

HUT SECRETARY REPORT 2008

DATA 2000-2008

YEAR	INCOME £	BED NIGHTS
2000	7222	
2001	5254 (foot & mouth)	
2002	7312	
2003	7784	
2004	7497	2314
2005	6349	2026
2006	5825 (hut closed 6 weeks for renovation)	1664
2007	8500 (hut fees increased)	1890
2009	10403	2190

Bed nights increased by 200 compared with 2007 (11%).

Income increased by £1903 compared with 2007 (22%).

About 730 (33%) bed nights were accounted for by members, members' children and guests .

About 1460 (67%) bed nights were accounted for by non- members.

In 2007, 45% of bed nights were from members and 55% from non-members

The relatively larger increase in income (22%) compared with increase in bed nights (11%) from 2007 to 2008 is due to an increase in the proportion of non-members compared with members. I think it may in part be due to the fact that Fairbridge West Midlands have used the hut mid-week on more occasions than in 2007 but I don't have the data to show that (see below)

(Non-members pay £5-5.50 ppn compared with £2-4.50ppn)

DATA ON HUT USAGE 2008

USAGE	NUMBER (2007 Numbers)		%
Weekends reserved for club members	14	(17)	27
Weekends booked by club members	13	(12)	25
Weekends booked by outside groups	18	(17)	34
Mid week bookings	27	(?)	52
Weekends not booked	7	(6)	13

We are pleased that the hut is used most weeks of the year and that Fairbridge are able to make use of this facility with many groups of difficult children and youths. There are occasions when they do not always leave the hut as clean and tidy as we expect especially if they have to leave prematurely following bad behaviour of a particularly difficult group. We are very grateful to members and others who have been willing to spend time cleaning up after them. I do regularly contact Fairbridge when there are complaints and they are always very apologetic.

Whatever the size of the group in the hut, there are always 6 beds in the members' room. However members should be aware that the BMC advise members against staying in huts when groups with children under 18 are also staying.

Bookings for 2009 are very healthy and there are only a few weekends still free. I have already taken several bookings for 2010.

We still have reciprocal rights with Northumbrian Mountaineering Club for the Bowderstones Hut and Yorkshire Mountaineering Club for the Copper Mines Hut. We pay the same rates as their members and I have a key to the 2 huts. However members still have to book beds in advance.

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