



# THE CLIMBERS' CLUB

## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP (CONFIDENTIAL)

**Return pages 1 and 2 to**  
**Ian Gray, CC Membership Secretary, 23 Castle Road, Kendal, Cumbria, LA9 7AU.**  
To be completed with reference to attached notes and policies

<b>Subscription Rate to June 2006</b>	<b>£</b> (see note 1)	<b>Key £16</b> (Note 5)
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(Note 1)

### Personal Details

Surname	
Forenames (Note 2)	
Address	Date of Birth
	Home Telephone
	Work Telephone
	Mobile
Postcode	Occupation
E-mail	

### Supporting Members (Note 3)

Members supporting the application are reminded that the applicant must be known to them and that proposers/seconders should normally have climbed with the applicant

	Name	Signature	Date
Proposed			
Seconded			
Support 1			
Support 2			
Support 3			
Support 4			

### Administration (please leave blank)

Received		Newsletter		Committee	
PropLet		SecLet		Notification	
Sub		DD man		File	
Notes					

**Experience** *(note 4)*

CC Huts Attended

CC Meets Attended

Other Clubs

Please write relevant climbing/mountaineering experience below or any other information relevant to this application for membership.

I apply for membership of The Climbers' Club and I undertake to abide by the Rules as determined by the Club in General Meeting.

Signature of Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**Climbers'  
Club**

Instruction to your  
Bank or Building Society  
to pay Direct Debits.



Originator's Identification Number

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The Manager \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Name and full postal address of your bank or Building Society Branch**

**2. Name of account holder(s) (as on cheques)**

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**3. Branch sort code**  
(From the top right corner of your cheque book)

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**4. Bank or Building Society account number.**

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**Climbers' Club reference number**  
(To be completed by the Membership Secretary)

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**5. Instruction to your Bank or Building Society**

Please pay The Climbers' Club Direct Debits from the account detailed on this instruction subject to the safeguards assured by The Direct Debit Guarantee.

This instruction supersedes all previous Direct Debit or Standing Order instructions in favour of The Climbers' Club.

(Banks and Building Societies may not accept Direct Debit instruction for some types of account.)

**Please fill in parts 1 - 5 of this form and return completed to:**

**Ian Gray  
23 Castle Road  
KENDAL  
Cumbria  
LA9 7AU**

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**Member's Name**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Member's Date of Birth**

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**Signature(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

# The Membership Process

Membership of the club is not granted automatically. In addition to requiring the support of 6 existing members brief details will appear in the next available club newsletter prior to consideration and approval by the committee.

Applicants who do not meet the full requirements of membership e.g. insufficient member support may, at the discretion of the committee, be offered 12 months provisional membership in order to complete the membership requirements.

## Application Form Notes

### Note 1

The subscription is set annually. A rise in subscription within the constraints of the Retail Price Index does not need approval by the Annual General Meeting of the Club unless the rise is above the rate of inflation.

Members over 65 years of age or under 25 years old may apply to pay a concessionary rate based on half the annual club subscription.

The annual subscription is normally collected by Direct Debit. Please complete the direct debit form and return it with your application. Direct Debits are collected once per subscription year, normally in July, and completed forms will only be sent to your bank once your application is approved. Your first subscription will be required to be paid by cheque or other appropriate means and will be notified once your application has been approved. **Do not send cash or cheques with this application.**

Period	Full Sub	Concessionary Sub
July 2007 – June 2008	£39.00	£24.00

Members' details, including bank details, are held in a computer database. It is the policy of the club that these details are not released to any commercial organisation but contact details are published for distribution to all current members as part of the member's handbook. Changes of details may be published in the club newsletter.

### Note 2

Please indicate your preferred name by underlining or by enclosing it in brackets e.g.

William James Smith

William (Bill) Smith

### Note 3

Your application will normally require the support of existing members. The purpose of this support is not to restrict membership for exclusivity but to ensure that candidates are bone fide climbers with a genuine interest in mountain activities and to ensure that the club facilities (huts in particular) are used for the purposes for which they were intended.

