

Hut Re-opening – April 26th 2021

As Covid-19 restrictions ease, we are at last in a position to allow access to the club hut. In line with guidance from the British Mountaineering Council regarding the reopening of club huts and within the legal framework from the Welsh Assembly and the UK Governments, hut use can resume but with the following restrictions in place.

The hut can only be accessed with a **prior confirmed booking**. Booking arrangements are as follows.

- From Monday April 26th, English Scottish and Welsh residents may book the hut. Travel is not currently allowed from N. Ireland. This will be updated as the situation changes.
- Bookings will only be accepted from a single member, for one party at a time, comprising an individual, a single household group, or a single social bubble. Guests are allowed within this constraint. This will be updated as the situation changes.
- Check the club calendar on the club website <http://www.xaba.co.uk/clubcalendar.html#contact-us> for the dates you would like to book. Check there are no conflicts with other bookings. (See below).
- Email Tim Sparrow on tspadger@btinternet.com with the dates of your request, the details of your party (names, ages, membership status) and confirmation that the party conforms to current English, Scottish and Welsh government regulations
- Await confirmation from Tim before proceeding. He will update the website calendar accordingly.
- There will need to be a clear 72 hour gap between bookings.
- You should arrive after 4pm on the day of your booking and leave before 11 am on the last day.
- Maximum duration of booking – 4 nights. No repeat bookings within 14 days of last booked date to allow everyone a chance.
- At the end of your stay you will be required to send an end of stay form by email to Tim Sparrow stating that you have completed the leaving arrangements. The form will be sent to you with your booking confirmation.
- Before leaving there is a requirement that you:
 - i. spray and wipe down with the provided bleach spray all surfaces in all used areas including the used mattress surfaces at the end of your visit.
 - ii. thoroughly air the hut by opening sufficient windows and doors on both floors for at least 15 minutes.

- iii. for maximum safety you are also advised to perform these actions at the start of your stay.
- The bathrooms are numbered and you will be advised which one to use to reduce cleaning and contamination risk.
 - Similarly, the sleeping bays have been lettered A to E. You will be advised which ones were used by the previous party.
 - Please bring your own pillow and mattress cover / sheet. The usual ones have been removed. You may also wish to bring a cushion as those downstairs have also been removed. You will also need to bring your own tea towels.
 - A risk assessment had been carried out and will be on display in the hut. It will also be present on the website and will have been emailed to all members. Please read this and comply with it.
 - A QR code for the property is on display. Please scan this with your mobile phone using the NHS Track and Trace app.
 - Don't forget to sign in and out of the hut log book and remove all belongings, food and rubbish!

Note: it is not guaranteed that your booking will happen, as these dates are government plans that could change at short notice. We may change booking arrangements at short notice as lockdown rules ease.

Failure to comply with these requirements will mean no further bookings will be accepted from the member responsible for the booking.

If any member of your party has any Covid 19 symptoms, please do not enter the hut or visit the area. Stay at home!

X-ABA Mountaineering Club Committee April 26th 2021