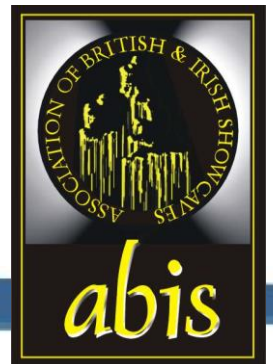


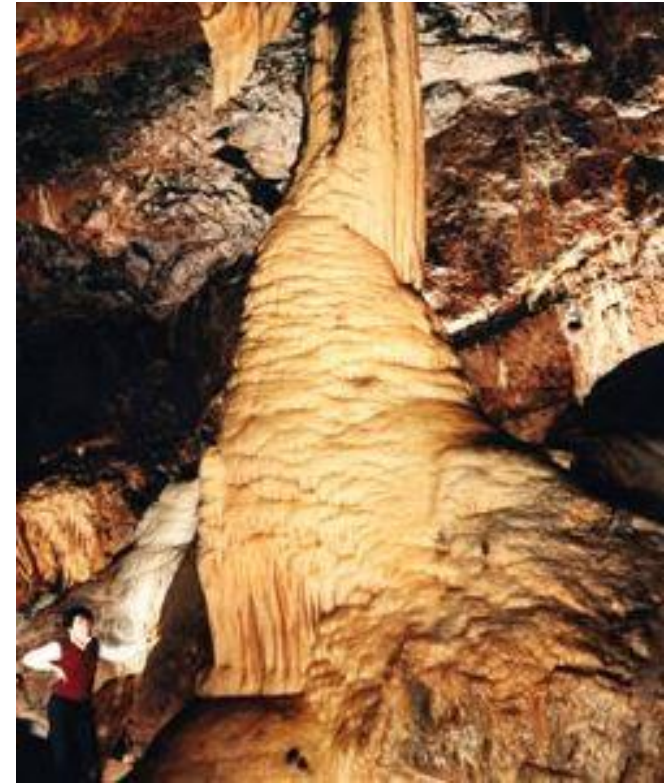
## The Association of British and Irish Showcaves (ABIS)

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- Established in 1989 as The British Association of Show Caves (BAS)
- Expanded to include Ireland in 2001 and became ABIS
- Constitution allows for Affiliate and Associate Members



Michelstown, Ireland

## Objectives of ABIS

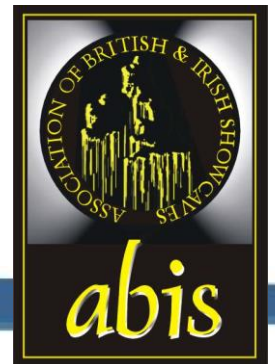
The Association exists to promote co-operation and understanding between underground attractions and other sites of geological and archaeological interest across Britain and Ireland.

All members of the Association are sites of special geological or archaeological interest open to the public.

They aim to ensure that the underground environment is both protected and promoted in the correct manner.



Ingleborough, England



- 16 members:
  - 1 Northern Ireland
  - 5 Republic of Ireland
  - 9 England
  - 1 Wales
  - 0 Scotland







