

Bremex Mountaineering and Climbing Club Model

New members can join as novices or experienced mountaineers. All members are required to complete an application form outlining their experience prior to joining the club. This enables the weekend organisers to introduce people of similar experience to either operate as peer groups in a workshop without a leader or to be introduced to a more experienced club member who has volunteered to lead the weekend.

Groups are organised into different levels of mountaineering, hillwalking or climbing ability to go out in summer or winter, with the intention of **sharing knowledge and practising skills**.

The weekend organiser chooses a theme, for example, wild camping, security on steep ground, navigation etc. Groups are encouraged to contact each other prior to the weekend to plan routes and organise appropriate equipment.

Prospective members can attend one weekend club meet to see if they like the club. Following this they are required to join as associate members. Associate members can apply to become full members after completing a minimum of three weekends. This probationary period enables them to assess whether they like the club, its values and principles. It also allows the club to ascertain whether the associate member meets the criteria set out by the club to become a full member.

The Bremex MC Club model provides a formal system to introduce people of similar interest who can workshop specific areas of interest and experience in order to develop skills. It provides opportunities to novices, to more experienced mountaineers and climbers who want to learn and develop skills and to those who want to develop their leadership skills by leading groups.