

Red Rope Annual General Meeting

Saturday 5th April 4pm on Zoom

Agenda

1. Introduction by the chair and naming of person/s taking minutes
2. Approval of the minutes from 2024 AGM, held on 13 April 2024
3. Matters arising from the minutes
4. Statement by the Club's Treasurer and questions (circulated).
5. Reports from officers and regions (circulated)
6. Election of officers
7. Constitutional amendments, policy resolutions and other resolutions
8. AOB and provisional date for next AGM- March 28th 2026

Minutes of the AGM held 13th April 2024 : file is attached or find them at www.redrope.org.uk under Governance tab/ Committee and AGM minutes

Current Officers and Vacancies

Please note that any member can stand for any position, and current officers may be willing to “pass on” their role to a new person. Please consider too standing for vacant posts. Every region is also entitled to a rep on the National Committee.

Secretary: Pete Watson

Assistant Secretary: Steve Wright

Treasurer: Humphrey Southall

National Trips Organisers: Becky Bates/Sarah Bates

National Trips Treasurer: Hugh Wallis

Membership Secretary: Gill Platt

Bulletin Editor: Dave Symonds

Website Officer: Janet Saunders

Monthly Information Sheet Editor: Jon Marsden

BMC rep: Peter Billington

Mountaineering Scotland Rep: Helen Todd

Safeguarding Officer: Sue Whittle

Ramblers Rep: Vacant

Training Officer: Vacant

Publicity Officer: Vacant

IT Officer: Vacant

Hut Liaison Officer: Vacant

Auditor (not on National Committee)

Brian Greer

Reports from National Officers

Secretary's Report- Pete Watson

The world in 2025 is a more dangerous and unpredictable place with the election of Donald Trump. While the situation in the Ukraine grabs the headlines, the killing of thousands of Palestinians in Gaza and the occupied territories continues.

Our AGM passed a motion last year calling for a ceasefire in Gaza. I sent this motion to many mayors and relevant government departments. The only reply we received was a standard reply from the Foreign Office which perhaps sums up the establishment's attitude.

As a socialist club we also care about the planet. I'd like to make a particular mention of one of our members, Trudi Warner. She became famous (or infamous!), for holding a placard on the rights of juries to acquit outside a trial of climate activists. The new solicitor general has decided not to continue the long running campaign by her Tory predecessor to prosecute Trudi for contempt of court.

During the year we donated to the Right to Roam campaign and promoted the British Mountaineering Council's election manifesto that calls for wider access to the countryside. We held a discussion in the Bulletin about the policies on land access and ownership that we thought the incoming Labour Government should implement.

Club finance has also been a big issue which will be dealt with at the AGM meeting.

One of the highlights of the year was the Gathering in the peak district. I am personally hoping there is as much cake there as last year!

We had an in-depth discussion at the National Committee, trips group and in the Bulletin about trip safety. We still will subsidise members who want to go on relevant training such as first aid or navigating.

Our membership has slightly increased from last year's AGM to 327 currently. I would encourage all regions to plan some more "public" and well-advertised walks to spread the word about our club, which is unique and would attract many more members if they knew about us!

Thanks to all the members who volunteer to do all the tasks great and small that keeps our club active. And I would ask members to consider volunteering to help run our national club. We have several vacant posts, and we would also welcome regional reps to participate in our meetings. We meet four times a year as a national committee, usually on zoom.

Finally, a big thank you to Dave Doody who has been a stalwart of the club over the years and who has decided to stand down as IT officer for the club. Dave introduced me to Red Rope so he's to blame!

