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**January 2019
Monthly Information Sheet**

Please send details for inclusion in the MIS by email to MIS@redrope.org.uk
Last date for entries for the February 2019 edition is Tuesday 29th January 27th
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If you are interested in any of these events, email nationaltrips@redrope.org.uk for national trips or the appropriate regional contact ('Regions' on home page)

NATIONAL CONTACTS

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LMC hut booker	bednight@redrope.org.uk Barbara Segal	Booking Flexible Bednights through the LMC Shared Hut Arrangement

DAY ACTIVITIES – REGULAR MEETINGS

Sheffield	Walks meet at City Hall steps ready to leave at 10:00 unless otherwise stated. Contact walks schedule organiser Stuart Bloom.	
Bristol & SW	Day walks usually take place on the second Sunday of each month. For more information and shared transport contact Anne Silber. During the Summer months we also have a programme of 'big walks', walks which are longer than our usual monthly ones, and are usually in mountain areas. Note that some of these are on Saturdays. For more information contact Andrew Worsley	
London	Walks co-ordinators Nigel Green and Nicola Saunders. There is a walk most Sundays details circulated usually on Wed via email. Details of previous walks can be accessed on the walks blog redropelondon.wordpress.com/about Social activities coordinator Dot Lewis. Meals out/freeby music/museums...	
Leicester	For information or to offer to lead a walk contact Heather Morris	
Merseyside	Fortnightly walks, the more demanding being on the second Sunday of the month. Contact Fiona Coyne or Pat Nicholl	
Scotland East	For information about any day walks organised by Red Rope Scotland East contact Matthew Crighton	
Scotland West	Fortnightly, alternating between Gentle walks (low level on paths or tracks for 4 to 8 miles) and Serious walks (five or six hours, taking in a Munro or similar challenge). Contact the walk organiser for directions and lift share. Leaving Glasgow 9:00 in Summer, 8:00 Winter time. Contact Shane to join our WhatsApp Group for up-dates and further walks.	
Manchester	Day walks usually 1st Sun of the month, weekends away and regular socials such as meals, pub nights, films, etc. Contact Karl Tonks	
Cov & Warks	Day walks, usually 3rd Saturday each month. Contact Pauline Lockett	
North East	Walks (about 8 miles) on 3rd Sunday of the month, meeting at 10.30 am at The Cumberland Arms. Bring a packed lunch, waterproof clothing and boots for the conditions. Contact Olya Bowers. See also regional website: https://toonredrope.wordpress.com/	
East Anglia	Walks on the second Sunday of each month. Also evening walks alternate Thursdays. Contact Sara for dates and details of these walks eastanglia@redrope.org.uk	

DAY ACTIVITIES – 2018 and 2019		
13 Jan	Merseyside walk to Worlds End, Llangollen led by Jennifer Mirdamadi	
13 Jan	Sheffield Walk led by Val Johnson	
19 Jan	Coventry & Warks walk led by Bruce and/or Viv	
27 Jan	Sheffield Walk led by Matt Carr	
27 Jan	Merseyside walk on the Wirral Way led by Pete Betts	
10 Feb	Sheffield Walk led by Liddy Goyder	
10 Feb	Merseyside walk in the Peak District led by Rod Kay	
16 Feb	Coventry & Warks walk led by Janet	
24 Feb	Merseyside walk in Gwaenysgor, near Prestatyn led by Jennifer Mirdamadi	
24 Feb	Sheffield Walk led by Stuart Bloom	
10 Mar	Merseyside walk in Parlick, Lancs led by Tony Birtill	
10 Mar	Sheffield Walk led by Marie Campbell	
24 Mar	Merseyside walk in the Staffordshire Moorlands led by Pat Nicholl	
7 Apr	Sheffield Walk led by Matt Carr	
14 Apr	Merseyside walk in the Berwyns led by Dave Symonds	
28 Apr	Merseyside walk, route to be confirmed, led by Madeleine Broderick	
12 May	Merseyside walk in the Ceiriog valley led by Susan Leask	
26 May	Merseyside walk, leader and route to be confirmed	
9 Jun	Merseyside walk in Arenig Fawr near Bala led by Fiona Coyne	
23 Jun	Merseyside walk to Aber Falls led by Dave James	

