



NEWSLETTER December 2023

Chairperson Report

We held our AGM on Sunday 12th November at Haskayne Village Hall. The committee all stood for re-election and were unanimously voted in for another year. After the AGM a volunteer came forward to be Secretary, a position that has been vacant for over a year, Mary Ellis has been co-opted into the role by the committee. **Peter Fletcher** has expressed his wish for a replacement to be found for his role as Treasurer. Peter has done many years on the committee of the footpath group and would like to retire gracefully. If anyone would be interested please contact me or any committee member, via email or on a walk.

We are approaching the end of 2023 and at the time of writing there are just 3 more walks programmed in for December; totalling 9 walks in the quarter. The walk programme provided by the footpath group represents great value for money, I'm sure you will agree. The annual membership of £5 per person or £10 for a family membership (2 adults and children) is due for 2024. The membership year runs from January to December. If at all possible please pay by bank transfer and complete a membership form. Our bank details have changed since last year so please update your mandate with the following details:

Lloyds Bank
West Lancashire Footpath Group
Sort Code: 309950
A/c number: 51562460

Below is a copy of the membership form which can be found on our website, westlancsfootpathgroup.org.uk

If you wish to become a member of the group, IT IS IMPORTANT TO COMPLETE THIS FORM and choose how you would like to pay.
(Single £5, Family £10)

Please note, that by completing this form you agree to your details being used for the management of the group as permitted by the General Data Protection Regulations. Your details will not be passed onto other organisations.

We mostly communicate with members by email, so if you have one, please enter it on your form. A first class postage stamp now costs from £1.25 a second class costs from 75p; so as you can see sending out Newsletter's and walk programmes 4 times a year wipes out any membership fee. Leaving us with insurance and other necessary expenses not covered.

West Lancashire Footpath Group



Registered Charity Number

511764

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP / RENEWAL

LAST NAME (Mr; Mrs; Ms; Miss)

FIRST NAMES

ADDRESS.

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POSTCODE

TELEPHONE/S

E-Mail Address

SIGNATURE DATE

[By signing this form, you agree that WLFG can use your data for the purpose of running the Group as permitted by the General Data Protection Regulations.]

MEMBERSHIP (for year to 31st December 2024) Tick where appropriate

SINGLE MEMBERSHIP £5.00

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP (i.e. from same address) £10.00

“Gift Aid” scheme, please tick the appropriate box: – Yes No

If you pay UK tax, tick **yes**, so that we can reclaim 25% of your subscription.

Please give, or send your completed form with
Your subscription to the Membership Secretary
At the address in the box.

Make cheques payable to: –

The West Lancashire Footpath Group.

If you pay by **Bank Transfer** please still send this form.

Mr D Worrall
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Hesketh Bank
PRESTON
PR4 6YB

Contact Telephone No: 07932 694037

Note - These data will only be used in connection with running the West Lancashire Footpath Group. They will not be divulged to any other persons or organisations.

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Committee issues

The committee can be contacted either by phone or through the web page, “contact us” tab www.westlancsfootpathgroup.org.uk via email.

The walks programme

The autumn walk programme, has been a wet and muddy one. The new shorter easier walks, on Tuesdays, have continued and will remain in the programme through the next quarter.

Facebook has continued to be a valuable advertising space and Chris reported at the AGM that our page has 150 members. Both Chris and Gwen post the walk programme onto other Facebook pages.

Gwen has produced an excellent guide for walk leaders, she has paper copies or electronic versions. If anyone would consider leading a walk please contact Gwen. Volunteer leaders are essential to the viability of the group and the walk programme.

The full walk programme is being reinstated into the newsletter this quarter. But please remember that late changes will be shown on the web page and Facebook if they become necessary.