National Treasurer's Report

Red Rope Annual Accounts 2019-2024

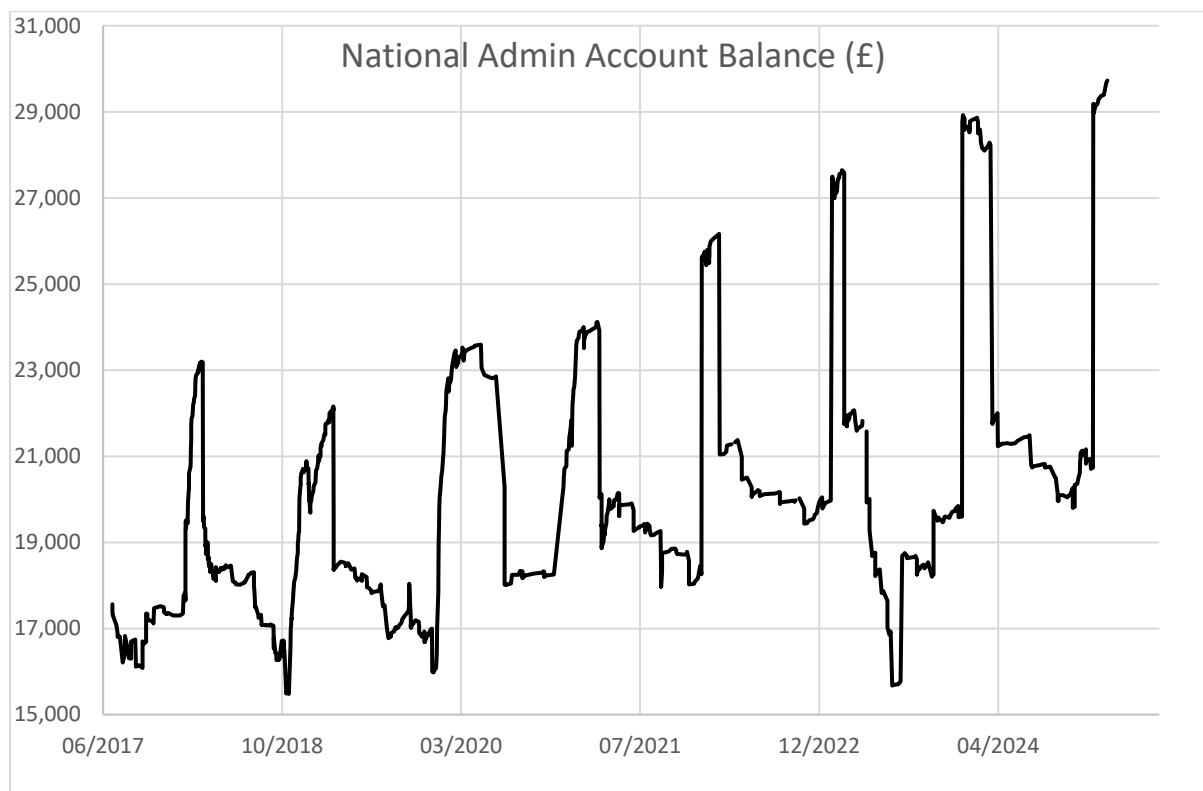
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Income						
Subscriptions	9,164.71	8,811.93	8,954.09	9,303.75	10,508.19	10,863.70
Deposit interest				17.79	174.90	253.81
Transfers fr. regions		200.00				
T-shirts			14.00		168.00	75.00
Donations	100.00	20.00		20.00	103.00	40.00
Hut						
<i>Blea Tarn appeal</i>	571.74					
<i>2020 Easter deposits</i>		719.74				
TOTAL:	9,836.45	9,751.67	8,968.09	9,341.54	10,954.09	11,232.51
Expenditure						
BMC/MS	4,305.75	5,383.80	5,005.71	5,835.15	7,169.23	7,267.65
Affiliations						
Other affiliations	165.00	230.50	230.50	230.50	165.00	165.00
Mem. Admin.	497.91	413.60	467.57	485.80	608.38	625.99
<i>Regular</i> Bulletin/MIS	705.09	1,532.78	1,053.96	808.00	830.35	1,009.80
AGM/Gathering (net)	394.39		382.59		390.56	686.05
Online AGM		43.17	14.39	28.78	15.59	15.59
Natl. Cttee. Costs	913.85	209.50	43.17	244.47	14.39	409.40
Publicity/IT	193.75	61.19	109.39	35.99	51.22	106.38
Training	220.00	220.00		340.00	234.00	240.00
<i>Variable</i> Regional support	55.00				576.50	28.50
T-shirts	68.95				357.89	
Donations	1,000.00					200.00
Transfer to Trips			730.80			
Action Fund				280.48	451.25	
TOTAL:	8,519.69	8,094.54	8,038.08	8,289.17	10,864.36	10,754.36
Surplus (or loss)	1,316.76	1,657.13	930.01	1,052.37	89.73	478.15
<i>BMC & MS Affiliations</i>	4,305.75	5,383.80	5,005.71	5,835.15	7,169.23	7,267.65
<i>Regular expenditure</i>	3,089.99	2,710.74	2,301.57	2,173.54	2,309.49	3,258.21
<i>Variable expenditure</i>	1,123.95	0.00	730.80	280.48	1,385.64	228.50