TRIPS in 2018 and into 2019		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please refer to the diary when planning trips and try to avoid clashes with other events wherever possible. Organisers please provide an address for sending booking forms. Please note that with all newly advertised trips the full nightly charge is payable on booking. If booking early please post date cheque for 3 months before trip date. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For National trips where an organizer is needed, You can book by sending your form and post dated cheque to Rebekah Bates, who will keep all forms either until the trip is full or three months before the trip, when she will contact all booked on to agree an organiser. 		
Trip dates Please Note: dates shown are for arrival/departure		
18 to 20 Jan 2019	Scotland Trip to Alex MacIntyre Hut at North Ballachulish (2 nights). 8 spaces. Excellent hut with good facilities close to Mamores and Glen Coe Hills. Application forms to Mickey McDiarmid as soon as possible. Cheques should be made out to Red Rope Scotland or by BACS direct to our Red Rope Account Sort Code 80-02-77 Account No: 00715058. If you pay direct please email Dougie Stewart to let him know and mark on the application form the amount you have paid.	
8 to 10 Feb 2019	Scotland East trip to Glen Clova, in the eastern Cairngorms National Park. 2 nights in the newly built Braedownie hut in the Angus Glens. The hut has a large living/dining room/kitchen, two small bedrooms with alpine platforms, toilets and shower. There's a wood-burning stove and the whole place gets really cosy! There is also room for camping outside. For more info see www.carndearg.org/club-hut/ Cheques should be made out to Red Rope Scotland or paid direct (preferred) to our Red Rope Account (Sort Code 80-02-77 Account No: 00715058). If you pay direct please email Dougie Stewart to let him know and mark on the application form the amount you have paid. Booking forms and queries to the organiser, Katharine Taylor.	
15 to 22 Feb 2019	National Trip for 7 nights: winter hill walking trip to Stair Cottage, Fylde MC hut: near Keswick. (Note change of dates) . 12 places. A comfortable hut in a beautiful Lakeland valley. 3 dorms, separate male/female showers, large drying room and 4G! Lots of variety and choice of walks including high level ridges, low level lakeside and woodland paths including a pleasant walk to Keswick and a nearby cafe - cake highly recommended. Organiser Becky Bates.	

8 to 10 or 11 March 2019	Scotland Trip for 2 or 3 nights to Newlands Valley, Lake District. Carlisle mountaineering club say of their hut "Facilities are both basic and appreciated by those wishing to get away from it all." The Scotland group have enjoyed several weekends there and will be returning in March. The hut is located a few miles from Keswick. Booking forms should be sent to Richard Bennett. Cheques should be made out to Red Rope Scotland or payment made direct to our Red Rope Account Sort Code 80-02-77 Account No: 00715058. If you pay direct please email Dougie Stewart to let him know and mark on the application form the amount you have paid.	
16 to 23 Mar 2019	National Trip for 7 nights. Winter Mountaineering trip to the Alex Mac, Glencoe 12 places	
12 to 14 Apr 2019	Scotland (East) trip to the Grampian club hut in Glen Etive, Inbhirfhaolain. OS Grid Ref: NN158 507 Map: L/R41. Lift-sharing options available from Edinburgh from early on Friday onwards, returning Sunday evening. 13 places. A basic but comfortable climbing hut, with a double sleeping platform, supplied with mattresses. Please note that the hut may not be suitable for persons with certain disabilities. Check with the trip organiser before booking for more details. Further details: http://www.grampianclub.org.uk/about-the-grampian-club/club-properties/the-club-hut . The hut) is ideally placed to give access to the Glencoe and Glen Etive hills. Within 10km are the 1000m+ summits of Bidean nam Bian, Buachaille Etive Mor, Meall a'Bhuiridh, Ben Starav and Stob Coir'an Albannaich. The Trilleachan Slabs are at nearby Loch Etive. Winter conditions are anticipated but for those who do not use winter hillwalking equipment there are a variety of lower level walks alongside the River Coe, the West Highland Way and on Rannoch Moor. A visit to the White Corries ski area with its chairlift and high level cafe (https://www.glencoemountain.co.uk) or the newly built Kingshouse Hotel (https://www.kingshousehotel.co.uk/) There are also some classic wild swimming spots in pools and waterfalls some miles upstream of the hut on the Etive River, where the water is warmed by flowing over flat rock surfaces in sunny weather. Cheques made out to Red Rope Scotland or paid direct (preferred) to our Red Rope Account (Sort Code 80-02-77 Account No: 00715058). If you pay direct please email Dougie Stewart to let him know and mark on the application form the amount you have paid. Booking forms and queries to Liz Murdoch. Early Bird Booking Discount available only until 12th January 2019	
17 to 24 Apr 2019	National Trip for 7 nights to The Cairngorms Club hut - Muir Cottage (Muir of Inverey) 12 places. Wed to Wed to include both bank holidays. Organiser: Sarah Bates	
3 to 6 May 2019	Scotland Trip: 3 nights at Inver Croft, Achnasheen, close to the Achnashellach and Torridon Hills (http://www.jacobitesmc.co.uk/inver). 10 beds are booked at present. Deposits by BACS to Red Rope Scotland, Sort Code 80-02-77, Account No 00715058 or by cheque (for 'Red Rope Scotland') to the organiser. If you pay direct please email Dougie Stewart to let him know and mark on the application form the amount you have paid. Organiser: Konstanze McLeod	
3 to 6 or 7 May 2019	Joint London/Leicester trip Spring Bank Holiday. 3 or 4 nights 17 places at The Darsham Country Centre in Suffolk, a very comfortable Woodcraft Folk house next to Darsham Station, with bedrooms for 2 or 2/3 people. (http://www.darshamcountrycentre.org.uk) There are good cycles to hire cheaply and lovely seaside/heathland walking. We are booking it from May 3-6 or 7 so people who are able to can stay the Monday night to avoid Bank Holiday traffic and engineering works on the trainline. if you want to stay the extra night, please say so and include the extra cost in your booking cheque. Organiser Pam Case	
16 to 20 May 2019	West Midlands 4 day trip to Alston YHA. Hadrian's Wall, Cross Fell, High Cup Nick and Northern Teesdale all accessible with short drive. 12 places. Booking forms to Janey Hewitt. Please note charges are double that of normal band rates due to YHA prices. Early booking discount until Thursday 16th Feb. Cheques payable to West Midlands Red Rope. Contact Trip Organiser Fiona Scanlan for further information.	
17 to 19 May 2019	Merseyside Trip for 2 nights at The Climbers Club Hut, the Old Schoolhouse, Grange, Borrowdale. It's a comfortable hut in a beautiful area, near to Keswick. Only 8 places! Booking forms, cheques and enquiries to Dot Callaway.	
26 May to 2 Jun 2019	National Trip for 7 nights (Note: Sunday to Sunday) to Kilmory Haven, Arran Up to 23 places in a bunkhouse on the south of the island, on the bus route to allow for linear coastal walks or trips to fells in the north. Also easy walk to the beach. Trip at 1.5x normal band rate (to be reviewed depending on numbers attending) Organiser: Linda Goss	

