



Now 99 full WaW members!

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

- Alton, Hampshire
- Baildon, Bradford
- Crickhowell, Powys
- Denby Dale, West Yorkshire
- Hay-on-Wye, Powys
- Llandoverly, Carmarthenshire
- Monmouth, Monmouthshire
- Snaith, East Riding of Yorkshire

New Associate members too

- Dursley, Gloucestershire
- Emsworth, Hampshire
- Shap, Cumbria
- Charlbury, Oxfordshire
- Lampeter, Carmarthenshire

New website coming!

A small group are working hard adding content to the forthcoming national WaW website which we hope will go live early in the new year.

A first draft of the design and structure was displayed at the Get Together and delegates were encouraged to comment.



We received some good ideas and valid comments, and the design and structure have now been amended and improved.

Many thanks to everyone who sent in their photographs. When the website launches we will be asking each town for a brief description which will be incorporated in the Google map. Watch this space!

If you are staging an event such as a Walking festival, let us know the dates.

Feedback from Ross on Wye

This year's Annual Get Together in Ross-on-Wye on 20/21 October was a great success. Delegates attended from 36 different towns and villages, including Associate members and one or two just wishing to find out more before joining.

The weekend began on the Saturday with 3 short walks in the autumn sunshine, followed by dinner at a local pub. On Sunday the choice of interesting workshops offered something for everyone, with lots of ideas flowing from the discussions.

This year the lunch break was extended to allow more time for networking and it was noticeable that people were moving from table to table. Those who had attended previous events, enjoyed meeting up with old friends and swapping ideas.



It was interesting to find out that towns had been visiting each other, either on fact-finding missions or to go walking and we encourage other members to do the same. For instance Chesham visited Ross-on-Wye for a walking weekend, with Ross WaW leading guided walks. Talgarth visited Winchcombe on a fact finding mission and walkers from Winchcombe had a great time and picked up some tips at Moffat Walking Festival. There is no doubt that the towns and villages that get more involved, tend to be the ones that are having more success. You are part of a national network, so use it to your advantage.

Next year's event will be in **Swaffham**, Norfolk over the weekend of **19 & 20 October 2013**. Please put the dates in your diary now, as we would like to see as many of you as possible represented.

If you would like to host the Annual Get Together in your town in 2014 or 2015, please complete the application form on the Get Together page of www.walkersarewelcome.org.uk.



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Learning from others

One of the workshops at the Get Together looked at the different approaches two towns took to gaining accreditation and getting started, followed by a discussion on what worked well and what didn't.

Delegates from Llandovery, an Associate town, showed that they found this session particularly useful. They learnt that every town is different and what works for one doesn't necessarily work for another.

Since attending they have drawn up a plan to help them gain accreditation. In particular they took note of the fact that WaW is a **community led initiative** and steering groups should be independent of the Council, although it is important to have Council support and one or two Councillors in the group.

Britain on Foot

Watch out for this new initiative from the Outdoor Industries Association. Our Chair and Patron attended the launch at the Houses of Parliament and we have had a meeting since. We look forward to working with them to promote walking in Britain early in 2013. www.britainonfoot.co.uk



Get Together delegates enjoying a walk in the sun near Ross-on-Wye.

New WaW Executive Committee voted in

During the AGM at the Get Together, the new Executive Committee was agreed. We are pleased to welcome new members from Wellington and Bradfield. Thanks go to Naomi Wrighton and Carli Black who stood down from the Committee.



The Executive Committee, Patron and Vice Presidents

Back row L-R:

Chris Prescott (*Bradfield*); Geoff Kitt (*Moffat*) Treasurer; John Woolmer, Vice President; Peter Corkill, Vice President; Sam Phillips (*Ross on Wye*) Vice Chair; Kate Francis (*Swaffham*); Bob Coalbran (*Wellington*)

Middle row L-R:

Kate Ashbrook, Patron; Nigel Botting (*Market Weighton*) Chair; Ann Sandell (*Kirkby Stephen*) Secretary.

Front row L-R:

Randal Metzger (*Otley*); Ruth Coulthard (*Abergavenny*)
Sheila Talbot (*Winchcombe*).

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