Notes on 2024 accounts:

- 1) Apologies for the smaller print, but I wanted to include all six years since we last raised the membership charges. I have broken expenditure down into three broad categories: (a) affiliation fees paid to the BMC and Mountaineering Scotland; (b) other items where some spending is almost inevitable, and (c) other less regular expenditure.
- 2) The income from the 2020 Easter trip and the balancing "transfer to Trips [account]" in 2021 are included because they affect annual totals, but more recent payments on behalf of the trips account, subsequently reimbursed from it, are excluded.
- 3) **Membership administration** covers the Web Collect annual fee (£230) and postage for membership cards. **Gathering** covers the deficit on this weekend trip. **Regional support** in 2024 covers one transfer to East Anglia.
- 4) There was no expenditure from the **Action Fund** in 2024 so it still stands at £1,277.79. We used to ask members to donate to the Fund with their annual renewals, but with the shift to direct debits there has been no income for some time.
- 5) We previously abolished the hut fund, and absorbed its final balance of £145.67 into the main club fund. The bank account balance also includes £460.90 held on behalf of Sheffield Region.
- 6) Lancashire Mountaineering Club have finally restarted work on the Blea Tarn Hut. An appeal to members in 2019 raised £571,74, which we agreed to match from club funds, so at the time of writing we are about to pass £1,143.48 to LMC.

The graph below shows the overall balance in the admin bank account over the last eight years. With auto-renewing direct debits, most of the club's income now arrives as a single bank transfer in early January, and much is then paid out for BMC and Mountaineering Scotland affiliations. At the time of writing, there is £ 2,403.22 in the current account and £ 26,946.50 in the deposit; but all 2025 affiliation fees have yet to be paid.

Humphrey Southall, Red Rope Admin Treasurer, 18th February 2025



National Trips Report

Another good year with 50 members booking week long trips. The majority join one trip, only 15 members joined 3 or more. A wide range of trips has provided opportunities for everyone.

The numbers suggest that we could do more to promote trips. Only a sixth of our membership took advantage of 10 week long trips throughout the year.

We are more likely to book cottages for 10 than a hut for 16, transport arrangements are flexible and we don't just go to the mountains - what's not to like?

With such a high level of trip activity the support and involvement of our Trips Group is valuable. We met three times to decide upon future trips and discuss any issues arising around trips planning. This year our focus for review was Health and Safety on Trips. It is surprising just how often updates to the website are needed.

Next up on the agenda is agreeing advice for trip organisers on room share in cottages and then it'll be back to planning for future trips.

Any member can make suggestions for trips by contacting trips@redrope.org.uk or by joining our zoom meetings.

Trips sometimes appear in the MIS before an organiser is found – members are encouraged to offer their services as trip organiser – this enables bookings to be taken and the trip to go ahead. Support is always available from the trips secretaries and the

trips treasurer and many tasks can be delegated - the organiser doesn't have to do everything themselves.

This year has also seen a welcome increase in the number of regional week long trips. We will see whether bookings for national trips are affected but, with 300 members it should be possible to fill all available places. Some members have asked whether they are 'bed-blocking' by going on too many trips. Other than the two reserved places for new, or new to national trips, members there is no limit on bookings or the number of trips you can join each year.

