



Chairman's Comments

Like all commercial and voluntary organisations we must conform to the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). The Committee has approved a policy and all members need to agree to data being retained by the group. If you received this newsletter by email the policy and consent form will be attached. You just need to type your name in the appropriate place and return by email: this will be equivalent to signing it. If you receive a printed copy of the newsletter the policy will be included and you will need to sign and return the consent form.

The annual Green Fayre, organised by West Lancashire Borough Council at Beacon Park, Dalton on 21st and 22nd July is a celebration of the countryside and countryside living and a fun day out. West Lancashire Ramblers have taken a stall on behalf of the two groups which we will man on the Sunday to publicise the groups and to promote the idea of walking. Do come and bring the family to enjoy the wide range of activities.

The AGM will be held on 13th September at the Bowling Club, Skelmersdale. We will continue with what we believe is a successful pattern of the last few years, starting with a walk of about 3 miles at 6pm, followed by refreshments. The formal AGM will start around 7.30pm. Do please come both to support the Committee and to have your say about how the group should be run.

Please encourage your friends and acquaintances to give our walks a try. Perhaps you could draw the group's activities to the attention of anyone you know who has recently retired and is looking for new challenges. We welcome non-members for up to three WLFNG walks, and anyone can come on any number of the Canal & Countryside walks which are offered in conjunction with W L B C. Daytime walks will not exceed 6 miles, and the Canal & Countryside walks will not exceed 4 miles, with a slightly slower pace as we hope to that these walks might attract some less experienced walkers. Thanks to Ann for arranging the walks programme, to all the leaders and to the committee whose hard work enables us to continue to provide a valuable service to the walkers of West Lancashire.

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I'm still hoping for a volunteer to be Secretary! You just need to be able to take minutes and send emails. Any takers?

Peter.

Footpath news

A new concessionary path has been opened in Burscough alongside the cricket club. This provides a very pleasant way to access the canal bank from School Lane. The path has been fenced and is clearly signed. If you pass the cricket club on your right as you leave Burscough travelling east, the path runs alongside the cricket pitch between two wire fences. It could be of use in planning walks in the North East part of Burscough which is less walked than other parts. The canal bank from Burscough to Wheat Lane has been rebuilt at great expense and is much easier to walk, although apparently some cyclists have seen the improvements as an invitation to see how fast they can cycle, so do take care!

Peter.

Membership Matters

As Peter has written, the recent introduction of the new data protection bureaucracy has been occupying the Committee's mind. We believe that we currently have all the procedures we need to keep us legal once we have completed an initial consent survey. See the back page for more information and consent form. For the future, I intend to incorporate a form of wording on our Application/Renewal form, which will obviate the need for a separate form.

The current membership of the WLFGB stands at 96.

John.

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WEST LANCASHIRE FOOTPATH GROUP

DATA PROTECTION POLICY

West Lancashire Footpath Group (WFLG) needs to gather and use certain information about its members. At present the data retained by WFLG about members are names, addresses, email addresses, telephone numbers, when and how subscriptions are paid and Gift Aid information.

In order to comply with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) regarding the collection, handling and storage of personal information WFLG will ensure that information stored on paper is kept in a secure place where unauthorised people cannot see it and will be shredded and disposed of when no longer required. Data stored electronically will be protected from unauthorised access, accidental deletion and malicious hacking attempts. Only committee members will have access to the information and it will never be shared with other groups, either commercial or non-commercial.

In order to ensure that data is accurate and up to date, data will be kept in as few places as possible and inaccuracies will be corrected as soon as possible. All members are entitled to ask what information WFLG holds about them and why it is held.

A member of the Committee will be nominated to act as Data Controller who will report periodically to the Committee about the effectiveness of this policy. The policy will be reviewed by the Committee every two years and membership will be informed through the newsletter and the AGM about any changes.

This Policy was approved by the Committee of WFLG on 27th May 2018.