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# WALKERS ARE WELCOME

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## Newsletter August 2017

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### National Survey

The deadline for members to submit the National WaW Survey 2017 was mid-July, and sixty-four responses were received from England, Scotland and Wales. **THANK YOU** once again to all those who made the effort to complete the 28 questions.

As you know, WaW as an organisation is celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.

The survey was carried out in order to highlight the many achievements that have been accomplished since its launch in 2007 at Hebden Bridge in Yorkshire. Many of the achievements across the UK would not have occurred were it not for the inception and expansion of WaW. The outstanding work has been achieved by volunteers and their partner organisations and groups.

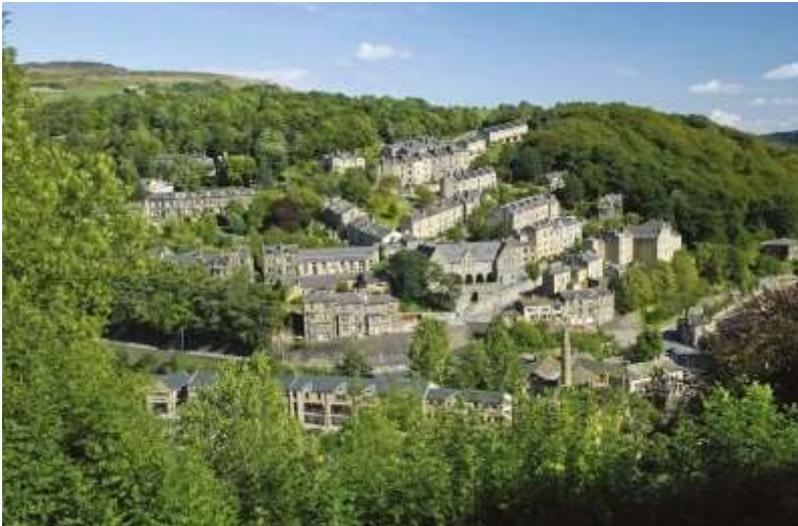
Briefly, here is a taster of what the survey results have illustrated about the impact of WaW nationally:

- over 1,000 walks have been developed and published, culminating in over 6,000 miles of routes;
- we have helped to maintain thousands of miles of walking routes;

- our walking festivals represent over 100 days per annum, totalling over 500 walks and involving over 7,000 people each year;
- we have created twenty-two different types of walks;
- there are over 1,000 Walkers are Welcome HERE stickers displayed in retail and non-retail outlets across the country;
- we have made extensive use of social media to help promote walks and other related activities;
- over 70% of WaW towns and villages have their own websites;
- the use of public transport has been actively promoted, and made good use of both bus and rail;
- local economies have earned substantial sums from local walkers and visitors who use our routes and attend walking festivals.

Full details from the survey will be available to all members at a later date, and a presentation of the results will be made at the Annual Get-Together in October.

**We should all be proud of what we have collectively achieved in the last ten years, and of how local communities have benefited from our involvement.**



*Hebden Bridge awaits you*

## **The 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary AGM**

### **In the Heart of the Pennines – Hebden Bridge, Todmorden and Mytholmroyd**

#### **Have you booked yet, time is running out**

We have a fabulous evening programme for you on the 14<sup>th</sup> October – We have a light hearted quiz, and evening meal with a range of food to choose from supplied by Aya Sophia, our local Greek restaurant. Then ..... music by [Belinda O’Hooley and Heidi Tidow](#). They are absolutely superb, great music, brilliant delivery. You can’t ask for more. Delegates can bring their partners along to this with a fee

of £17.50. for the meal and music. That is such a brilliant deal.

Full information and the booking form are in the membership section [here](#)

**Be there or be square!!!**

### Password

If you have mislaid your password just send us an [e-mail](#) with the name of your town. We certainly don't want any members missing out on the membership section information.



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### Industrial Strategy for Tourism

This beautiful landscape was recently used to publicise the invitation from Visit England/Visit Britain to take part in the consultation for the Department for Business, Energy and [Industrial Strategy](#) green paper published in January.

This proposal includes many of the subjects that have been doing the rounds in the last year or longer; for example: VAT, extending the season, fibre broadband, technology and planning controls.