A winter skills training day has been organised with Lupine Adventure for one of the March 2025 Scotland trips; this is being supported by a subsidy from national RR and will help those new to winter mountains as well as reminding everyone of the risks and important safety issues involved there..

Becky and Sarah

National Trips Treasurer AGM Report: Hugh Wallis, 3 February 2025

At the end of 2024 we had £9,806.21 in our accounts. This compares with £10,488.27 at the end of 2023.

	2023	2024			2023	2024
Brought Forward	3,616.79	10,488.27		Made up of:		
Income				Current	2,148.21	2,351.63
Trips	21,513.85	17,647.68		Deposit	9,000.67	8,115.79
CY Bed Nights	432.00	316.00		Leicester RR	-660.61	-660.61
Interest	0.67	115.12			10,488.27	9,806.81
Unknown	25.00	0.00				
Total	21,971.52	18,078.80				
Expenditure						
Trips	15,089.16	17,776.26				
CY Bed Nights	0.00	984.00				
Postage	10.88	0.00				
Total	15,100.04	18,760.26				
End of Year	10,488.27	9,806.81				

You'll note this is a reduction in 2024, by around £680. You might think that meant we lost money on trips, but that isn't actually the case. 2024 Trips brought in about £837 more than they cost (more about that below). The apparent discrepancy is caused mainly by two items; firstly a lot of income and costs for 2025 trips are included in 2024 and similarly a lot of 2024 payments in 2023; the net income from 2024 trips in 2023 was £850 more than 2025 trips in 2024 (mainly because there were

many booking for 2024 trips in 2023, probably because people were concerned they would book up quickly and the Early Booking Discount existed). Secondly we owed about £670 for bed nights to LMC at the start of 2024, but we owe nothing now. So if we adjust for both of those items, at the end of 2023 we had a surplus of about £4,991 and at the end of 2024 it had grown to about £6009. The growth (£1018) is basically the profit on 2024 trips plus £115 in bank interest.

Regarding trip finances, the table overleaf gives a summary of each trip. Ignoring the national gathering (so a total of 12 trips), we've received £17,549 and spent £16,713, so a surplus of £837. For individual trips, they range from a surplus of £479 (Haltwhistle) to a loss of £408 (Bridges YHA); see the row in bold. The finances of individual trips depend on the banding, but overall the finances would have been a bit worse (around £1000) if everybody was band 3. Looking at travel, the total loss was almost £800 (compared with 2023 where it was just over £400), which partly reflects the changes introduced at the AGM last year as well as a 25% increase in the expenditure on travel. Given we have a "real" surplus in the Trip accounts of over £5000, we made a surplus on trips last year and the removal of EBD should cause a further income rise, even allowing for higher costs there seems no justification for a rate increase. Obviously we will need to keep an eye on things (e.g. whether trips continue to be filled) and decide whether we should propose an increase next year.

Hugh Wallis

triptreasurer@redrope.org.uk

Membership Secretary (18th January 2025) Gill Platt

This year's membership renewal went through relatively smoothly, any problems seem to arise from people changing their band or bank, but I was able to deal with most of these prior to the automatic renewal process so there was less to do when the process had happened. A few members have decided not to renew and there are still some members who not paid their subscription as they have opted to pay by cheque and have done so. These cause the same problems every year.

On a more positive our numbers are the same as this time last year and we are still attracting new members. Also, several members have reviewed their finances and have moved up a band. Only one member reduced their band! Once everyone has paid, our membership number will return to the figure we had prior to the renewal process.

I have entered all England & Wales members to the BMC but will not be passing them through for payment until our insurance is discussed with the committee. I will be doing the Mountaineering Scotland figures at the end of March.

Please let me know if you have not received your membership card or BMC card at the end of March.

