

Application for Associate Membership



Name:

Address:

Postcode:

TelMobile:

TelWork:

TelHome:

E-Mail:

Year of Birth: (1)

Full Time Student:

College & Course:

Current BCA Member:

BCA Number:

Current Club name(s) or DIM:

Medical Issues: (2)

**Emergency Contact/
Next of Kin**

inc Tel Number(s): (3)

1.Year of birth is provided at your discretion for the BCA, under 18s can only join as Family Members.

2.Medical Issues are provided at your discretion. However, you are required to inform trip leaders and members at any caving trip you attend of any issues which may cause difficulties in the caving environment e.g. Nut Allergies, Epilepsy, Diabetes etc. In the case of nut allergies for example - arrangements would be made to request trip members to refrain from taking nuts or nut-based products on the trip.

3.Emergency Contact Details/Next of Kin may be provided if you wish but recommended

I have paid the appropriate fee and read the attached notes (pages 2-4) and agree to abide by the conditions of Masson Caving Group Membership

Signed:

Date:

By typing your name here and sending from your email, you are agreeing to the terms above and below.

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MASSON CAVING GROUP

Established in 1979 and based in and around Derbyshire with approximately 50 members, we cover an impressive array of subterranean interests to meet every aspect of modern-day cave and mine exploration.

A friendly and active group, we welcome anyone who is interested in exploring caves and/or mines. Whether young or not so young, newcomer or experienced caver, we arrange trips to cater for all abilities.

We cave in most areas of Britain including: Derbyshire, North Yorkshire, North Wales, South Wales, Mendip. In 2010 MCG had an expedition to the Berger, France. MCG Members have also taken part in other club's expeditions for example to Mexico, Spain and China.

TRIPS to locations such as Derbyshire/Yorkshire are arranged at weekends on a regular basis, with trips arranged on an ad-hoc basis throughout the year to a variety of locations, mostly local, as the opportunity arises. We have travelled further afield, to Ireland, Majorca, Belgium, France and Northern Spain in past years but such trips have not been arranged for some time.

We provide TRAINING on the various caving techniques used in caving to enable you to operate safely in the cave environment. MCG promotes good cave conservation practice and will also provide guidance in cave conservation.

MCG subscribes to the British Caving Association (BCA), is an active member of the Derbyshire Caving Association (DCA) and is represented on the DCA Cave Conservation Forum (UCF). We are affiliated to the Derbyshire Cave Rescue Organisation (DCRO) and have close links with Natural England (Formally English Nature).

MCG members must all be covered by the BCA Public Liability Insurance (PLI) which is arranged by the Group through the BCA. scheme. Nationwide, more and more owners and occupiers are requiring cavers on their land have PLI. They, along with some key-holders, are also increasingly asking for indemnity for themselves as part of access deals with cavers. Across the country, there are increasing numbers of sites where access depends on having PLI. All cavers must be aware of the risk they run by not insuring themselves against potential claims.

The Group has 4 membership categories as follows:

1. Associate Member (for new members to the club and is a precondition of full membership)

- a) The purpose of Associate Membership is for you to get to know the club and its members, and to see if it is right for you. Associate Members receive information concerning trips, DCA/BCA notifications etc. and other information generally circulated to the club membership. Associate Members become eligible for access to the Facebook Group. There will also be training and suitable beginner trips. If in doubt about the suitability of a trip, please contact the trip co-ordinator. (Information is always available on the [Website](#)).
- b) Associate Members have no Voting Rights or have access to the Club Library or Club tackle (ropes etc.)

2. Full Member

You can become a Full Member simply by: -

- a) Completing four trips (appropriate to your level of skill). These do not need to be official club meets but must be with other Group members. You log these trips in a log book and then submit them to the 'Membership Secretary' who will send you an application form for 'Full Membership'.
- b) At a club committee meeting, your application for Full Membership will generally be approved. (Note: it is the Group's right to turn down or refer applicants for 'Full Membership' if it feels there is a need to do so.)
- c) Benefits of Full membership include: access to Group tackle (ropes, hardware, etc.) and the Group Library; voting rights; the freedom to be able to offer and organise trips and events for yourself and other club members. Full members can invite their children under the age of 18 years, to apply for Young Family Membership.