14 to 17 Jun 2019	Scotland Trip: 3 nights in glorious Glen Affric at Strawberry Cottage, 12 places. The hut has electricity though otherwise fairly basic, but is in an idyllic location at the heart of Glen Affric surrounded by Munros with wild swimming opportunities in the river. Note it's a 5-mile walk or cycle to the hut from the road end. Two cars can be taken in if anyone volunteers their vehicle, but it's a rough track! Booking forms and cheques made out to 'Red Rope Scotland' to the organiser, OR pay by BACS to Red Rope Scotland, sort code 80-02-77, account no 00715058. If you pay direct please email Dougie Stewart to let him know and mark on the application form the amount you have paid. Organiser: Helen Todd	
14 to 16 Jun 2019	National Committee trip to Cae Ysgubor, Beddgelert. 12 places in two rooms in this comfortable and well-equipped hut with access to hills (including Snowdon) other walks and easy walk to village centre. Contact Becky Bates pending details of organiser.	
21 to 23 Jun 2019	Merseyside Trip: 2 nights at Croesor Valley, near Port Madoc, NW Wales. Handy for Cnicht and the Moelwyns. 8 places. Booking forms, cheques and enquiries to Dot Callaway.	
19 to 22 July 2019	Scotland East trip to Skye. 3 nights at the Glen Brittle Memorial Hut, situated close to the Skye Cuillins in a sheltered glen to the south west of the Ridge. The path to Sgurr Dearg and the "Inn Pin" starts at the Hut and other parts of the famous Cuillin Ridge may be accessed easily. For those wishing for less challenging terrain, Loch Brittle beach is nearby and there are also excellent low-level coastal walks. A major hut refurbishment has recently been completed with new showers, drying room, kitchen, and gas cooking and heating. There is now also a land line: 01478 640 216. This is free of charge but donations are encouraged. Booking forms to Ian Humphrey, payment either by cheque or preferably BACS transfer: Sort code 80-02-77 Account number 00715058. Please put your name and Glen Brittle as the reference. Early-bird discount until April 19th 2019.	
16 to 19 Aug 2019	Scotland Trip 3 nights in a bunkhouse among the stunning coastal mountain scenery near Skye at Kintail Outdoor Centre, 10 places. Hut info: https://www.nts.org.uk/Holidays/Specialist-properties/Base-Camps . Booking forms and cheques made out to 'Red Rope Scotland' to the organiser, OR pay by BACS to Red Rope Scotland, sort code 80-02-77, account no 00715058. If you pay direct please email Dougie Stewart to let him know and mark on the application form the amount you have paid. Organiser: Malcolm Bruce	
27 to 29 Sept 2019	RR National Weekend and AGM, St Michaels Education Centre, Hathersage, Peak District. 35 places in luxurious accommodation! Lots to do in this top area. http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/outdoor-and-environmental-education/outdoor-education/st-michaels Enquiries to Humphrey Southall. Booking form to be posted on Red Rope website in due course.	
11 to 14 Oct 2019	Scotland Trip: 3 nights in stunning Glenfinnan. 10 beds booked in the Glenfinnan Sleeping Car, an old converted railway carriage: https://glenfinnanstationmuseum.co.uk/facilities/sleeping-car/ Bring sleeping bags. Something for everyone: mountains, Loch Sheil, the Arisaig coastline, and autumn colours! Deposits ideally online to Red Rope Scotland, Sort Code 80-02-77, Account No 00715058. If you pay direct please email Dougie Stewart to let him know and mark on the application form the amount you have paid. If sending a cheque please make out to Red Rope Scotland and enclose with your booking form to the organiser, Maia Forrester.	
12-17 Oct 2019	National trip: 5 nights (Saturday to Thursday) Cae Ysgubor, Beddgelert. 10 places in two rooms in this comfortable and well-equipped hut with access to hills (including Snowdon) other walks and easy walk to village centre. Optional training day on the Monday on developing skills for scrambling. Contact Becky Bates pending details of organiser.	
29 Dec to 3 Jan 2020	National trip: 5 nights to the Lowstern hut, Clapham. 12 places https://www.climbers-club.co.uk/venues/yorkshire-ramblers-club-huts/ Contact Becky Bates pending details of organiser.	