Please remember you can change your address, phone number and region by going into WebCollect and changing your details. I'm happy to do this for you if you find it difficult, but also, I do need to know so I can update both the BMC and Mountaineering Scotland

Current Membership percentage by band and Region 14-01-25

Region	Band 1	Band 2	Band 3	Band 4	Band 5	Total	% by Region	WebCollect	Cheque	Totals
Bristol	1	10	7	4	5	27	8.26%	27		27
East Anglia	2	8	10	3	1	24	7.34%	22	2	24
East Midlands	2	5	12	7	4	30	9.17%	30	0	30
London	4	12	17	17	13	63	19.27%	59	4	63
Manchester	4	5	7	11	10	37	11.31%	35	2	37
Merseyside	10	12	11	6	2	41	12.54%	39	2	41
North East	3	0	3	1	0	7	2.14%	7	0	7
Scotland	4	7	15	8	7	41	12.54%	41	0	41
Sheffield	9	8	6	7	6	36	11.01%	34	2	36
West Midlands	3	3	10	3	2	21	6.42%	21		21
Totals	42	70	98	67	50	327	100.00%	315	12	327
% by Band	12.84%	21.41%	29.97%	20.49%	15.29%	100%				

Bulletin Editor

I was pleased with Bulletin 47, spring 2024, and the fact that plenty of material had been submitted.

Bulletin 48, autumn 2034, included information about safety, which was possibly too repetitious. I also thought it was uneven visually.

Bulletin 49, spring 2025:

This edition has been sent earlier than usual to provide members with background information regarding the motions which will be voted on at the AGM.

I hope this helps the attendance and the number of NC emails quoted will not put anyone off!

I have edited the bulletin since 2007 and would welcome it if anyone familiar with the club would like to take over. I would be happy to help initially if required.

David Symonds

IT & Publicity report – Janet Saunders

Everything is ticking over OK. A few changes to contact emails have been done as needed.

There are currently 2 people looking after IT for Red Rope, myself, with occasional more technical help from Bronwen Reid. It would be good to have another person for the day-to-day stuff. A request was sent out on the RiseUp list for volunteers to take on some of the IT role, but with no response. One possible member was approached but they were reluctant to take on the role at present.

The Website is regularly updated with the Bulletin, most recent MIS and National Trips list, and any requests for changes to Region or other pages. Hugh has helpfully been doing the trip treasuring pages. Region pages will only be changed if regions check them occasionally and let me know of any changes they want.

Facebook. Some discussion has taken place on RiseUp about whether we should stay on Facebook as a club presence, in the light of Facebook's recent lessening of fact checking and monitoring. Simon S. very helpfully suggested that we wait a year to see what Facebook becomes and I agree. We have over 500 followers on our public page, and over 60 on the members only page.

It is useful if members like and share Facebook posts on our page, and comments on posts will make posts go further.

Twitter/X – we have removed all links for tweeting to X from our website. We have never set up a twitter account and in the future will be looking at alternatives.

Publicity – the club has no publicity officer – when new window stickers were needed, several new designs were submitted but the old design was voted as favourite – I changed the figures slightly to update the walkers' silhouettes and new stickers are now with the membership sec.

Monthly Information Sheet Editor

The MIS continues to have a full programme of trips, with one per month both from Scotland and from the National Trips planning group, plus trips from regions. On average it runs to about twelve pages.

There have been issues with delivery for a few individuals, apparently caused by a tightening up of spam filters. In a couple of cases, it has been necessary for the recipient to use an alternative email address.

A set of example formats for entries, for Scottish, National and Regional trips, has been brought into use, facilitating the job of the MIS editor in ensuring that fonts, sizes, layouts, justification, emphases and to some extent content, are consistent across the document. Thanks to the trip organisers who have adopted this.

Trip organisers are reminded that trips should be published in the MIS four months before they take place; and that bookings for a trip should not be accepted until the trip has appeared in the MIS.

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Several regions regularly submit their programme of local walking activities for publication. Please continue to do so!

No climbing activities have recently appeared in the MIS.

