

# West Lancashire Footpath Group



**Newsletter 1589 August 2021**

## Chairman's Comments

Greetings from the Committee to all members. We hope you have been well and have benefited from the relaxing of the covid restrictions and have been able to get out on walks, either by yourselves or in organised groups. As a registered charity we are required to have a functioning committee and I am delighted to inform you that we have had 'willing' volunteers who have now been formally been co-opted to serve on the committee from 1<sup>st</sup> September.

John Partington is stepping down from his roles as he is moving down south to be near family. I would like to thank John for all he has done for the group. In earlier days he was a regular leader and for many years has been Membership Secretary. With the help of his daughter Gillian, John has been website manager. They have created a most attractive and informative website. Also, he generously hosted committee meetings at his home.

I am also stepping down as Chair, and am delighted to welcome Joan Woods to this role, and wish her well. We have a new Secretary (Claire Birks), Membership Secretaries (Marcia & David Worrall) and Committee Member (Steve Jackson). The role of Website Manager is currently vacant, and will be covered on an ad hoc basis by the Committee until a new volunteer comes forward. Thanks to all the committee members, both new recruits and those who have served the group so well. With good wishes to all.

Peter Fletcher.

## Communications with members

It was previously agreed that newsletters would be sent by email, with a copy on the website, to save the cost and effort of producing printed versions. If you know of any members who are unable to get a copy, please let a committee member know. We now have a Facebook page entitled 'West Lancashire Footpath Group'.

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Website	e-mail
<a href="http://www.westlancsfootpathgroup.org.uk">www.westlancsfootpathgroup.org.uk</a>	<a href="mailto:westlancashirefootpathgroup@gmail.com">westlancashirefootpathgroup@gmail.com</a>

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## Membership Matters and Subscriptions

Due to the pandemic, the 2019-2020 membership subscription was extended to cover the period up to December 2020.

We hope you have all managed to pay for the year January 2021 to December 2021. If you still have to pay it, the easiest way is to do by bank transfer:-

Bank TSB; Sort Code 77-57-01; A/C no. 30569560 in the name of West Lancashire Footpath Group; (reference 'your name').

The rate will continue at £5 for a single member, £10 for a household. I hope you agree that it is very good value.

Gift-aiding your subscription helps us to remain solvent. If you are not currently doing so and you or your partner pays UK tax, please consider making a gift-aid declaration. This is of course entirely voluntary.

Website Manager No changes since last Newsletter.

## Committee from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021

## with Contact Numbers

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Marcia & David Worrall	Membership Secretaries	07809 704999
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## Rambles Secretary

Our walks programme has been functioning well, following the “Ramblers” guidelines. To join a walk, you must book a place with the leader. There will be a limited number of walkers on each walk, who should continue to follow social distancing guidelines. We welcome non-members who wish to try our walks, but, for the time being, we are not offering the ‘Canal & Countryside’ walks which have been very popular with the public. Ann has prepared a programme of walks up to the end of September. Many thanks to her and to the leaders.

The starting points for the walks are not being published. This information will be given to you by the leader when you book a place.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Walk Leader</b>	<b>Where and phone number</b>	
<b>AUGUST 2021</b>			
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> 1.00pm	Karen & Dennis	Mawdesley	(07746 014671)
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> 1.00pm	Geoff	Rufford	(07990 836085)
<b>SEPTEMBER 2021</b>			
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> 1.00pm	Claire	Halsall	(07974 005649)
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> 1.00pm	Ann	Bickerstaffe	(07443 533354)

**All** rambles are approximately 5 miles and easy/moderate rating. Ann has set up a ‘Facebook’ page, “West Lancashire Footpath Group”. Please post photos from your walks and possibly details of other walks that you have found and ‘like’ the page so that we know it works. Looking forward to seeing you all again soon

Website: [www.westlancashirefootpathgroup.org.uk](http://www.westlancashirefootpathgroup.org.uk)

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