[Have your say on the tourism sector deal](#)

**\*\* Closes 7th August \*\***

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## Taking forward Wales' sustainable management of natural resources

In our [July newsletter](#) we referred to the Outside Spaces Society entering into the debate about the Protection of Welsh Landscapes which refers particularly to Chapter 3: Designated Landscapes of the Welsh Government's Consultation Document '[Taking forward Wales' sustainable management of natural resources](#)'.

So you say, I don't live in Wales, but do you visit Wales or it is possible that these ideas will be repeated in England. May we draw your attention to a few highlights under Chapter 4: Access to Outdoors.

### Proposal 10

To enable cycling and horse riding on footpaths to occur under the same conditions as those provided for cycling on bridleways under section 30 of the Countryside Act 1968. These provisions allow for cycling without placing additional burdens of maintenance and liability on the local authority; and they prioritise the ordinary users of those paths. Whilst it would not place additional liabilities or maintenance burdens on local authorities, it would enable them to plan and implement surface and furniture improvements to routes that would add most value to the rights of way network. It would place the onus of checking the suitability of individual paths on users.

### Proposal 17

To enable temporary diversions and exclusions to be applied across all accessible land and water where circumstances require them and after the safety and convenience of the public have been considered.

**Responses should be e-mailed/posted to arrive by 13 September**

### **Reducing procedural burdens associated with public rights of way and access land**

#### Proposal 20

To amend technical provisions relating to procedures for creating, diverting and extinguishing public rights of way; and the recording of amendments to the definitive map and statement.

#### Proposal 24

To repeal the Cycle Tracks Act 1984. In doing this create a new type of public right of way, 'cycle paths', prioritising cycling and walking (and subject to proposal 10 above) to be recorded on the definitive map and statement. All existing cycle tracks designated under the 1984 Act would be recorded as cycle paths.

#### Proposal 25

To repeal unwanted provisions in the CRoW Act. In particular those relating to the 2026 cut-off date for historical routes under sections 53 – 56 of the CRoW Act.



### Giant Hogweed

As the school holidays are underway, parents in Surrey are being warned to be aware of a seemingly harmless plant which could leave young children suffering third degree burns.

Here's some advice from [Will4Adventure](#) who are specialists in outdoor first aid training.

If you are out with your children or grandchildren over the holidays why not take the opportunity to teach them about some poisonous and harmful plants.

### Members' News

Also see our website [members' news](#) section.



@AlstonYouthHostel 2 July A petrified walker trying to cross the River Nent - **Alston Moor!**



@Fizzarcher 1 July Walkers improve access on to Burley Moor: **BURLEY in Wharfedale's** Walkers are Welcome group have recently held two... (Wharfedale Observer)



@AnnSandell 12 July Walkers are Welcome  
#kirkbystephen [walkeden.org](http://walkeden.org)



@walesrailtrail 8 July Llandoverly Walkers are Welcome said "we thoroughly enjoyed the day - a very promising future for this initiative" and sent us these photos



Haselmere Walking Festival update Saturday 30th September at 2.30pm Many exciting walks planned for this year's Walking Festival, one being the 'Sir Robert Hunter Trail', courtesy of [John Owen Smith](#) - a cast of actors bring everything you thought you knew about Hindhead to life. A not-to-be-missed opportunity for the whole family to enjoy the rich and fascinating history of this beautiful heather-clad common.



"Pumlumon - I question....whether there is a higher hill in the world". George Borrow, Wild Wales(1862).  
Amazing meeting last of the Clwb Cerdded - Tregaron - Walking Club leaders for 2018. Great ideas and positive discussions. Wonderful to welcome new leaders too.



**Winchcombe** walking capital of the Cotswolds  
Fantastic display of poppies to be found near Ford  
adjacent to Cotswold Hill Stone quarry

**Heart of the Pennines** - Bronte society organised  
walk to celebrate bicentenary of Bramwell. The  
walk was from Luddendenfoot to Haworth. Simon  
Armitage as guest, a brilliant sunny day, the route  
led by Calderdale Ramblers and fixed by CROWS  
and a great map produced by Christopher  
Goddard. The walk will be published soon and will  
be available in the on-line shop.



### Keeping dogs cool in summer

Just in case we have some warm weather over  
the rest of the summer here's some advice  
from **RSPCA** about keeping dogs cool in  
seasonally warm weather  
*Lola keeping cool.*

**Happy Holidays**

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