

## Red Rope's Subsidized Training policy

1> Red Rope has agreed to subsidize training for club members to attend certain training courses and to register for Outdoor Mountain Qualifications . This funding is subject to money being available in the training budget. Club members will be required to cascade their new skills within the club. This policy will be reviewed in 2015 in the light of experience and feedback from club members.

2> Mountain Training ( [www.mountain-training.org](http://www.mountain-training.org) ) is the body that co-ordinates the issue of outdoor qualifications. Their email address is [info@mountain-training.org](mailto:info@mountain-training.org) .From April 2014 Mountain Training has introduced 3 new qualifications:

**Hill Skills :** This is aimed at beginner hill walkers. It covers an understanding of how to plan walks, become familiar with the use of the map.

**Mountain Skills:** This covers skills in map and compass, weather, steep ground, planning and preparation etc. Both these courses require prior registration with the Mountain Training at a cost of £20. Both courses last for only 2 days. They are aimed at personal as opposed to group skills.

**Lowland Leader Award:** This covers route planning, basic map work, equipment, hazards, leadership and environmental and access awareness. The training and assessment are both 2 days each. After you have passed the training you can choose to attend a 2 days expedition skills module. Registration for this course costs £39.

Check out their website for other walking, climbing or mountaineering qualifications. A number of courses require

attending training and a formal assessment after a period of consolidation. It is anticipated that club members who have to undertake periods of consolidation will do so within the club. International qualifications are excluded.

3> In order to encourage greater skill levels among club members, the club has agreed to pay the registration costs for all outdoor qualifications with Mountain Training where the registration took place since 1 April 2014. This will apply irrespective of what band you are in.

4>The club hopes to continue with this policy until 30 June 2015. However this policy may change if the training budget is exhausted earlier. Club members will need to submit their receipt to the training officer and sign an undertaking to share their new skills and knowledge within the club.

5> Club members will also be able to apply to the club training officer for a grant to cover the cost of their attendance at a course run directly either by the British Mountaineering Council ( BMC ) or the Mountaineering Council of Scotland ( MCOFS). Red Rope is affiliated to both bodies.

Training for BMC club members include first aid, navigation ,scrambling and climbing.( see [www.thebmc.co.uk/club-training-courses-2014](http://www.thebmc.co.uk/club-training-courses-2014) for more details ).The cost is usually £75 for the tuition and accommodation but excludes food and transport.

In Scotland the MCOFS provides training course. ( see [www.mcofs.org.uk/events.asp](http://www.mcofs.org.uk/events.asp) ) These courses include

scrambling and first aid . The costs are £90 for tuition and accommodation only. They also run 1 day navigation courses for £35.

If you apply to the BMC to do a training course, you will need to know your BMC number. If you do not know this number, you should email the BMC at the [office@thebmc.co.uk](mailto:office@thebmc.co.uk). The same requirement may apply for the training courses run by the MCOS ( [info@mcofs.org.uk](mailto:info@mcofs.org.uk)).

There is no equivalent of the new Leaders fund in either Wales or Scotland. In Wales the funding is used at sponsoring leaders for the Duke of Edinburgh's award scheme.

The BMC subsidizes training at Plas y Brenin ( PYB ) for the general public.( see [www.pyb.co.uk/courses-bmc.php](http://www.pyb.co.uk/courses-bmc.php) for more details) .These courses cost £80 for 2 days non-residential or £100 for 2 days in the bunkhouse. These courses are not eligible for funding from Red Rope.

### **6> A number of conditions apply:**

Only certain courses are eligible.

The club cannot guarantee that your application will be successful as there are limited funds in the budget.

You need to have been a Red Rope Member for 12 months and can only make one application per year.

You have to sign a written undertaking to describe when and how you will use your skills to help other Red Rope members.

You have to pay for the cost of the course or Outdoor Qualification first and then apply to the club for a grant.

If the outdoor course you wish to do is eligible for a grant from either the New Leaders fund run by PYB or the Ethnic Minorities fund run by Mountain Training ( [www.mountain-](http://www.mountain-)

[training.org/latest-news/funding-for-bme-leaders](http://training.org/latest-news/funding-for-bme-leaders) ), you will be expected to apply to these funds first of all. After making these applications you can approach the club for funding.

If you belong to another club such as the Austrian Alpine Club, you will be expected to make enquiries from this other club about possible financial help before applying to Red Rope.

Funding is limited to the cost of the course only. It does not apply to travel or other costs.