3. Joint Membership available to two Full Members from the same family who live at the same address or partners who are living together.

4. Young Family Members, aged under 18 (see above).

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Membership Fees:

Associate Membership £10 + BCA fee £5 after July

Full Membership £15 + BCA fee

Joint Membership £20 + BCA fee

Young Family Membership £5 (for up to 3 young family members) BCA free to U18s

Fees for non-Student Membership to commence in period: -

1 Jan to 31 Mar - Associate Membership - £10.00 + BCA fee £17.00 per person - Total payable £27.00

1 Apr to 30 Jun - Associate Membership - £10.00 + BCA fee £12.75 per person - Total payable £22.75

1 Jul to 30 Sept - Associate Membership - £5 + BCA fee £8.50 per person - Total payable £13.50

*1 Oct to 31 Dec - Associate Membership - £10.00 + BCA fee £4.25 per person - Total payable £14.25

**"Subscriptions paid by Associate members joining the Group between 30th September and 31st December will be deemed to include their membership subscription for the following year." (from MCG Constitution etc.)*

So Oct-Dec, it is best for joining Associate Members to pay the full fee for the next year (see above, currently £27 from Jan 1st). In the intervening time to Jan 1, Associates may be covered by the BCA's Prospective Membership Scheme and will be entitled to all the benefits of MCG's Associate Membership. BCA fees are set by the BCA and their renewal date is 1st January (MCG renewal also 1 Jan)

BCA fees are lower for students or under 18s. (Currently £5/yr for Students, free for U18s)

see BCA fees here: <https://british-caving.org.uk/wiki3/doku.php?id=membership:cim>

Payment

You can arrange to pay by either of the following:

1. Bank Transfer to MCG's HSBC account as below:

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Please ensure you include the reference to ensure the Treasurer is aware of who has made the payment, and in addition - e-mail the Treasurer at: treasurer@massoncaving.com and CC the Membership Secretary at: memsec@massoncaving.com to confirm when you've made a bank transfer payment, please include date, transaction reference and amount paid.

2. Cheque: payable to 'Masson Caving Group' and sent to:

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Data and Privacy

Data: MCG take the protection of membership data seriously and will do everything possible to ensure that data is collected, stored, processed, maintained, cleansed and retained in accordance with current and future UK data protection legislation. Please read the MCG Privacy Policy which is included in the Group's [Constitution](#).

British Caving Association (BCA): When you join or renew your membership of MCG, your data will be given to the BCA who will use it for the management of insurance services and communications with you. See their Privacy Notice on the BCA website at [british-caving.org.uk/privacy notice](http://british-caving.org.uk/privacy-notice).

Indemnity

I am over the age of 18 years, and I know that there are serious risks involved in entering caves and mines and I accept these risks. I also understand that Group members bear a duty of care towards each other. In consideration of acceptance of this membership, I agree that MCG, its officials and the leader of trips shall not be under any liability to me, my dependents, or my personal representatives for any injury (including death or the effects of radon gas), inconvenience, damage or loss that I may suffer arising out of or in connection with my participation in caving, potholing, climbing, abseiling and walking.

I agree that MCG may use my data as set out in the MCG Privacy Policy which is included in the [Constitution](#) and confirm that I have read and understood said policy.

I have read and understood the above indemnification and by signing the Associate Member's application form, I agree to be bound by these terms. I understand that nothing in this disclaimer will affect my statutory rights.

Where to Send this Form

Please send the completed form either by:

1. Email to: secretary@massoncaving.com or
2. Mail to: *Redacted for web version*