



WALKERS ARE WELCOME CIC TOWNS NETWORK

BID TO HOLD THE ANNUAL GET-TOGETHER

Holding the national Annual Walkers are Welcome Get-Together is an ideal opportunity to showcase your community to WaW representatives from across Great Britain. The National Executive Committee (NEC) will work with you to make your Get-Together special.

Whilst there is not a set format for this event, we propose some specific suggestions; we are happy if you wish to arrange matters differently, but in that case please give your detailed reasons for doing so in order that the NEC can make a ruling first.

Our core requirements are set out below. This core is designed to allow people to attend for one day only (though of course this also depends on your location - for example, Scotland and East Anglia are a long way from almost everywhere) and so should enable any member to put forward a bid to host the AGT.

- 1 The minimum 'core' should be for a 1 day event, that
 - has a venue suitable for the likely attendance (say 70-80 people)
 - has timetabled an AGM to start at a time that allows people travelling a reasonable distance to arrive in time, (so, say 1000 to 1030)
 - has a short AGM, possibly followed by a plenary session on a topic normally chosen by the NEC (we would work this out with you nearer the time)
 - has time in the afternoon for 2 sets of small group workshops (preferably not just presentations), so everyone can choose one from the first set and another from the second set; the NEC will probably wish to present one of these, with the host town or village arranging the other(s); workshops likely to be popular may be repeated in each round
 - includes time for networking
 - includes an evening social event
- 2 Beyond the core, the suggested 'extras' would then be walks and/or other activities before and/or after the core day. You are strongly encouraged to see this as *your* event and should reflect local flavour: don't be afraid to be different.
- 3 The AGT should be held in the second half of October, with the AGM on a Saturday.

Please note that if your bid is successful, a representative from your organising committee will be expected to take part in NEC meetings as and when required, to report on your progress. This is not an onerous or remotely intimidating task but you need to be aware of this requirement. The NEC normally meets monthly by telephone and holds two face-to-face meetings, one of which is the day prior to the Annual Get-Together and the other in spring.

Applications to host the Get-Together must be with the national Secretary, secretary@walkersarewelcome.org.uk by 15 March of the year before your planned Get-Together date (eg 15 March 2021 for the 2022 Get-Together).

In all that follows, references to 'town' should be taken to include 'village'.

1. TOWN MAKING APPLICATION:

2. DATE OF ACCREDITATION:

3. PROPOSED DATE(S) OF GET TOGETHER:

4. INTRODUCTION

Please give a brief outline of achievements and activities prior to and since accreditation and why you believe your town is a good candidate to be a host town. This should include best practice that you would like to highlight.

5. LOCATION AND ACCESSIBILITY

Please describe where your town is situated and its transport links by road, rail and coach. *NB: A lack of excellent public transport services will not preclude acceptance as the host town.*

6. ACCOMMODATION AND DINING

Please give a brief outline of the types of accommodation and eating establishments that are available including an estimate of the number of hotels, guest-houses and B&Bs. *NB: A lack of large hotels or other such accommodation will not preclude acceptance as the host town but some nearby accommodation will be essential.*

7. FACILITIES

Please give a brief description of visitor/tourist facilities in the town and the surrounding area.

8. GET-TOGETHER CONFERENCE VENUE

Please state the nature of, and facilities available at, the proposed Get-Together venue. Include delegate capacity, disabled access and number of workshop rooms available. Photographs would be helpful but not mandatory.

9. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Are you planning to involve other local organisations or groups and partners in the planning, organisation or running of your event? If so, please state which ones and how they will work with you.

10. SIGNATURES

CHAIRMAN _____

Signature _____

DATE _____

SECRETARY _____

Signature _____

DATE _____

Electronic signatures are acceptable.

If you think it may be helpful, members of the NEC will be willing to visit your town to offer advice and help in the planning of a successful Get-Together; just ask.

APPENDIX A: BUDGET

If available, please give some indication of your budget for the event. Detailed figures are not critical at this stage but will be helpful if available. Advice on the items normally budgeted for is available from the NEC.

APPENDIX B: PROPOSED CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

The Programme may follow established lines or may be completely different. Imagination is invited.

The NEC will probably wish to meet on Friday evening, and again on Sunday morning; this will require a suitable venue, and, ideally, the meeting times will not conflict with locally arranged events.