant.org) give details of our Meets throughout the year, including any of the cragging evenings throughout the summer.

The club’s Outdoor Meets Secretary organises a varied program of weekend meets and longer trips around the UK, Europe and occasionally further afield. In previous years, these have included Chamonix and the Alps, Lundy Island, The Italian Dolomites, Corsica and The Canadian Rockies to name but a few. Several social events are held during the year, organised by our Indoor Meets Secretary these include our Annual Dinner in March, Christmas Party, slideshows, talks and curry nights.

Ty’n Lon, the Ceunant’s home from home, located in the dramatic Llanberis Pass, North Wales, has grown and developed over the last 50 years from a small Girl Guide Hut, to a fully-fledged climber’s cottage, right next to the Vaynol Arms pub in Nant Peris.

New members are always welcome, regardless of experience, an interest in mountaineering; climbing, walking, camping, biking, skiing or any other mountain sport is all you need, see the “Getting Involved” page and get in touch!

# Getting Involved

We welcome all new members to the club, with the only real restriction being that you need to be at least 18 years of age. Whether your interest is climbing, walking, biking, via Ferrata, ice sports, kayaking, sailing or skiing, we would love to hear from you.

There are several ways you can get involved; you can contact any of the committee members on the contacts page of our website ([www.ceunant.org](http://www.ceunant.org)), who will put you in touch with a member of the club whose interests are similar to yours.

You can contact the outdoor meets secretary if you see a meet you want to go to – most of our weekend meets are open to guests as well as members – so feel free to come along!

# Getting involved continued

If you are in the Birmingham area, just come along to either the **Creation Climbing Wall** in Moseley or Redoat, Birmingham on Wednesday evenings from 7.00pm. We alternate between walls so do check our website to see which wall we will be at. If Indoor Walls aren't your bag, come along on the first Wednesday of the month to the **Spotted Dog** (Corner of Alcester St & Warwick St, Digbeth, Birmingham, B12 0NH) any time after about 9.30pm. Just ask someone on the desk at the wall or behind the bar in the pub and they will point you in the direction of a Ceunant member. If you're the chronically shy type, just email our club secretary, [secretary@ceunant.org](mailto:secretary@ceunant.org) or post a message on Facebook!

## What are the benefits of joining?

The main advantage of being in the Ceunant Mountaineering club is that you can meet a friendly group of people in the local area with a similar level of interest to get out climbing, hill walking or mountaineering. We have quite a large membership for a local club with a range of interests and commitment in climbing, hill walking and mountaineering to suit new members.

**Meets program:** We hold regular indoor and outdoor meets. These can be evening meets, day meets, weekend meets and week meets. New and prospective members are welcome to attend we do try and pick areas where there are all grades of climbs (see meets program). Every month on the third weekend we hold a meet at our hut. This is great for new members to meet up with other members of the club.

**Newsletter:** We publish about 4 newsletters a year that informs you of club events and has write up of meets held. Any member can contribute to the newsletter.

**Hut:** We have a hut in Snowdonia, Ty'n Lon that members are allowed to stay for £5 per night. All members can rent a key to the hut allowing access at any time. Members can also take up to two guests, guest rate is £8ppn.

**Shop & Climbing Wall discounts:** The club membership card enables a discount at many climbing shops including Cotswolds, Snow & Rock. Discounts range between 10%-15%. The club membership card also attracts regular 15% discounts at Cotswold and 10% at V12 in Llanberis.

**Affiliation to the BMC:** All members resident in the UK are affiliated to the BMC as a club member. This gives third party insurance and the opportunity to obtain mountaineering trip insurance. You can also opt to upgrade to full BMC membership at a reduced cost.

## How do I join?

If you are interested in joining the club, you will need to be elected and seconded by two current members of the club. We encourage you to get to know a few people, and attend a couple of meets, which considering the very affluent social skills of most members, shouldn't take long. Once you have filled in the prospective application form, you will be considered for provisional membership. Initially you are asked to become a "**PROSPECTIVE MEMBER**" of the club for a minimum period of six months. This gives you all the rights of full membership, except voting rights at Club General Meetings. For example, you may use the club hut at members' rates and participate in all meets. As we get to know you, so prospective membership can be upgraded to full membership.

## Becoming a Full Member of the Club

To qualify for Full Membership of the Club you must be 18 years of age and have attended a minimum of a quarter of the annual club meets programme (approximately 3 Club meets excluding the 3rd weekend of the month meets at Ty'n Lon) during the initial six months of your Prospective Membership of the Club. Applications must be in writing simply complete the **FULL MEMBER APPLICATION FORM** and send to the Secretary. **FULL MEMBERSHIP** applications are considered by the Committee at their meeting on the first Wednesday of each month (excluding August). The Committee will look for:

- ✓ Evidence that as a prospective member you have supported the aims and activities of the Club.
- ✓ That you have endeavoured to build up your mountaineering experience.
- ✓ That you are competent and have supported the official Outdoor meets as often as possible.
- ✓ In addition, where necessary the committee may refer back to the two members of the Club that proposed and seconded your application for prospective membership of the Club.

Note, where a prospective member is unsuccessful then they will normally be invited to extend their prospective membership for a further six months to try and build up their mountain experience. Sometimes though it may be that the club is not right fit.

# Finally a few notes to consider

The Ceunant Mountaineering Club recognises and endorses the British Mountaineering Council's Participation Statement:

"THE BMC RECOGNISES THAT CLIMBING 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"

It is your personal responsibility to inform those around you if you have a serious medical condition that may affect your taking part in any club activity or trip. All Prospective Members must complete the prospective membership application form before attending an outdoor meet. This ensures that your details are logged on the Club Membership Register.

Please note that due to restrictions in full membership numbers if as prospective member you do not become a full Member within 12-months of registering, then your details shall be removed from the Membership Register. A fresh application would then need to be made should you still wish to become a member of the club.

**We look forward to hearing from you soon!**