Proposers and seconders are required to write in support of any applicants and should preferably have personal experience of the applicants climbing abilities. The words of support may take any form including e-mail or e-mail attachments ([membership@climbers-club.co.uk](mailto:membership@climbers-club.co.uk)). However a real name and postal address should be present somewhere i.e. an e-mail address and name by itself is not acceptable.

### Note 4

Use this section to outline your climbing experience. An indication of your normal UK climbing grade will be useful in helping to decide your membership. Any wider experience will be taken into account.

High rock climbing grades are not a requirement of membership but a degree of technical competence will be required as well as a genuine and active participation in climbing activities.

Attendance at CC meets or huts is not mandatory – in view of the wide geographical spread of club members it is not always possible – however information relating to prior CC or kindred club activities may be used as an indication of genuine interest in the clubs activities.

Membership of the BMC is not regarded as a climbing club membership.

#### **Note 5**

Members of the club are entitled to a key, which allows access to the huts and some controlled hut car parks. The cost of the key from November 2005 will be £16. The club is replacing the locks on all its huts from January 2006 with an electronic key tag system. Members joining from November 2005 will be issued with both a new key tag and an existing traditional key (while stocks last) for access to club premises during the changeover. The changeover is expected to be completed by the end of February 2006.

Current members holding a traditional key can upgrade to the new key tag for £6.

Provisional members may apply for a key but this will be issued with an expiry date commensurate with their provisional membership. The key fob can be upgraded, without charge, to unrestricted access on attaining full , membership.

If membership of the club lapses, for whatever reason (e.g. resignation or non payment of subscription) then key fobs will be electronically revoked on the locks. Reinstating a fob will require returning it to the membership secretary and may involve a small charge.



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## MEMBERSHIP - NOTES FOR GUIDANCE

Founded in 1898 from origins in Snowdonia, the Club has matured into one of the senior mountaineering clubs of Great Britain. It is a truly national Club with widespread membership and currently owns climbing huts in Scotland, Cornwall, Pembrokeshire, Derbyshire and Snowdonia. Club members may use the huts of other clubs through reciprocal arrangements. Membership fluctuates around 1000, and at present there are no defined limits to growth. Besides managing seven huts, the Climbers' Club produces an annual Journal, runs dinners and social events and a full programme of climbing meets. Climbing guidebooks are produced to cover the SE, SW, Pembroke, Mid and North Wales regions. The Club is a founder member and is affiliated to the British Mountaineering Council.

Membership criteria are that members may propose a competent candidate and providing adequate support is obtained from other members, the Committee may elect them to full membership. There is no probationary period. The route to membership is therefore a very simple one; get to know as many Club members as possible. Appended below are details from the Club Rules and notes on the Responsibilities and Privileges of Members in the matter of Hut use.

An Application Form may be obtained from the Honorary Membership Secretary or from the clubs we site at <http://www.climbers-club.co.uk>.

### RELEVANT RULES

Below are extracts from the Club Rules which are relevant to Membership:

1. **TITLE:** The Club shall be called **THE CLIMBERS' CLUB**. Its objects shall be to encourage mountaineering and rock climbing and to promote the general interests of mountaineers and the mountain environment.
2. **MEMBERSHIP:** All people interested in the objects of the Club as defined in Rule 1, shall be eligible as Members.
9. **ELECTION OF MEMBERS.** The election of Members shall be in the hands of the Committee, which shall decide upon a candidate's qualifications.
10. **CANDIDATE REQUIREMENTS.** Every candidate for admission shall be proposed and seconded by Members of not less than two years standing, who must have personal knowledge of the candidate. Both the proposer and the seconder shall submit a written report to the Committee in regard to the candidate. The candidate shall supply on the proposal form such details as are requested by the Committee, including particulars of his/her mountaineering experience and any other grounds on which eligibility is claimed. Any omission or inaccuracy in the particulars relating to the description of a candidate shall render the election voidable at the option of the Committee.
11. **ON ELECTION.** The Honorary Membership Secretary shall send notification to a new Member of election to the Club, and forward a copy of these Rules. Payment by such new Member of the subscription for the current year shall constitute an acceptance of the Club Rules. A new Member shall not enjoy any of the privileges of the Club until this subscription is paid, and, if the same is not paid within three months of the date of election, the election shall be null and void.
13. **SUBSCRIPTION.** The annual subscription shall be determined by the Club in General Meeting from time to time, subject to the Committee being empowered, without reference to a General Meeting, to increase the subscription to an amount no greater than that as last decided in General Meeting plus

the increase in the Retail Prices Index since that Meeting, and rounded up to the nearest pound. Members elected after 30th June in any year shall pay half the annual subscription for that year. Members over 65 years of age or under 25 years old shall be eligible to pay half the annual subscription.

**14. SUBSCRIPTION IN ARREARS.** No Member shall vote or enjoy any of the privileges of the Club until the subscription has been paid. The Committee is empowered to remove the name of any Member not having paid the subscription within three months from the time when it became due, but may re-admit him/her on such terms as it shall think fit.

## COMMITTEE POLICY

### MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO PUT FORWARD PROPOSALS ONLY FOR GENUINELY STRONG CANDIDATES

In deciding elections, the Committee will be guided by the following considerations:

- (a) An applicant is normally expected to show evidence of considerable mountaineering and/or rock climbing experience.
- (b) The Committee will attach particular importance to support from Members other than the Proposer and Secunder who have been with the Candidate on the hills, or who have met him/her in Huts. A minimum of four supporters is normally required.
- (c) The Committee may defer a decision on a Candidate or offer provisional membership pending an increase in his/her experience or further information.
- (d) Members are reminded that they should not propose or second Candidates who are related to them. Proposers should be aware that they have some responsibility for their proteges during the first two years of membership. Proposers and Seconders are responsible for ensuring that the application form is completed.
- (e) No membership application shall be considered by the Committee unless all criteria of Proposer, Secunder and Supporters have been satisfactorily presented to the Membership Secretary.

## USE OF CLUB HUTS

As a member of The Climbers' Club you have the right to use any of the Club's seven huts:

**Ynys Ettws** and **Cwm Glas Mawr** in the Llanberis Pass, North Wales;

**Helyg** in the Nant Francon, North Wales;

**R.O. Downes Memorial Hut** below Froggatt, Peak District;

**May Cottage**, near Pembroke, South Wales;

**Count House** at Bosigran, Cornwall.

**Riasg** at Roy Bridge, Scotland

Guidance for the use of the Club Huts is included in the relevant section of the Handbook; these points to observe when staying in huts are little more than common sense, aimed at ensuring the security of huts, their cleanliness and an orderly regime. **THE GUIDING PRINCIPLE IS RESPECT FOR FELLOW HUT USERS.**

**PLEASE ENSURE THAT ON ARRIVAL YOU IMMEDIATELY SIGN THE HUT BOOK.** People camping should also fill in the hut book. This is of prime importance as it announces your rights to be there and helps introductions. Members are asked to check that others are signed in so please don't resent it if you are asked.

Please do your bit to keep the hut tidy and wash, dry (using tea towels provided) and put away all utensils. You are requested to use a clean pillowcase from the stock provided in the hut.

Note that pets are not allowed in huts and smoking is not permitted.

At the end of your stay, you need to contribute to the general tidying of the hut so that the next occupants do not need to clean and wash up to make it habitable.

- When paying for your stay, use the special payment envelopes provided and 'post' them into the hut safe. In the interests of Hut security, you are expected to pay by cheque (made payable to 'The Climbers' Club') rather than by cash.