

Long Distance Walkers Association - London Group

Walks Secretary's Report

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Summary

The summer 2017 walks have been well attended and a near-complete set of reports is available on the website, thanks to Keith's diligent work. There is a full walks programme to the end of 2017, including a September weekend away in the Lake District being organised by Godfrey O'Callaghan and the "Silk River" programme starting shortly.

The main focus of the past period has been on populating the Spring 2018 walks programme (i.e. 1 January 2018 to 30 April 2018). This has now been completed in outline, with a walk scheduled for every weekend, and almost all midweeks in the latter part of the period. A total of 18 weekend walks and eleven midweek walks have been committed by leaders. Full details are due by 18 September. Some walks have also been committed for later in 2018, with the most forward-looking being on 27 October 2018 in Southend.

My main concern remains in finding a successor once I step down at the AGM in March 2018. My appeal for potential new walks secretaries and newsletter editors earlier this year led to no interest whatsoever.

I will create a full walks programme up to the end of August 2018 and issue weekly updates until the date of the 2018 AGM, but I will not be able to go beyond that. So unless a successor is found, the walks programme will cease at the end of August 2018, and the weekly updates will finish immediately after the AGM.

I would urge all Committee members to use all possible efforts to help find a new Walks Secretary, and also a Newsletter Editor (which could be combined with or separate to the Walks role), with a degree of urgency now so a proper handover can begin.