

GLOUCESTER SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY



Membership Application Form

Benefits of Membership Include:

- The ability to attend GSS caving and surface meets & socials with other members
- Access to GSS equipment and training
- Access to GSS Library
- GSS Journal and Secretaries News Sheet
- Access to GSS email group and website

Previous Experience and Objectives

The GSS constitution states that the objectives of the GSS shall be to promote a range of underground and surface activities for the benefit and enjoyment of members and to encourage participation in underground research and conservation. To maximise the benefits of membership to you please list any previous caving experience or club memberships below and any personal objectives you may have:

Caving experience level eg none, novice, or more advanced grade

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Present or previous club memberships, duration and caving/mine regions known if any

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Relevant qualifications if any and please list your personal objectives in joining GSS eg sporting, social and adventure, photography, biology, mining history, geology, hydrology, archaeology, digging.

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Risks

While the GSS tries to encourage safe practices in all aspects of its activities, caving and mine exploration carry an element of risk including the possibility of personal injury or even death. By signing and submitting this application you acknowledge this risk and accept full personal responsibility for the consequences of your participation in GSS activities. You also accept responsibility for your own actions and involvement and commit to mitigating risks to those around you.

Medical Information

GSS does not request medical/health information from its members but if you have a medical condition which may affect your ability to partake in the activities of the GSS, it is your responsibility to inform the activity leader prior to taking part.

Insurance

Clubs can only obtain insurance cover for officers and club assets by ensuring that **all** of their members are members of the BCA Public Liability Scheme. This can be either through the GSS itself (CIM), through another Club or as a Direct Individual Member (DIM). Nobody needs to pay more than once for BCA Insurance. GSS is required to provide BCA with your membership number and contact details. Four types of Insurance are provided:

Caver – C, Non-caver - NC, Full-time student – S, Under 18 on 1 Jan in year paying subscription - U.

If you have BCA insurance through another club (AN) or are a direct individual member (DIM) of BCA, please provide name of the other club and your BCA membership number below.

Membership Application

Annual membership runs from 1 Jan to 31 Dec. Where an application is received part way through the year the membership fee will be pro-rata as decided by the GSS Secretary.

I/we** wish to join the GSS and apply for Temporary / Individual / Family / Concessionary **
Membership. ** Delete as applicable

Temporary membership is for one time only and is valid for attendance at up to four club events within a maximum period of three months from the date of membership acceptance. Following this the temporary membership needs to be converted or it lapses.

Individual membership is available for those over 18 who do not qualify for concessionary membership.

Family membership is available to partner members and any dependents residing partly or wholly at the same address.

Concessionary membership is available to under 18s, those over the UK statutory retirement age, full-time students and those in receipt of long term income support/unemployment benefit.

Name(s) in block capitals (for Family membership, please list names of all partners, and any dependents)	Age on 1 Jan in subscription year	BCA Insurance Type Required: C, NC, S, U (see above), or if insured as Direct Member (DIM) or through another club (AN) with name of club	BCA Membership number (if known).

Member /Family contact details:

Address:.....

..... Post code:

Home Telephone: Mobile:

Email(s):

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Declarations

- 1) I/ we do/ do not ** agree to abide by the rules and constitution of GSS.
- 2) I/ we do/ do not ** consent to this information being used as per the GSS Data Use Policy
- 3) I/ we do/ do not ** consent to my/our name(s) and photos being shown in trip reports, GSS Newsletters and News sheets.
- 4) I/ we understand that, all other personal information is strictly confidential and will not be disclosed by GSS officers to any other third party without my/our consent.

** Delete as applicable

All members over 18 are required to sign

Signature(s)

Date application completed:

Please return scanned form to GSS Secretary: secretary@gloucester-speleo.org.uk