

First a few things about myself I am a 52 year old male, I got back into walking about 8 years ago after a mental health issue and have found it to be great for my health. I'm a advocate of mental health in the outdoors and what it does do for lots of people. I also love wild camping and think it is a great thing when done right which unfortunately is not always the case, and these thing should be passed on to the next walkers and climbers as a whole.

I know I'm not the best hill Walker with the best skills but when I walk I get where I want, if it takes longer than others it's not for lack of heart and head. I have walked a lot in South Wales, snowdonia and Dartmoor, tryfan north face is one of my favourites, but also coastal paths.

I have worked in public facing roles and am used to dealing with people.

I first joined the BMC as I wanted to do my mountain leader training (was doing well but last year dented all that) but I will get there and I saw a piece about volunteers needed in my area and thought what I could give and hoped it would be useful. I went along to the next meeting and volunteered for a role and didn't get it, but found there was something I could do as the SW hill walking representative, it took me a while to find out what was needed of me and to find my way around with help from many others (always a learning experience)

I had just started getting my feet when COVID hit and started getting ideas for the area to do from trying to have some wild camping down on Dartmoor to some navigation sessions on the moor. I have helped with some litter picks and clean ups. I want to try to involve more members and get a better involvement from the younger and non club members who make a high percentage of the bmc but have little to no voice/involvement.

I think this role will be a challenge starting off with how the role will progress throughout the first few years but with the help off the members and the council things I help will be a lot less challenging. I also believe that I can give something to the bmc as a whole and improve the work that it will do in the future.

I believe I have a lot to give to the BMC and can help it move forward, getting more representation to the council. I am a person that will talk to anybody in the right situation or listen and learn from the conversation. I use instagram and Twitter and post when I have things to show and say. This is a role I can bring a lot too in many ways and help improve the BMC.