Date	Location Parking Starting Place	Grid Ref W3W	Leader
Sun 14 Jan 2024 1pm 4.5m/5m	Woodvale, Roadside parking by Sparrowhawk Hotel Southport Old Road Woodvale L37 OAB	SD311 103 derailed.seabelt.simple	Gwen Veevers 07719 889210
Tues 16 Jan 2024 Shorter and slower 1pm 3/3.5m	Rufford, parking on sliproad behind St. Marys Church, Church Road, Rufford L40 1TA	SD464 156 locate.decimals.skinning	Tommy Wadkin 07765 016961
Wed 24 Jan 2024 1pm 4.5m/5m	Aughton, parking at Town Green Railway station or on roadside nearby L39 6RG	SD401 054 older.juror.shapes	Chris Rimmer 07775 615048 and Helen Jones 077443 521411
Sun 11 Feb 2024 1pm 4.5m/5m	Rainford, parking on Ormskirk Road, by the side of Holdi Restaurant, WA11 7TA	SD467 027 chip.snack.moods	Joan and Geoff Patton 07989 514917
Tues 20 Feb 2024 Shorter and slower 1pm 3/3.5m	Ruff Wood, Vicarage Lane, Ormskirk Roadside parking near to St. James Church L40 6HR	SD346 715 giggles.headless.troubles	Alan Clarkin 07810 547394

Wed 28 Feb 2024 1pm 4.5m/5m	Bretherton, starting and parking at Liverpool Old Road Sollom PR4 6HR	SD455 01876 regress,collected.deserved	Geoff Wright 07790 836085
Sun 10 March 2024 1pm 4.5m/5m	Melling,parking and Starting at Maghull Train Station CP L31 3DE	SD390 025 trumped.protests. degrading	Gabby Naylor 07761 0352882
Tues 19 March 2024 Shorter and slower 1pm 3/3.5m	Holmes/Mere Brow parking and starting Holmes Chapel, corner of Park Lane and Mere Brow Lane PR4 6JN	SD280 188 transcribes.proclaims. harshesht	Gwen Veevers 07719 889210
Wed 27 March 2024 1pm 4.5m/5m	Ainsdale Nature Reserve Roadside parking by Sparrowhawk Hotel Southport Old Road Woodvale L37 0AB	SD311 103 derailed.seatbelt.simple	Gwen Veevers 07719 889210

All the walks will start at 1PM, it is perhaps worth mentioning 1pm is the departure time not the meeting time. Don't forget you have to get your boots on!

The walk programme is sent out by email to WLFG members. It is also available on the webpage.

www.westlancsfootpathgroup.org.uk

Footpath Officer Report.

No new issues have been reported in the last couple of months. The website, Reported Issues tab is up to date with reports and outcomes.

Communications with members.

The newsletter, website and email are now well established for our communications to members. The Facebook page is proving popular although there is some confusion over joining the Facebook page and becoming a paid member of the group. Chris and David follow up on this if none members attend walks. We are looking at the viability of including a link to the membership form on the Facebook page.

It will continue to be used for diary updates.

The website has been updated but is still a work in progress. Chris has managed to update the home page and include a slide show of some more recent photographs. If you have any feedback please let us know.

A link to the website is included here: www.westlancsfootpathgroup.org.uk

The contact us tabs are really useful and enable contact to the various committee members directly by email. There is also now a link to the Facebook page from the website.

Our email address is:

westlancashirefootpathgroup@gmail.com

We are all getting better at monitoring and responding to these enquiries.

A link to Facebook is attached which will invite you to join the group. At present the group is private.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/267065369061420/>

Committee from 12 November 2023

Chair: Gaynor Culshaw 07779 089 507

Secretary: Mary Ellis 07896 162950

Treasurer: Peter Fletcher 07925582891

Membership Secretary: David Worrall 07932 694037

Rambles Secretary: Gwen Veevers 07719 889210

Website Manager: Chris Rimmer 07775 615048

Footpath Inspectors: Doreen Bird 07746 014671 and Gwen Veevers 07719 889210

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