

# More behaviour to change

The BMC perspective



# Other problematic behaviours

Current 'hot' topics not already covered:

- Litter
- Dogs
- Parking, transport & traffic
- Challenge events
- Nocturnal access



# Litter



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- Broad problem not just affecting the uplands & not only caused by climbers & walkers
- Hot spots: car parks, road sides, viewpoints, busy summits, crags are less of an issue
- Placed litter
  - dog poo bags
  - litter placed in walls / under rocks



# Clean the Crag

## How long will your litter last?

Litter can take a lot longer to degrade than you think. If you see it, pick it up. If everyone does their bit our crags will stay clean.

Chalk wrapper  
1 month



Food waste  
2 years



Cigarette butt  
12 years



Plastic bag  
10-20 years



Wine bottle  
Not biodegradable



Plastic bottle  
450 years



# Dogs



# Dogs

- Another broad issue contributed to by many types of user
- Keeping dogs under close control
  - Nesting season (ground nesting birds)
  - Livestock
  - Not everyone likes dogs
- CRow & private land dog restrictions





# Parking, transport & traffic



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- Poor parking = access issues
- Blocking the road, gates, driveways, turning circles are common problems
- General trend of increasing traffic UK wide – particular issue in honeypots with narrow roads & limited parking
- Encouraging sustainable transport means fewer cars to park & on the roads



# Challenge events

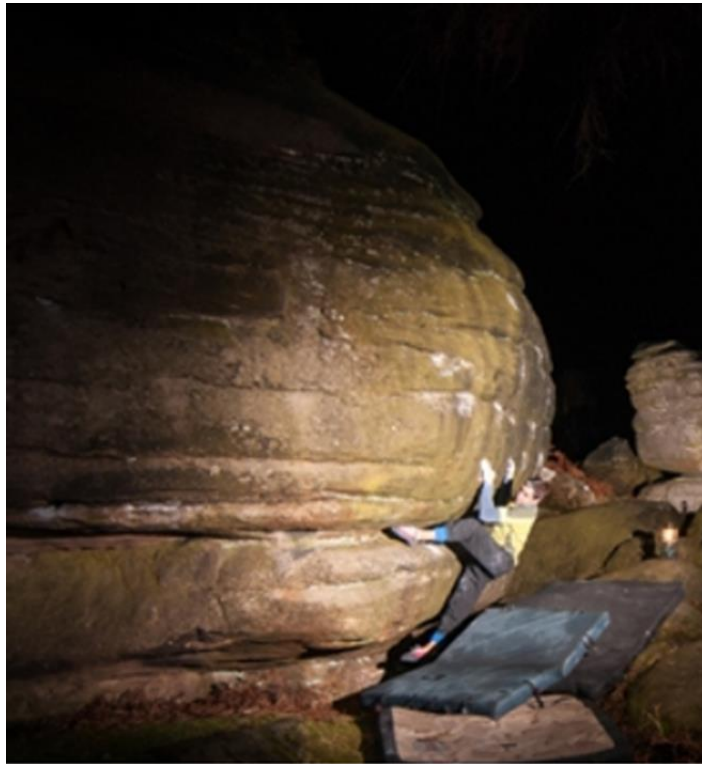


# Challenge events

- In general, these are not attended or organised by the BMC's core demographic
- Often in already busy areas & can be hugely impactful if poorly organised
- Can't stop them, so best approach is advice on minimising impact
- Promoting good practice is difficult given the diverse individuals & organisations involved



# Nocturnal access



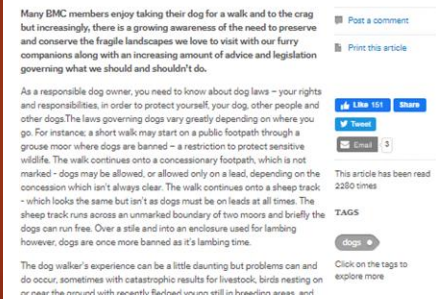
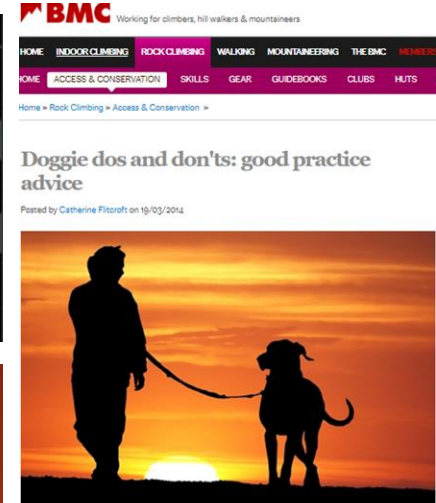
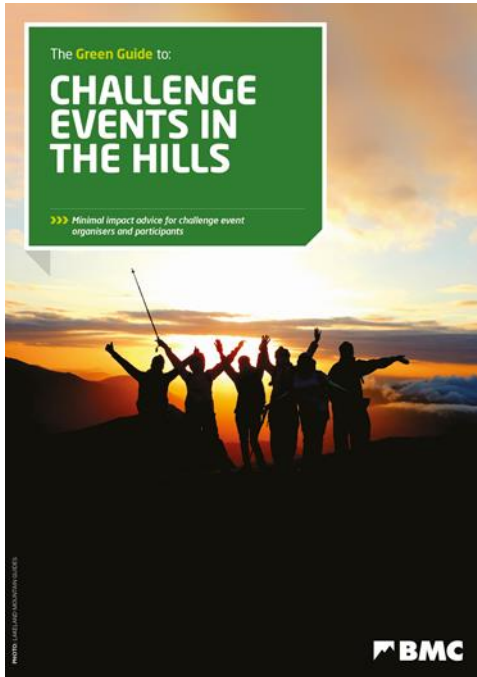
# Nocturnal access

- Technology is enabling access beyond daylight hours
- Tendency to treat any nocturnal activity with suspicion
- Bright lights highlight otherwise low key access
- In some areas, concerns raised around disturbance to residents and wildlife

# What can the BMC do?

- Our audience tends to be committed climbers and walkers – we can struggle to reach the more occasional visitor
- Highlight & explain the importance of improving behaviours to our community
- Create a sense of shared responsibility & ownership
- Encourage climbers & walkers to demonstrate good behaviour to their peers & other users

# Making our messages heard



Come to our next gathering of Lake District climbers and walkers and get involved in the work of the BMC.

Date: Wednesday 20 November 2019, starting at 7.30pm  
Venue: Eagle and Child Inn, Staveley, LA6 9LP



# BMC Campaigns

- Raise key issues to the outdoor community and beyond
- Influence change in outdoor culture
- Influence individual change
- Tangible improvements to crags, hills & wider landscape





# H2O Clean-up Events



# Summary

- For issues specific to climbing & walking we have the opportunity to directly & positively influence the community we represent
- To have a real impact on wider issues, we need to work together with other organisations to reach new audiences
- Coming up: improvements can always be made – how can we be more effective in changing behaviours?