

Warwick Climbing Club Annual Report – 1993 to 1994

The year began with the formation of the club from the bones of the old Leamington Mountaineering Club (LMC). The officers carried their positions over to enable the club to function straight away. This was necessary as we needed to obtain funding from the King Henry VIII Charity to get the Warwick wall built ready for the official opening of the centre on 26th April.

Over the course of the year we gradually learnt the best way to manage the climbing wall and maintain the club equipment, which was purchased for us by Warwick District Council. It soon became clear that we needed a team to take care of equipment and a secure box in which to store it. We decided to purchase a strong lockable storage box, which was made by a club member at cost price. Plastic boxes were then purchased to go inside the lockable box.

One other problem that was solved was that of beginners and higher grade climbers being together on the same areas of the wall. This was overcome by formulating a wall plan, where by each bay was allocated a range of climbing grades for the routes. This system seems to work very well and so will be kept in place.

In the autumn it was decided the juniors and beginners were ready to climb on real rock. A trip to Harborough Rocks was arranged and a good turnout led to a very successful day, with the more experienced club members and officers looking after their safety and showing them 'The Ropes'!

At the end of February an offer of 10% discount off Graton Holds from Bendcrete prompted us to think about buying different types of holds to give us more route setting variations. As a result we purchased as many Graton Holds as we could afford at the time.

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