Trips sub-group meeting 2:
23.01.23

Agenda	Minutes	Action
Present: **Apologies:**	Becky Bates, Sarah Bates, Yvonne Hosker, Janet Saunders, Janey Hewitt, Steve Wright Pravin Patel, Pete Watson, Adrian Jones	
1. Trips for 2023 Already booked: Feb Aviemore chalet style house - full March Alex Mac hut - spaces March Peaks cottage - full April Longthwaite Lakes cottage - full May Ronnan Cottage/ hut - full June Torridon cottage - full June The Gathering, bunkhouse- spaces July Duddon Valley hut - spaces July Longthwaite - spaces Oct Bryn Goleu - full	**Extra ideas discussed** Training – previous training worked well with 1 day with trainers, second day making use of what has been leaned without trainer CY is a good venue but is further to travel especially for a weekend so Peaks preferable in Yvonne – night navigation could be useful. Peaks prob best - more accessible and suitable terrain. Autumn best for darkness needed earlier in the day for night nav. and we have no trip booked for November Wyndell Cruck Cottage (booked for a week in March and available in Nov) is suitable as it has 9 single beds but is £477 for 3 nights (£500 for 7) Or we could book one of the huts or a YHA First Aid training would be useful to arrange – 1 day would be adequate and in the summer as there is likely to be standing around during the training Again the Peaks would be accessible but a cottage too expensive in high season so it would have to be a hut or camping A trainer might have a venue they use – with or without accom. so this needs research.	SB/RB to compare cost of YHA, huts and book for Nov RB contact Lupine Consult NC on venue and date - could be 2024

Possible additional trips in August/September - 3 or 4 nights camping or hut trips ? November - out of season cottage? 2024 winter trip accommodation will need booking - where? NW or NE Highlands?	Keep eye on N Wales Nov. trip numbers – if a long reserve list could book extra week Longthwaite is going up in price. Garlies Lodge – again? – we can look at dates for Oct or Spring 24, v good value and esp for Autumn or early spring – accounting for included heating and lack of midges Janey - suggested Northumberland or Shropshire – Yv hard to find accom. In Shropshire – ?camping Rattlinghope, Janet suggested YHA, (Bridges YH), or indie hostel at Stokes Barn, Much Wenlock, Camping option ?NT campsites, check prices – for camping – sites they can be expensive, especially if everyone has individual tents, and camping has issues with communal cooking and weather 2024 Winter mountaineering tip to be discussed at this year's trip in Feb.	SB to contact Ralph who is organising existing trip RB/SB to check out some of these Any other ideas from anyone
Becky's analysis of 2022 trips (see Tables below)o	A very positive year. For 2023 we have 10 trips booked which may be enough tho 7 of these full and 2 with spaces are less than a week so there may be interest in more week-long trips.	Consult NC about poss Aug/sept to Shropshire (for a small group (trip suggested by JH)
2. Dogs in huts A member from Scotland region has asked us to consider banning dogs from RR trip accommodation for reasons of clarity. Discuss	Most huts do not allow dogs and it was decided some time ago not to allow dogs in huts. Tricky tho, because a lot of trips are now to cottages and many do allow dogs so we need a policy Take to NC and include on website as a policy – for National trips? Perhaps regions can allow dogs if everyone was happy - (but there lies the issue) We suggest: • No dogs in accommodation - huts, bunk houses or dog friendly cottages • Assistance dogs only allowed in huts through agreement with the hut owners • Dogs allowed on trips but to sleep in vehicles Our club has lost long standing issues with dogs on trips and also dogs on walks so we may need to come up with some guidelines for walks as well i.e. keep on leads	RB/SB

3. ..Covid Following further advice form Gill Cox, , we suggest continuing to require a LFT before trips and taking a test halfway through the week on week-long trips. Any people testing positive will make arrangements to leave trip early or isolate, whichever is appropriate/possible	Article for Bulletin it was agreed that we should continue with this protocol and a short article will be prepared for the Bulletin to reaffirm this Slight changes may be needed to the document on the website – to reflect current national guidance etc Pre-trip meetings to continue, and to continue to cover the issues	RB/SB RB/SB Trip organisers
4. Other action Contact women from navigation training with short survey Continue to reserve 2 places for members new to trips	There were quite a few new and returning members on this training trip earlier in 2022; Becky to email Nav. Trip Organiser who can contact all trip participants to ask - What attracted them to the trip? What did they enjoy? Would they go on another trip? This policy seems to be working well with new and returning members joining trips, (and 'new' people organising national trips as well)	RB
5. AOB Shorter trips for those working, a member has asked about these .	SW pointed out that national trips have always been seen as almost always week-long. Encourage regions to organize 2 or 3 night trips and emphasise that all members can go on all trips. Ask NC to encourage regions to do at least 1 weekend trip each year Regions don't give priority to their regional members and anyone can book onto them. Joint trips between different regions are another option – especially if a region/member is unused to organising. And advice can be obtained from other experienced organisers or nat. trips secs. Write on this for for Bulletin and include info on success of '22 Nat trips and even mor planned for '23 but we cant do it all	RB/SB Ask NC to support and promote this to regions RB

FYI: Some analysis of trips in 2022

Trip	Number of nights	Number on trip	New members	Returning members	Regulars
Feb. Aviemore	7	12	1	0	11
Apr. Navigation	2	11	10	1	0
Apr. Kinder Trespass	3	21	1	9	11
May Scotland:	7	7	0	1	6
July Lakes	7	9	0	0	9
Sept. Rosedale Abbey	7	13	2	2	9
Oct. Galloway	7	9	0	4	5
Nov. Isle of Wight	7	7	1	0	6

No. of trips attended	1 trip	2 trips	3 trips
No. of people	48	17	8