



NEWSLETTER July 2023

Chairperson Report

Since the March 2023 Newsletter there has been lots of activity behind the scenes aimed at updating the membership experience of walking with the group.

A new walk programme has successfully been introduced with some shorter, easier walks included.

The web page contact us and recent news column have been up dated and used effectively to keep members informed. Late changes to walk information have been published there, in addition to emails being sent to members whenever possible.

A new revitalised Facebook page has been created. There is a link included on the Web page, under the contact us tab, which is an easy way to access it.

Anyone taking pictures on the walks is reminded to check with those present that they are happy to be included. This is a requirement of the group. Posting onto Facebook will be checked by our administrator. Most of the pictures are of the beautiful surrounds, flora and fauna met along the way.

The group successfully bid for funding from West Lancashire Heritage Society which has been dissolved. The Heritage Group was known to a number of West Lancashire Footpath group members. Amongst other successes they were involved with bringing the “War Horse” story and walk to the attention of the wider North West public. The donation of £500 will enable our insurance, web hosting and Ramblers affiliation, fees to be paid into 2024.

Our Charity Commission records have been updated to include the changes to the trustee information. This information is available for “public” viewing.

Committee issues

The committee was elected at the AGM on 14 May 2023. The new officer’s details are included at the bottom of the Newsletter. They can be contacted either by phone or through the web page, “contact us” tab www.westlancsfootpathgroup.org.uk via email.

The re-elected officers are very pleased to welcome Chris and welcome back Peter to the committee.

We still have a vacancy for Secretary. If anyone would be willing to undertake this role please contact me, either on a walk or send me a message via the contact us email.

The walks programme

The next walk programme dates and locations are included below with postcodes, “what 3 words” and grid references.

Day Date Distance and walk start Time	Location Parking and Starting Place	Grid Ref W3W	Leader
Sun 9 July 2023 5/6m 1pm	Clieves Hill from Haskayne Parking and Starting from The Ship at Rosemary Lane Haskayne L39 8RH	SD364081 ///reckon.rant.decanter	Chris
Tues 18 July 2023 Shorter and slower 3.2m 1pm	Rainford Parking and start point Holdi Restaurant parking on Ormskirk Road, WA11 7TA Take turn off Rainford bypass at first roundabout then immediate left to just past houses on the right	SD11 7TA ///idea.slurs.actors	Tommy
Wed 26 July 2023 Evening walk 4m 7pm	Maghull Parking and Starting at The Running Horses pub, Bells Lane. Maghull L31 4EN	SD336034 ///forehand.clip.detection	Gwen
Sun 13 Aug 2023 5/6m 1pm	Bickerstaffe Parking and Starting opposite St Richards RC Church, 184 Liverpool Rd. WN8 8BX	SD462056 ///insert.nerd.freezing	Joan and Geoff
Tues 15 Aug 2023 Shorter and slower 3/3.5m 1pm	Much Hoole, River Douglas Parking and Starting from just past Snack van on Old Liverpool Road, just before Haunders Lane, take the left turning immediately after the roundabout on the A59 PR4 5JP	SD346227 ///narrating.kicks.handed	Gwen
Wed 23 Aug 2023 Evening walk 4m 7pm	Rufford Parking and starting from Hesketh Arms Pub Liverpool Road, Rufford, L40 1SB	SD346155 ///pets.lads.prune	Gwen
Sun 10 Sept 2023 5/6m 1pm	Crank and Moss Bank Parking at The Red Cat Pub, 8 Red Cat Lane Crank WA11 8RU the walk will commence from this point	SAD503998 ///mailings.beads.sensual	Joan and Steve
Tues 19 Sept 2023	TBA		Tommy
Wed 27 Sept 2023 Evening walk 4m 7pm	Hoscar Moss parking and starting Canal side by Ring O'Bells Pub Ring O'Bells Lane, Lathom L49 5TE	SD4858109 ///trophies.listed.brushing	Gwen

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

www.westlancsfootpathgroup.org.uk

The walk programme for October to December is being planned. If any members would consider leading a walk this would make a big difference to the viability of the group. Support is available from current leaders and committee members. Plans are being made for a walk with refreshments on Sunday 10 December. More information will be available on the next programme.

Footpath Officer Report

There is nothing new to report since the update provided at the AGM.

Communications with members.

The newsletter, website and email are now well established for our communications to members. The Facebook page will be used for diary purposes. Showing pictures from our walks. It has also proved useful for showing late changes to walk information. A link to the website is included. www.westlancsfootpathgroup.org.uk the contact us tabs are really useful and enable contact to the various committee members directly by email.

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 14 May 2023

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