John Marsden

Constitutional amendments, policy resolutions and other resolutions

1) Motion on Membership Charges

This AGM agrees that the membership charges for 2026, and for subsequent years until further notice, shall be as follows:

	Current	From 2026
Band 1:	£13.50	£15
Band 2:	£21	£23
Band 3:	£31	£34
Band 4:	£44	£48
Band 5:	£55	£60

Mover: Humphrey Southall Seconded: Supported by National Committee

BACKGROUND NOTE:

The 2024 accounts show that 68% of the club's expenditure from membership income was on affiliating to the British Mountaineering Council (BMC) and, for Scottish members, Mountaineering Scotland (MS). These affiliations are required by the Red Rope constitution. The BMC have increased their club affiliation fees for 2025 onwards from £23.90 per member to £29.33, and MS from £21.75 to £26.75. These are 23% increases, which according to the Bank of England inflation calculator (<https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/monetary-policy/inflation/inflation-calculator>) is still just under the general rate of inflation since 2019, when they were last raised.

Some increases in our membership charges are therefore now unavoidable but we are able to limit the average increase to just under 10% for three reasons:

(1) As the annual accounts show, once you allow for an increase in membership, since 2019 we have substantially reduced our other expenditure from the membership charge: it was £17.02 per member in 2019 and £10.96 in 2024. This is mainly because of increased use of the internet, reducing what we spent on postage and holding in-person meetings.

(2) Because of those savings, we have been making substantial unplanned surpluses each year, totalling over £6,000 since 2019. This is effectively money members have paid forward to cover future expenditure, and we can now draw on it to reduce the impact of the cost of living crisis. The revised charges imply our drawing £1,000 or so each year from reserves. Given that those reserves are c. £20,000, we will still have a very comfortable amount of "rainy day" money in 4 or 5 years time.

(3) The BMC have a Discounted rate "for Under 18's, unemployed, or furloughed members", of £22.91 rather than £29.33. We proposed affiliating our Band 1 members at this rate. The BMC staff say that "unemployed" covers only persons in receipt of Job Seekers Allowance, a

benefit from which everyone above the State Pension age is specifically excluded. They say that they as staff do not have authority to revise this policy, for example to also include persons entitled to Pension Credit, and advise us to raise this matter through the BMC's policy making procedures. [This note has been revised from that included in the Bulletin, following a response from the BMC.]

The revised charges mean an average increase averaged across all bands of 9.62%. They maintain the long-term rule that Band 5 is four times Band 1.

2) Motion on Banding

It is resolved that:

- 1) The banding shall be determined by total household income less housing costs all divided by an equivalising factor for household size;
- 2) Where income is from all sources including:
 - a. wages after deduction of income tax and national insurance,
 - b. post-tax interest on savings and dividends from investments,
 - c. benefits excluding those for maternity, disability or bereavement;
- 3) Where housing costs are mortgage or rent;
- 4) The equivalising factor shall be based on a simplified version of the OECD scale and is the sum of 1.0 for the first or only adult in the household, 0.5 for a second adult and 0.4 for each child or further adult.
- 5) There shall be an additional lower band;
- 6) The charges in the table below are recommended following an estimation of the effect of these changes on national subscription income and Scotland group trip income but the national committee shall determine the rates after consideration of the effects on National and other groups trips.

Band Equivalised income

	Up to /month	Subscription	Overnight	Mileage rate as fraction of that for BandC
A	£500.00	£5	£5	0.33
B	£800.00	£15	£10	0.67
C	£1,400.00	£22.50	£15	1
D	£2,000.00	£30	£23	1.53
E	£2,800.00	£45	£27.50	1.83
F	Over £2800	£60	£35	2.33

7) By default the income levels shall be uprated each year in line with CPI inflation unless the national committee considers that there are exceptional reasons to do otherwise.

	Up to/Month (£)	Subscription (£)	Overnight (£)	Mileage rate as fraction of Band C
A	500	5	5	0.33
B	800	15	10	0.67
C	1400	22.50	15	1
D	2000	30	23	1.53
E	2800	45	27.50	1.83
F	Over 2800	60	35	2.33

Mover: Richard Bennett, Seconder:

3) Motion on Transport Charges I

This AGM notes that:

1. The decision taken at the 2024 AGM to cap transport charges at Band 3 was based on anecdotal evidence about a local problem.
2. Application of the rules can penalise those who have to use public transport because a lift is not available in a designated trip car.
3. The current rules discriminate against members who live far from regional centres. For example, there are Scottish members living more than 150 miles from Edinburgh or Glasgow.
4. Some members live in regions which cannot or do not organise many trips; they are discriminated against when joining other groups trips if Policy C11 is applied.
5. When members travel independently it can lead to inefficient use of cars or shortage of designated trip vehicles.

