

# West Lancashire Footpath Group



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## Chairman's Comments

I am sorry to inform members of the death of Ted Bostock in July. Although he had not been able to walk with us over the last few years he continued as the group treasurer until 2016. He carried out this role efficiently and with commitment for very many years and we remember him with gratitude for the work he did for us. The group was represented at Ted's funeral.

Please try come to the AGM, which, as last year, will be held at the Bowling Club, Witham Road, Old Skelmersdale. This will be on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September: please see the panel on the back page for details. We are of course required to provide this annual opportunity for members to make their voices heard and make suggestions for the future. You could even volunteer to join the committee or to lead walks, but this is not obligatory! As in recent years the evening will start with a walk at 6pm, followed by refreshments. The formal meeting will start at 7.30 pm. One important item on the agenda will be the future of the Canal & Countryside programme. The committee has decided in principle not to continue with these walks because of the difficulty of finding enough leaders over the summer months. A final decision will be taken after listening to the views of members.

We look forward to an exciting programme of walking through Autumn and I hope you will all encourage friends to give our walks a try. Walks should be between 4 miles and 6 miles, as far as possible following rights of way or minor roads in West Lancashire and surrounding areas. Remember that our insurance allows guests to walk with us for up to 3 times without joining the group.

Peter

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## Footpath news

We continue to report problems to Lancashire County Council, and often to the Parish Council. Please draw our attention to problems you encounter.

There has still not been a solution to the problem of Downholland FP5 (School Lane to Wanisher Lane, Haskayne).

We have been asked to point out that the correct line of Dalton FP29 continues to be in a straight line through Blackbirds Farm, although the suggested diversion is a very pleasant walk, albeit much further than the correct line.

Peter.

## Membership Matters

The current membership of the WFLG stands at 99, just a few less than last year's total.

Following the item about the new data protection bureaucracy in the last Newsletter, I'm pleased to report that just under half of members have already given their consent. I am still hoping to have a new application/renewal form available to go out with this Newsletter

I also reinforce Peter's plea for as many of you who can to attend the AGM and give 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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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

You are all invited to attend the proceedings, which will take place at:-

**The Bowling Club, Witham Road, Old Skelmersdale  
WN8 8HW GR468061**

We are grateful to Tommy Wadkin who has provided us with the use of the facilities in the clubhouse and who will lead a short walk from there starting at 6 pm. This will be followed by refreshments provided by the Committee.

The formal business meeting is scheduled to begin at 7.30 pm and be finished by about 9 pm.

We do hope that you will decide to come and give us the benefit of your opinions on any topic that you feel is important to the success of the Group, because it is really only as good and successful as its membership is.

Access to Bowling Club is circled in the picture.

