

West Lancashire Footpath Group



Newsletter 150 December 2018

Chairman's Comments

Welcome to our winter programme of walks. This newsletter is the first of a new pattern of publication. Traditionally we have included walks for the next four months with one month overlapping. When we were all dependent on paper lists it was useful to have that reminder, but now it is so easy to click on the website to check the next walk (many thanks to John and his daughter for their brilliant work in that regard) that is felt to be no longer necessary. Limiting the programme to the next three months makes it easier for the Rambles Secretary to get commitments from leaders.

The new pattern will be:-

End of November to cover December to February;

End of February for March to May;

End of May for June to August;

End of August for September to December.

The newsletter at the end of August will include the notice required for the AGM in September, as well as information about the committee and an invitation to nominate committee members for the following year.

We have been considering the future of the Canal & Countryside walks. The extra ten walks on top of the normal programme have stretched resources in terms of leaders, and although WLBC have printed the leaflets, distributing them is a burden. However C&C walks provide good publicity and do attract non-members some of whom go on to join WLFG. We have therefore decided to continue the C&C walks programme by limiting the normal afternoon walks in the summer months and focus on evening walks, while keeping the possibility of some longer walks. Any views about this will be very welcome.

As always, many thanks to committee members and to all leaders, without whose hard work we could not continue to provide what I hope you agree is a valuable service to the residents of West Lancashire and surrounding areas.

Peter.

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Footpath news

There has been much concern about Burscough Footpath 74, which is an important link from Liverpool Road South to Higgins Lane. This footpath has been completely blocked for some time because of building works. The contractor should have applied for a temporary blocking order, but instead has blocked a public right of way illegally. LCC are aware of the situation and the path should soon be restored. If you live in the area do try to check it out from time to time.

Peter.

Membership Matters

The current membership of the WLFG stands at 72, with at least another 30 still needing to consider their renewal status. As I have written many times in the past, please send me your renewal form and subscription as soon as possible. We can only survive as a fully functioning society if we can rely on Members' support.

I also reinforce Peter's request for your opinions on the value of the Wednesday evening Canal & Countryside walks, which this year have for the most part been well attended.

John.

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*It's that time of year again!
The Officers and Committee of
the West Lancashire Footpath
Group wish you*

*A Merry Christmas
and a very Happy and
Prosperous New Year*