This AGM calls on the national committee to provide the data showing that higher band members were disproportionately travelling independently before the charges were capped and have not done so since, i.e. percentage of members travelling independently in each band.

This AGM resolves that:

Participants in a trip, excluding those travelling independently, will share the transport costs (reimbursement of car providers and public transport), irrespective of the distance travelled but adjusted by band. However, any member who travels to or from the venue by bus in if this reduces the number of trip vehicles required will not be charged.

A simple points-based system could be used, e.g. Band-1 1 point, Band-5 5 points.

For example considering the Scotland group trip to Coruisk in July 2024:

Band	No. of participants	Points
2	1	2
3	3	9
4	4	16
5	2	10
Total		37

Transport costs were trains and ferries £469, designated trip cars £207, total £676. The deficit of £253 on transport was offset by a surplus on accommodation.

Using the same cross-subsidy, cost per point $£423/37 = £11.43$

Band-2 members pay $2 \times £11.43 = £22.86$, Band-5 $5 \times £11.43 = £57.15$

Actual payments under the existing system (except that 3 members travelling from England were not subjected to policy C11) varied from £36.25 to £67.41.

Mover: Richard Bennet, Seconder:

Addendum: Please see the Appendix for further clarification of the above motion

4) Motion on Transport Charges II

Should *Transport Charges* motion 1 be passed then motion 2 will be withdrawn.

The cap on transport charges at Band 3 is not in accordance with the Socialist ethos of the club and will be removed.

When trip participants have to use public transport because a place is not available is a designated trip car reasonable fares will be reimbursed, and they will be charged mileage as though they had a lift.

When all trip participants must make a journey by public transport (e.g. ferries) all fares will be reimbursed and they will pay banded trip charges for the journey.

Mover: Richard Bennett, Seconder:

5) Club Membership cards

The following motion was received after the deadline, the AGM can consider whether to take it as an emergency motion.

Motion from London RR AGM

This London AGM calls on the National Committee to end the production and posting of club membership cards as there are no longer any circumstances where members need to present them and the postage costs must be several hundred pounds each year.

We propose emailing memberships instead.

Appendix to Transport Motions

Amendment 1 to motion 1 on trip transport charges.

This is to clarify the proposal. The relevant sections of the Red Rope policies and transport charges web-page are reproduced below with insertions in green (underlined), and deletions in red (struck-through).

Other documents such as FAQs may require appropriate revision.

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C Trips

Trip Charges

~~10) Transport charges for regional trips may be decided by the organising region, provided these comply with the club's banding philosophy. However, regions are encouraged to adopt National transport rates.~~

~~11) Members going on trips organised by other regions are responsible for their own transport costs.~~

G Club finance

Transport Charges

d) For ~~national~~ all multi-day trips, ~~the transport charge per mile for each income band and~~ the rate to be paid to car drivers will be based on the price per litre of fuel at the time of the trip. A charge matrix is provided on the club's website (and incorporated in the Treasurer's spreadsheet) for trip organisers to determine the appropriate rates per mile.

~~e) Transport charges for travel to and from trips will be capped at the Band 3 rate.~~

f) The trip organiser will designate particular vehicles as trip vehicles and will aim to fill them with participants. Only for these vehicles will charges or rebates be eligible.