Club members can apply for a grant to cover the cost of either the cost of the training for the award or the assessment for the award.

## **7 > The training grant formula**

The award will depend on what Red Rope band you are in.

Bands A & B will receive a contribution of 50%..

For Bands C & D the contribution will be 40%.

For Band E the contribution will be 30%.

For Bands F & G the contribution will be 20%.

For Band H the contribution will be 10%.

For all bands the maximum contribution will be limited to £50.

If the number of bands are reduced to 5, the rates will be 50%, 40%, 30%, 20% and 10% accordingly.

## **8> Other help with training**

The club wishes to encourage club members to undertake training in other ways:

The club will pay the attendance cost of any club member who wishes to attend the annual BMC novices training week-end seminar at PYB. This usually takes place every May. This course is aimed at experienced members and how they can train new members to either climb, scramble or navigate. Last year the cost was £50. This included food and instruction but not transport.

In order to encourage experienced club members to provide training for club members, the club has agreed to waive their accommodation fees and to pay for their transport costs for 2 days worth of training that the club member provides. This will only apply to national training trips. Regions can adopt this policy if they so wish.

The club will consider applicants from club members who are on very low incomes who wish to attend BMC or MCOS training events or register for an award with Mountain Training but are prevented from doing so by financial reasons.

The club has circulated details of various training courses to club members.

The BMC subsidizes training at PYB the national training centre in North Wales for the general public.( see [www.pyb.co.uk/courses-bmc.php](http://www.pyb.co.uk/courses-bmc.php) for more details) .These courses cost £80 for 2 days non-residential or £100 for 2 days in the bunkhouse. These courses are not eligible for funding by the club as they are already subsidized.

The club will from time to time run other training courses either at a national or regional level.

## 9> Enquiries

If you are interested in applying to Red Rope for a grant, it is essential that you spend some time looking at the various websites and researching the matter properly before approaching the Red Rope training officer.

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## **Appendix 1**

### **What is the New Leaders fund ?**

The New Leaders fund at PYB ([www.pyb.co.uk/future-leaders-fund.php](http://www.pyb.co.uk/future-leaders-fund.php) ) provides grants that vary from either 25% , 50% or 75% of the cost of both training or assessment for various outdoor qualifications in either hill walking, climbing and mountaineering. This fund only applies if you live in England.

The grant varies according to the shortage or otherwise of volunteer leaders in your locality. For example applicants who live in the London Borough of Bromley will receive 25%, the City of Bristol 50%, and the London Borough of Lewisham 75%. The grant covers most of the formal qualifications for hill walking, mountaineering and climbing. Detailed enquiries about this fund are handled by PYB.

( Email address is [info@pyb.co.uk](mailto:info@pyb.co.uk)).

Red Rope members can apply to the club for help on their share of the cost for the qualification course that they wish to do after the New Leaders Fund grant has been taken into account.

If you are black or from an ethnic minority background, you can also apply to Mountain Training for a grant for some outdoor qualifications. There does not appear to be any residential qualification for this funding.

You will need a reference to apply to this fund. The club should be able to help you to obtain a reference. At least 2 club members have made successful applications to the New Leaders fund.

Recipients have to give an undertaking to provide training. Funding comes from Sport England and could be subject to government spending reductions.

In Scotland Glenmore Lodge, another national training centre ([www.glenmorelodge.org.uk/about-us/sources-of-funding](http://www.glenmorelodge.org.uk/about-us/sources-of-funding)) has the Grainger's Volunteer Fund and the Individual Learning Account to help fund training courses for club members who live in Scotland.

### **List of outdoor courses eligible for the New Leaders Fund**

Walking Group Leaders (WGL ) Training 3 days typically costs £280 at PYB. Registration costs £39.

WGL Assessment £320 3 days.

Mountain Leader ( ML ) training summer training costs £550 6 days. Registration costs £39.

ML summer assessment costs £580 5 days.

Lowland Leader Registration Costs ( £39)

Climbing Wall Award Training 1 days costs £105.( Registration costs £39)

Climbing Wall Award Assessment 1 day £105.

Single Pitch Award training 2 days costs £215. ( Registration costs £39)

Single Pitch Award assessment 2 days costs £215.

Hill Skills registration costs £20

Mountain Skills registration costs £20

Expedition Skills Module ( no registration cost )

All these courses require registration with the Mountain Training association. Some require the completion of log-booked experience prior to assessment. A number of the courses will require a first aid course.