

David Bell



Please give details of all diving industry related interests, whether remunerated or not, and any other potential conflicts of interest

I have no conflicts of interest.

What do you think are the key challenges facing BSAC, and what should we be doing to address them?

As an ITS Instructor, former council member and regional coach, I know that nothing can be achieved in isolation. The key to success is by being a member of a team and playing an active part in reaching a common goal encompasses all clubs, regional, national and international centres – this is where our strengths lie. With an ever aging diver population we should be encouraging younger divers to get involved and to nurture them, this in turn will bring sustainability and long-term investment to BSAC, ensuring the future retention and growth of our sport. I value the importance of being a volunteer and like many, I want to put something back into our club. I know without the dedication of volunteers nothing gets achieved and what works in branches works in the wider BSAC community. Through the power of members we are able to influence decisions for the benefit of us all, and change policies and strategy that make a real difference to individual members. BSAC have recently reviewed and implemented a number of policies, changes including safeguarding, Equality and Diversity and listened to members concerns, especially post Covid.

Please describe how you would contribute to any / all of these areas

In my former military, police and railway careers I have been responsible for analysing situations, trends, targeting areas of concern and bringing them to a successful conclusion. I am a union representative for the RMT, which includes negotiating policies, along with terms and conditions, for members and a committee

member on The Skomer (MCZ) advisory group. These roles have enabled me to develop my skills as an individual and having now retired I still volunteer my duties as a representative. I believe my particular skills will benefit our council. As the effects of Covid 19 slowly diminish, the biggest job is the rebuilding of clubs and reintroducing face to face training,

Personal statement

Branch secretary: 2006 to 2007,
Branch membership secretary: 2006 to 2013,
Chairman: 2007 to present day

Regional coach: Nov 2009 to Jan 2014
Regional treasurer: 2009 to 2016 Regional local organiser for ITS events: 2011 to present
Council member: 2013 to 2016 and 2017 to 2020
Former committee member of the Welsh Association of Sub Aqua Clubs 2009
2014 (The former NGB in Wales)

Advanced diver, Advanced instructor, Instructor trainer (ITS) Diving for All (DFA)
Instructor and Trimix qualified. I have PADI and TDI qualifications.