#### Welcome to 'the Chelsea'

The club was founded in 1956 by cavers in the London area - hence the name Chelsea.

Now there are around 100 members, living all over the UK, ranging from novices to experienced cavers with expertise in all aspects of caving including including cave diving, surveying, photography, art, digging, cave science and cave rescue.

The main focus of our caving activity is in South Wales, based at our cottage, Whitewalls, on the hillside above Llangattock, near Crickhowell in the Brecon Beacons National Park. Some of the largest caves in the UK are within walking distance of our front door.



Whitewalls has sleeping accommodation for 16 people, a well-equipped kitchen, common room, library room, central heating, changing and shower facilities, a garden and camping area, and car parking adjacent.

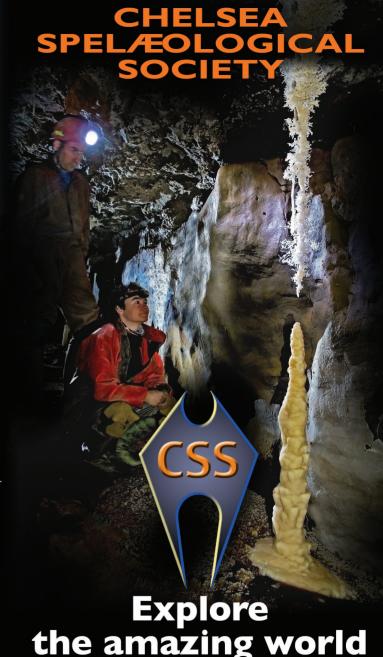
We hold weekend caving meets at least monthly. Those based at Whitewalls often combine a social event on the Saturday evening like a summer barbecue, curry night, November bonfire party and club dinner. We arrange trips around the UK in caving areas such as the Peak District, the Yorkshire Dales and the Mendip Hills, as well as other parts of Wales, and also caving trips abroad.

We occasionally run non-caving weekends such as kayak trips, walking and mountain biking.





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### **Come caving with CSS**

Most of our current members come from across South Wales and southern England.

Our cottage, Whitewalls, is situated above Crickhowell on the tramroad adjacent to the limestone massif of Mynydd Llangatwg (Llangattock Mountain).

This has some of the longest and largest caves in the country with 65+ kms of explored passages.

#### Stay at Whitewalls Cottag

CSS offers bunkhouse accommodation at Whitewalls, its warm, well-equipped cottage. You don't have to be a CSS member to stay, but members have priority when booking. Check our website for more details.

## Are you new to caving?

CSS welcomes new members, offering them the opportunity to make new friends and to learn new skills, exploring the underground world one cave at a time. Beneath Llangattock Mountain cavers can enjoy trips ranging from simple excursions suitable for novices to extreme, sporting challenges through many miles of beautiful and varied passage, with some of the finest cave decorations in the UK. CSS members know these caves better than most and continue to be involved in their exploration.

Full details about membership and how to join the cluare on our website www.chelseaspelaeo.org.

# **Benefits of joining CSS**

A perfect base for cave exploration
Regular meets and social events
A wealth of expertise to draw upon
A friendly and inclusive club
Centrally-heated cottage for I 6 people
A well-equipped kitchen & common room
Changing area with showers
Library & caving tackle store
Access to keys for restricted caves
Detailed surveys of the local cave systems
Regular publications
British Caving Association, British Cave
Research Association, & Cambrian
Caving Council membership







Llangattock Mountain holds some of the finest caves in the UK, with much more still to be found

# join us for a journey of discovery!

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