



WALKERS ARE WELCOME

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Now 91 full WaW members!

Since the last Newsletter we are pleased to welcome the following full members of the network:

Beverley, Yorkshire
Caistor, Lincolnshire
Chepstow, Monmouthshire
Corwen, Denbighshire
Elham, Kent
Fairford, Gloucestershire
Ilfracombe, Devon
Lynton & Lynmouth, Devon
Oswestry, Shropshire
Ottery St Mary, Devon
Porlock, Somerset
Rosedale, North Yorkshire
Sidmouth, Devon
St Dogmaels, Pembrokeshire
Swaffham, Norfolk
Boroughbridge and Lower Ure Valley, North Yorkshire
Cardigan, Ceredigion
Corwen, Denbighshire
Talgarth, Powys
Sandy, Bedfordshire

New Associate members too

Baildon, Bradford
Ivybridge, Devon
Llandovery, Carmarthenshire
Melbourne, Derbyshire
Wye, Kent

Annual returns

We have been analysing the 2011 annual reports, which has proved very useful. Come to the Get Together to hear all about what everyone's doing.

A few towns and villages have not submitted their Annual Return for 2011. The national committee is faced with the task of considering whether these towns and villages should still be full members.

The committee is writing to each one to ask for clarification. If they do not provide evidence that they are still meeting the WaW criteria they may be changed from full to

Bookings now being taken for Ross on Wye

The **Annual Get Together/Conference 2012** takes place on **20 & 21 October** in the beautiful riverside town of Ross on Wye in Herefordshire. As always, we encourage as many of you as possible to come along and take part.



There are walks on the Saturday afternoon, a dinner in the evening then the full day conference on the Sunday. The walks are free, the 3-course dinner is £18 per head including wine and the organisers have managed to keep the cost of the Sunday 'Get Together' down to an amazing £25 per delegate, including refreshments and lunch.

If you can't spare 2 days, then just come along for one day. For those needing accommodation, there is plenty to choose from. Why not make a mini break of it and stay an extra night or two to explore the Wye Valley and Forest of Dean. It's also an ideal opportunity for those towns in the south and west to come along.

This is where friendships are made, ideas are shared and you get to feel part of the network, which is now getting towards 100 towns and villages. It is also a great opportunity for aspiring towns to come along and find out more before committing themselves. In fact one of the workshops will be looking at the different approaches two towns took to gaining accreditation and getting started, with discussions on what worked well and what didn't.

There will be plenty of room for each participating town and village to bring along a display and leaflets to share with others. If you would like to take advantage of this, please contact Sam Phillips from Ross WaW so that he makes sure there are enough tables laid out. Email Sam at: samph@gmail.com

To book visit: www.ross-on-wyewalkersarewelcome.co.uk