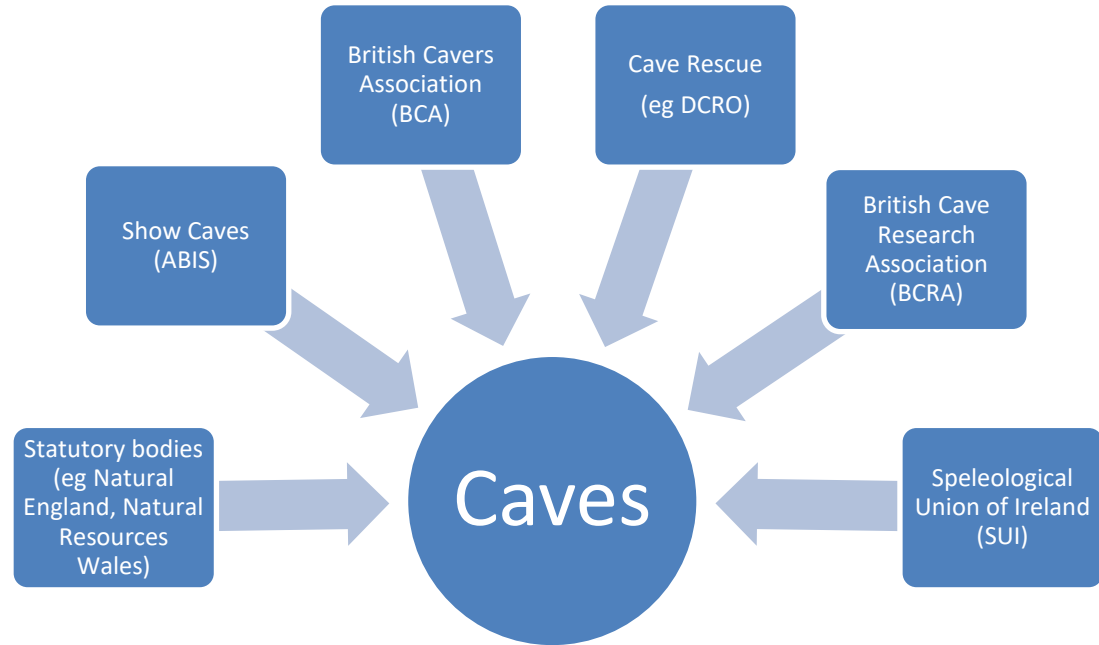
Poole's Cavern, England

- Meet once a year
- £60 (AUS\$120) membership
- All natural caves
- Other underground attractions

## Multiple stakeholders interested in underground environment



Dunmore Caves, Ireland





Cheddar Gorge, England

Primary benefits are sharing  
problems and 'good practice'

## Health & Safety

- Radon, CO<sub>2</sub>,  
Insurance

## Operations

- adventure activities
- themed tours

## Joint initiatives

- Geopark initiatives
- Covid Response



Doolin, Ireland



## Joint promotion



Stumps Cross, England



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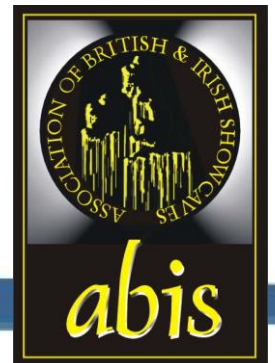
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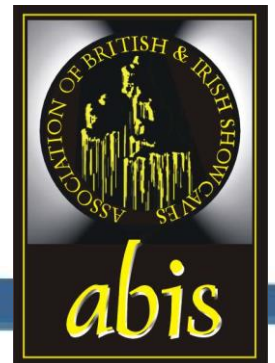
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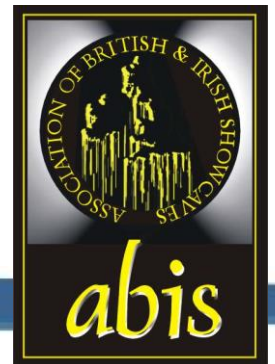
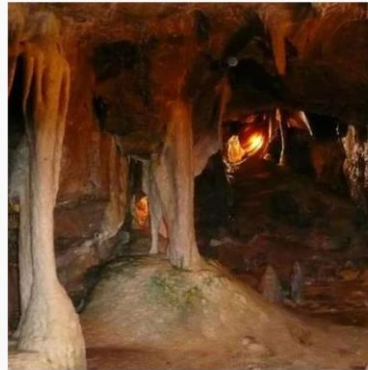
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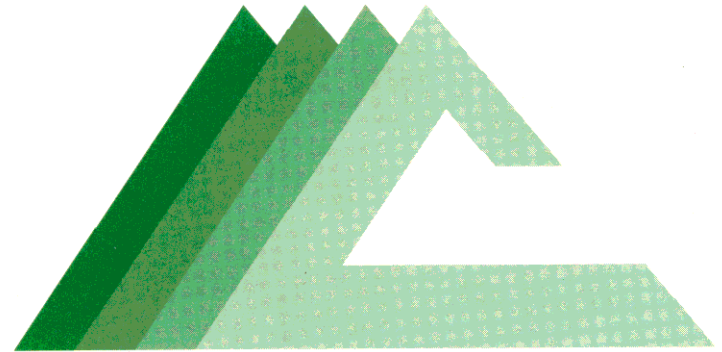


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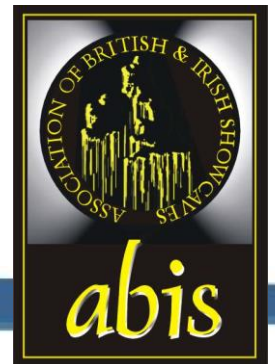
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Crag Cave, Ireland



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Wookey Hole  
Cheddar Gorge  
Kents Cavern  
Treak Cliff  
Dan Yr Ogof  
Crag Cave  
Aillwee  
Michelstown  
White Scar  
Stump Cross  
Peak Cavern  
Ingleborough

## Ownership Local authority

Poole's Cavern  
Dunmore  
Marble Arch Caves  
Doolin



Treak Cliff, England



## Members in UNESCO Global Geoparks (UGG)



Dan-Yr-Ogof, Wales  
Fforest Fawr UGGp



Marble Arch Caves, N.Ireland/Rep of Ireland  
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