CLIMBING

All regions welcome beginners. Contact your nearest regional group for more details

Bristol & South West	We have an active summer schedule climbing outdoors at least once a week, through the winter we vary across the climbing walls in the area. Contact Colin Knowles	
Leicester	Meet at The Tower, Beaumont Leys Leisure Centre every Monday and	

	Wednesday 5-8pm. Contact Pravin	
Manchester	Contact Sue Whittle. Occasional meets at either at Manchester Climbing Centre or Awesome Walls in Stockport or outdoors in summer	
Merseyside	Usually climb at Awesome Walls, Great Howard Street in poor weather or local crags in good weather. Contact Tony Birtill	
Scotland East	Climbing: Wednesday or Thursday evening	
Scotland West	Climbing once a week, in winter and when wet at Glasgow Climbing Centre, usually Wednesdays. Contact Nick Kempe	
Sheffield	Contact needed – please contact MIS Editor or committee member	

NOTICES

Scotland West Planning Meeting Thursday 10th January 7:00 pm: Milk Cafe, 452 Victoria Rd, Govanhill, G42 8YU.

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Subsidised Training Courses

BMC Club Training Courses - see diary for dates

These courses are very popular and get booked up quickly. Red Rope will subsidize members to attend. The current subsidy rates for the new income bands 4 are: 50% (Band 1), 40% (Band 2), 30% (Band 3), 20% (Band 4), 10% (Band 5). Full details are contained in the training section of the club website.

Mountain Council of Scotland also runs training courses. (<http://www.mcofs.org.uk/events.asp>) These are only open to club members who live in Scotland, whereas all BMC courses are open to club member irrespective of where they live.

Glenmore Lodge also run mountaineering courses near Aviemore in Scotland.

Please contact Plas y Brenin, the BMC, the Mountaineering Council of Scotland or Glenmore Lodge for further details of their courses. Any enquiries about Red Rope club policy should be directed to the Red Rope Training Officer (training@redrope.org.uk). The training section of the club website also contains details of help the club can provide to members who wish to undertake formal outdoor courses.

Walking Equipment There is a checklist on the website - Useful for everyone to be safe and properly equipped on your walks. <https://www.redrope.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Advice-Sheets-Equipment-Hill-Walking.pdf> Posted by M. Hargaden

Booking The LMC Huts

Both the LMC huts, Cae Ysgubor in Beddgelert and The Loft at Blea Tarn, are available for regional trips and individual bookings. Full details of the huts can be found on the LMC website here: <http://lancsmc.org/lmc/>. Bookings for individuals or small groups are independent of organised Red Rope trips and can be made only by paid-up club members. In order to use the Beddgelert hut you will need to obtain a personalised key fob, for which a deposit of £20 is required. This can take a month or more to arrange, so make sure that you apply in good time before your first visit to the hut. Rates and booking arrangements differ for the two huts, and are subject to change, so please see the Red Rope website for further details. Queries should be addressed to Barbara Segal at bednight@redrope.org.uk. Please do not contact LMC direct

Membership Charges

All Red Rope charges are variable according to income. Full details of current membership fees and trip charges are listed on our website at <http://www.redrope.org.uk/join/membership-charges/> and <http://www.redrope.org.uk/activities/trips/trip-charges/>