

## **Kate Phillips**

DOB 26.10.1964

### **Education:**

Aylesbury High School

Cambridge University, BA Natural Sciences

Southampton University, MSc Oceanography

### **Employment:**

1990 Research Assistant, Environmental Dept, Bradford University

Geochemical analysis and field work in Venezuela

1995 Managing Director, Lakeland Climbing Centre, Kendal responsible for managing build work, finances, HR and all aspects of running a small business. Recent highlights include project managing a £500k redevelopment and reaching the finals of the Visit England Awards for Excellence.

Active member of Association of British Climbing Walls, including period as Membership Secretary and working on raising safety standards at Climbing Walls.

### **Climbing Clubs activity:**

- Journal secretary, Meets secretary, First female President, CUMC 1984-1986
- Alpine Climbing Group/ Alpine Club membership 1990's to 2005 including period as committee member.
- Individual BMC membership, Associate BMC membership as Kendal Wall.
- Member BMC Training Advisory Group, Climbing Wall Committee, late 1990's.
- Climbing Wall Representative for Lakes Area late 1990's.
- BMC volunteer at variety of meets and events 1990's to date including International Meets, Lakes Youth Meets, British Regional Youth Climbing Series (now YCS).

### **Climbing Summary:**

Since 1983 I have enjoyed a varied life of climbing from bouldering in the Peak District to Himalayan adventures. My highlights include the Senate House leap at Cambridge, the first British ascent of Ama Dablam, attempting new routes on 7000m+ peaks, on-sight of 7a sports climbs in Spain, chalk cliff climbing at Dover, ice climbing in Scotland and endless sunny (!) days enjoying fabulous traditional climbing on our stunning inland crags and sea cliffs.

My latest big adventure has been to enter the world of parenting and I really appreciate the benefits of maintaining my climbing fitness on the climbing wall which I have been managing since 1995. I have recently taken up mountain biking, canoeing and swimming and it's great to be learning new skills, but I am just as happy enjoying a good day out walking and scrambling on the fells with my dog Jess and my son Joe.