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BCRA Cave Science Symposium and Field Meeting 2026

Symposium: Saturday 17 October 2026:

School of Science, Engineering and Environment, Peel Park Campus, University of Salford, M5 4WX.

Field Meeting: Sunday 18 October, 2026:

Manifold Valley, SW Peak District.

First circular and call for abstracts

The British Cave Research Association are pleased to announce details of the 37th Annual Cave Science Symposium and associated Field Meeting. The Symposium will be hosted by Dr Bethany Fox at the School of Science, Engineering and Environment, University of Salford, on Saturday 17 October, 2026. A programme of presentations is being assembled that will be of interest to anyone wishing to know more about the underground environment. Further details will be available on the BCRA website [<https://bcra.org.uk/sym/>], as well as via other on-line news outlets.

Symposium

This year's Symposium will include oral and poster presentations covering BCRA's principal areas of interest.

Traditionally a live event, it is hoped that this year's Symposium will also be streamed on Zoom. Information shown on the BCRA website will be updated when necessary, with final details confirmed a few weeks before the event.

BCRA's AGM will take place during the Science Symposium "Lunch Break" (approximately between 12:00 and 12:50). Details will be posted online [bcra.org.uk/agm/] a few weeks before the event.

For those interested, an informal evening meal to follow the Symposium is being arranged in Manchester City Centre, (booking required: please check the Symposium section of the BCRA website for details).

The Symposium Lecture Secretary is Bethany Fox [b.r.s.fox@salford.ac.uk].

Call for abstracts

Submissions of abstracts for potential posters or oral presentations are welcomed on topics related to cave- or karst-based research. These should be submitted by email no later than 26 August, 2026, to symposium@bcra.org.uk. Please include names of all authors (with affiliations), an email address for the primary author, and an abstract of up to 500 words (main text and References only).

Registration

Please fill in the registration form available via the BCRA website, especially if you are planning to submit an abstract or attend the post-Symposium dinner and/or the Sunday Field Meeting. Registration is also available on-site on the day. A small donation is requested to help cover the cost of refreshments.

Venue

The Symposium will be held in room 0.11 of the Science, Engineering and Environment (SEE) building on the Peel Park Campus, University of Salford. M5 4WX

Field Meeting

A field trip led by Andy Farrant and John Gunn will take place to the Manifold Valley, SW Peak District, on Sunday 18 October. Further details will be available closer to the event [<https://bcra.org.uk/sym/>].

Symposium organisers

Please contact Dr Bethany Fox [b.r.s.fox@salford.ac.uk] for details of the venue and local facilities in Salford and Manchester, as well as for details of the programme and for guidance concerning oral or poster presentations.

For information regarding the Field Meeting, please contact John Gunn [j.gunn.1@bham.ac.uk]

All are welcome, and we look forward to seeing you at the Symposium.