

Covid-19: update from the Anabasis Mountaineering Club, 12th May 2020

The Jones' are all well and managing

- Thomas and his family are all well and going about life on the farm
- They have been refusing bookings for the campsite as late as July and suspect that this will be the case for the rest of the year
- We have agreed to keep in contact as the situation develops, and he agrees with the following:

The Club hut at Garth should remain closed

- Whilst there may now be more freedom to exercise, and to travel to exercise, these permissions apply to England only
- Should the devolved Welsh Government make similar allowances, it is still inappropriate to make visits and overnight stays to Garth
- Making responsible visits to Garth would require rigorous cleaning protocols and convoluted social distancing measures
- It is unacceptable to put the Jones' at any risk

Also:

The Club may take a financial hit.

- Income accrued from external bookings and member use for the last three years were £1324 , £1407, £592 respectively*
- £592 in the last year reflects the efforts of our secretary in balancing bookings in such a way that we do not make a loss, whilst prioritising availability of the hut available for members*
- Last year was in effect a break-even year, and gives us a baseline for anticipating the impact of the current situation on the Club's finances
- Making corrections for nil gas use for the foreseeable future, £500 seems a reasonable approximation for loss of income due to hut closure
- We anticipate that increases to BMC Personal Insurance will cost the Club an additional £300, which will not be covered by the Member Fee increase until 2021
- *Therefore, we can expect that the Club will take a hit of £800 this year overall, reducing the Club's banked finances from £3600 to £2800 (approximations)**

*(Source: [Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Year ending 31st December 2019](#)) – thanks to Dave Atkinson for his investigation and calculations.

We may be able to secure compensation or grants from the Government or Sport England. These options will be explored by the committee.

Outlook for Outdoor Pursuits

- Sunday's announcement indicated that unlimited exercise and travel to exercise may be allowed from Wednesday 13th in England only
- Until the full guidelines are released in the Government document, it is unclear which forms of sports/exercise will be permitted
- Different regulations apply to Wales and Scotland, and the Counsel-General for Wales has stated "Our regulations do not permit people to get in their cars and drive to destinations in Wales, and that includes people getting in their cars in England"
- The [BMC have submitted proposals for resuming climbing and hill walking](#) to the Government and are awaiting a response

Dave Appleton, Chair 12.05.2020