

## KESWICK CLIMBING WALL UPDATE OCTOBER 2008.

You may be aware Keswick Climbing Wall is currently in the process of moving to a new location. We are moving out of our present building, behind the pencil factory, and hope to move up to Goosewell Farm on the outskirts of the town. Planning permission has been applied for and we are waiting for a decision from the National Park soon. Because of the timing of the move we are unfortunately going to be closed to the public for a short time, depending on when the planning issues have been resolved. It is our aim to have the wall up and running by early next year.

The climbing wall business is now owned by Newlands Adventure Centre, another local outdoor centre with group accommodation, which will make us one of the biggest outdoor providers in the area. Newlands has been running for over one hundred years and is said to be the oldest activity centre in the country. It is the aim of Newlands to provide a fantastic new facility for all types of groups to use. The indoor climbing wall will be geared towards group use which will be a great asset to the local area and will reduce pressure on the outside crags such as down the Borrowdale Valley.

For all existing customers, both for climbing lessons and all the outdoor activities, such as the water sports, high ropes course and ghyll scrambling, we are pleased to say that all these activities will be on offer for next season. There may be minor changes to the logistics, and we hope to offer some new and exciting challenges to groups, as well as the tried and tested old favourites.

As we are still in the planning stages with the national park, it is prudent not to make any firm decisions until the planning process has run its course. At the moment all we can say is that we are striving to get the new centre opened as soon as possible so we can get everything in place for next summer.

If you have any queries or would like to book your group in for next year then please don't hesitate to give us a call or send us an email. The contact number and website address are unchanged.

We will keep you posted of any developments here on the web site.

If you have any comments for the Lake District Planning Authority about our application then you can contact them at [planning@lake-district.go.uk](mailto:planning@lake-district.go.uk) and

quote reference number 7/2008/2235.

All the best

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