

**Adventure Activities Licensing Authority  
Management Board Meeting  
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**General Update for Members**

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Adventure Activities Network

The community web site continues to be well used. There are now 59 members registered. The community is kept up to date with new material being added from time to time and we are beginning to see some interaction with members on the discussion board. AALS inspectors are continuing to promote the community at inspections.

The visitor statistics for the community for the last 6 months are:

Month	Visitors	Visits	Page Requests
Aug 14	517	589	3647
Sep 14	747	853	5981
Oct 14	965	1063	5826
Nov 14	1133 (659)	1315 (760)	7353 (4511)
Dec 14	709 (427)	819 (469)	4482 (2882)
Jan 15	1048 (583)	1179 (640)	7537 (4224)

These figures are genuine visits as they exclude visits from HSE staff and the site manager. Figures in brackets are previous year numbers where available.

We have been able to successfully import the data from the existing register of licence holders to a database on the community following the upgrade of the HSE Office suite. However as we are now in the process of transferring powers over licensing to Scottish Ministers and we do not know what the new Government's intentions will be after May, it seems sensible to shelve this work for now.

Enforcement Action

A number of incidents remain under investigation with AALS assistance to the investigators where needed. None of these currently involve licensable activities.

Other items of interest

Scotland – Scottish Ministers asked the Scottish Adventure Activities Forum to survey the activity industry in Scotland on the shape of a future regime for Scotland. The report on this is due to be sent to Ministers by mid-March.

ALA made a submission to SAAF and this has been included as part of the report. It will be a matter for Scottish Ministers how they wish to proceed.

Parallel to this, work continues on the transfer of powers over licensing to Scottish Ministers. There is no clear timescale as yet as it is subject to Parliamentary time at both Holyrood and Westminster as well as Parliamentary Counsel time. The General Election in May is likely to delay progress.

Zip wires – the next edition of the UK Ropes Course Guide will be published imminently.

Adventure Activities Industry Advisory Committee (AAIAC) – at its meeting in January 2015, a new constitution was tabled and has subsequently been accepted by the members. Nominations for the new committee are now being sought with a view to the new membership being in place in the summer.

#### Royal Yachting Association

Covered in report from Marcus Bailie.