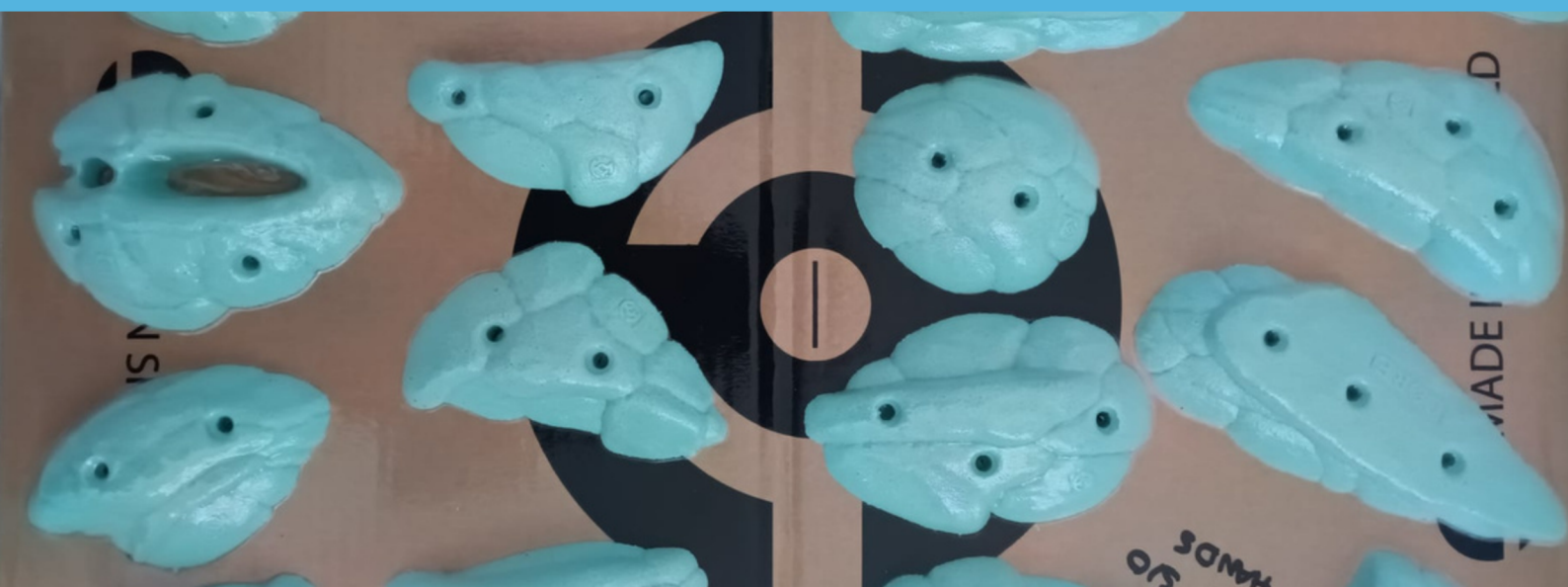




CLUB SPECIAL BULLETIN

THE BIG WALL RESET 2025



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Yes, its finally happening and the Big Reset is taking place in August 2025. After many weeks of planning, measuring and wall checks, the club can look forward to a new set of routes! These are being set by Rich Winters, a top route setter who has worked all across the country and knows how to create amazing routes, up to Grade 8.

On Wednesday 6th August all the existing wall holds will be stripped off, and our new routes will be set on Sunday 10th, ready for the following weekly climbing session.

We need club members to come to St. Nicks on Wednesday evening, 6th August, and help prepare the wall ! Also, please come down on Sunday 10th to support the route setting. Look out for Whatsapp and email nearer the time, and please reply if you can make it.

The more the merrier, we can get the job done sooner and celebrate!

It's a Big Reset Rap

Come down to the Wall on 6th August, help strip all the old holds off. If you're lucky, Ian will be doing this "Big Reset Rap" in the manner of Grandmaster Flash !!

Well here we are
We're at St. Nicks
The climbers wall
Where we get our kicks
It's all for sendin'
When we're lay backin'
And flashin' !
And rockoverin' !

But these old holds
Are worn and dirty
Our routes are old
And worn out
And must be
Improved for all !
We're gettin' a new wall!

Our new hold patterns
will aim to flatter
All of our grades
With new routes and ways!

So here's our call
You climbers all
Come down to the Wall !
Remember that date
6th August y'all !



Hold, Hold, more Holds

A massive amount of background work has taken place over the last few weeks at the St. Nicks wall, getting ready for the Big Reset, across 12 wall panels totalling 15.4m wide by 5.5m tall.

Ian Stokes and Ruby Sinclair led the efforts with club members in checking everything on the wall; holds, bolts and holes. Thanks to all club members who got involved, running bolts into every unused t-nut.

A total of 34 imperial bolts were identified and removed from the wall. These had damaged t-nuts in the wall that have since been repaired and brought back into service. This gives us a total number of 1455 potential bolt on hold placements!

311 holds have been removed from the wall and the storage box, and have all been jet washed. The bolt spec and screw lengths specified are now marked on the back of every hold.

There are 669 bolt-on holds on the wall, these will all be jet washed and spec marked after they are stripped on 6th August, before the Big Reset.

The club have now received 272 new holds, a 28% increase on our total current hold count of 980. 100 new bolts and 2700 new KTX screws will finish the job off !

See you on 6th August at St. Nicks !



Rich on the Route

The club are very pleased to have Rich Winters setting new routes for us at St. Nicks.

Rich brings his massive experience in route setting, he does this for a living all over the country. As well as that day job, he also finds time for his own climbing of course - bouldering V13 and sport climbing F8b+ is pretty decent!



"Hi, I'm Rich Winters.

I have been climbing for 27 years, and route setting for 17. I set full time, and work at lots of different walls between Manchester and London.

I set all grades, regularly doing the hard sets at walls. I have bouldered V13 and sport climbed F8b+

I love setting enjoyable challenges for people, and look forward to joining you at St. Nicks wall."