~~g) Regions may determine their own set of transport charges and reimbursements but are encouraged to apply the same rules as for national trips.~~

h) The transport charge for each trip member shall be determined ~~from their distance travelled from/to the point at which they join/leave the trip vehicle in which they travel. Any public transport fares to get to that point are dealt with in the section on public transport.~~ by the members band, irrespective of the distance travelled in the UK or mode of transport.

i) Each person who brings their own car on a trip at the request of the trip organiser, will receive reimbursement, at the prevailing rate, based on the distance travelled plus the costs of any tolls or ferries. ~~based on the number of passengers, up to a maximum of three (including the driver).~~

Reimbursement at the same rate will be given where car owners are asked to bring equipment or food in lieu of passengers.

j) Car drivers may claim reimbursement to the trip from either their home or the start of their journey, whichever is the nearest. Similarly, on their return they may claim to their home or destination, whichever is the nearest.

k) Where ferries are used the cost of the ferry should be dealt with as public transport ~~(with the cost split by those travelling in the car. For example, if a car has 3 people, the public transport fare for each person would be one-third of the total fare.~~

Charges for public transport users on national trips

l) Members attending ~~national~~ multi-day trips may choose to use public transport to and/or from the trip. Those choosing to use public transport will cover their own transport costs to and/or from the trip and will not receive, or give, any subsidy. However, if there is no suitable place available in a trip vehicle, ~~those in Bands 1 and 2 will receive a subsidy appropriate to their band.~~ participants will have reasonable fares reimbursed.

m) Guidance will be given to trip organisers by the National Committee on the ~~application of membership bands to the~~ use of public transport for members who are unable to join a trip sanctioned car, for instance, when all available cars are full.

n) ~~For travel during the trip (such to or from walks) is by car, members will be charged at the appropriate rate for their band multiplied by the distance travelled. Reimbursement to drivers will be at the Band 3 rate times 3. If public transport is used, those in Bands 1 and 2 will receive a subsidy appropriate to their band. Those in other bands will pay their own fares.~~

<https://www.redrope.org.uk/activities/trips/trip-charges/>

Trip Charges (these rates apply for all trips January 2024 onwards)

	General Hut trips	Transport charge*
Band	Nightly Trip charge**	
1	£11	~~4.2p~~ 2
2	£16.50	~~5.9p~~ 3
3	£22	~~7.6p~~ 4
4	£27.50	~~11p~~ 5
5	£33	~~12.8p~~ 6

If the motion on banding is carried and an extra lower band is added the points for Bands A to F will be 1 to 6

~~For bands 4 & 5 the rates shown only apply to journeys during the trip. For journeys to/from the trip, bands 4 & 5 pay at the band 3 rate (i.e. 7.6p in this example).~~

Transport (mileage) charge

We normally travel to trips in shared cars. Transport charges are not paid when you book, but calculated and paid up while on, (or after) the trip. You pay a banded charge. ~~per mile for the total number of miles you travelled to get to the trip (capped at the band 3 rate), plus miles travelled around locally while on the trip. You can calculate in advance approximately what it will cost to get to the destination and back, then allow a bit extra for 'on trip' miles.~~

The transport charge points for all participants in designated trip vehicles or using authorised public transport shall be summed. Each of these participants will pay a share of the total transport cost determined by their fraction of the total points. For example:

There are 3 people on the trip in bands 1, 3 and 5 and the total transport costs were £100

The sum of the banded transport charge points is 2+4+6 = 12

The band 1 participant pays $2/12 \times £100 = £16.67$, band 2 $4/12 \times £100 = £33.33$ and the band 5 $6/12 \times £100 = £50$

Public transport and trip finances

For **National multi-day** trips, charges have been agreed regarding what the member pays to the trip or is reimbursed if travelling on public transport. ~~Regions can use these rules or use their discretion.~~

~~The member pays the cost of their ticket. Below 'band 3' some of the cost will be reimbursed; band 1 pay 55% so receive rebate of 45% and 'band 2' pay 78% so receive rebate of 22%.~~

Where the trip organiser has approved the use of public transport the participant will have the cost of their ticket reimbursed.

Amendment 2 to motion 1 on trip transport charges.

Should amendment 1 (above) be carried and if substantial evidence of the problem which resulted in the decision to cap transport rates can be produced and/or considering the potential difficulties caused by drivers opting out of shared transport then as an incentive to discourage the latter all participants, including those travelling independently shall contribute to the transport charges, either a full share or a fraction (to be determined after adequate discussion of the facts.)