



## *Streap Alba Geamhradh*

### **International Scottish Winter Climbing Meet 2020**

**22 - 29 February 2020 - Aviemore, Scotland**

## HOST INFORMATION SHEET

### OVERVIEW

The Scottish Winter Climbing Meet has been a highlight on the international climbing calendar for 20 years and has attracted climbers from across the world eager to experience the unique Scottish winter experience. The meet has been running since 1997 and was last held in 2016, when it was hosted by The British Mountaineering Council.

Overseas guests will be paired up with experienced UK-based hosts - an excellent formula that has proved to be very successful in the past. In return for sharing their local knowledge and expertise, UK climbers gain a wider perspective by climbing with their (often very accomplished) international visitors. In previous years many hosts and guests have formed strong partnerships that have gone on to make major ascents further afield and in the Greater Ranges.

Beginning in Aviemore on Saturday February 22 2020, the week-long event will be delivered in close partnership with the British Mountaineering Council, the Alpine Club and the Scottish Mountaineering Club and will be part of a programme of events and activities in 2020 to celebrate 50 years of Mountaineering Scotland.

The format will be different to previous years. The event will start and finish in Aviemore, but instead of being based in a single location, climbers will rotate between climbing huts, and all participants will spend at least one night in the CIC Hut on Ben Nevis. The event will finish with a celebration event in Aviemore on Friday 28 February that will be open to everyone in the Scottish winter climbing community.

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## HOST EXPERIENCE

- You must be 18 years old or over.
- You need to be a competent climber with experience of winter climbing in Scotland.
- Your technical lead grade is less important than the need to be an experienced and competent winter climber with sound navigation skills and the ability to cope safely with all that Scotland can throw at you.
- You need to be skilled at winter navigation, especially in whiteout conditions.
- Some guests may have done little or no winter climbing, so it is essential that you feel confident climbing with such partners.
- You must be a member of at least one of the following: Mountaineering Scotland, The BMC, Mountaineering Ireland, Alpine Club or the SMC.

## YOUR ROLE

- You will be teamed up with an international guest climber. Your role is to climb together and show them what winter climbing in Scotland is all about.
- If possible, partnerships will be changed during the week so that you can climb with different people.

## VENUE & DATES

- **Dates:** Saturday 22 to Saturday 29 February 2020.
- **Venue:** Start and finish at Aviemore Youth Hostel. Intervening five days will be based at SMC Huts.
- **Arrival evening:** Saturday 22 February (no climbing on this day).
- **Host briefing (all hosts MUST attend):** Saturday 22 February at 8pm.
- **Climbing for six full days:** Sunday 23 to Friday 28 February.
- **Evening celebration event:** Aviemore, Friday 28 February.
- **Departure day:** Saturday 29 February (no climbing on this day).

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## COST

- The fee is £140 per person. This includes all food for the week (breakfast, lunch & evening meals), use of hut facilities and entry to Aviemore celebration event.
- Every climber will spend at least one night in the CIC Hut on Ben Nevis.
- The event is heavily subsidised by Mountaineering Scotland, BMC, Alpine Club and the SMC.

## TRAVEL

- Hosts are responsible for making their own travel arrangements to and from Aviemore.
- Mountaineering Scotland does not cover costs for getting to and from Aviemore.
- Due to the format of the event the majority of hosts will be required to drive guests between the different huts and climbing venues. Mileage will be paid at 32p per mile (up to max 400 miles). Total mileage driven during the event will be carbon offset.

## HOW TO APPLY

- Please complete the online [Host Application Form](#) by **Friday 22 November 2019**
- Mountaineering Scotland will contact all applicants by email by **6 December** to let them know the outcome of their application.
- If you have any questions please email [info@mountaineering.scot](mailto:info@mountaineering.scot)

## FURTHER INFORMATION

Read about the last three winter meets on the BMC website:

- [International Winter Climbing Meet 2016](#)
- [International Winter Climbing Meet 2014](#)
- [International Winter Climbing Meet 2012](#)

More detailed reports are available on [www.scottishwinter.com](http://www.scottishwinter.com)

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