



North Yorkshire LDWA AGM 10/01/2016

Walks Secretary's Report



2015 Summary

- ❑ 47 Walks!
- ❑ 14 Walk Leaders
- ❑ North Yorkshire Members increase 6.7%
- ❑ Monthly Newsletter- now sent to 500+



Walks Summary

Of our 47 walks we offered:

- 30 Daytime, normal paced social walks
- 2 Evening Walks
- 1 Night Walk
- 1 Challenge Walk
- 1 Supported Moorland Walk
- 12 Brisk Walks

(Distances Range: 8 miles – 33 miles)

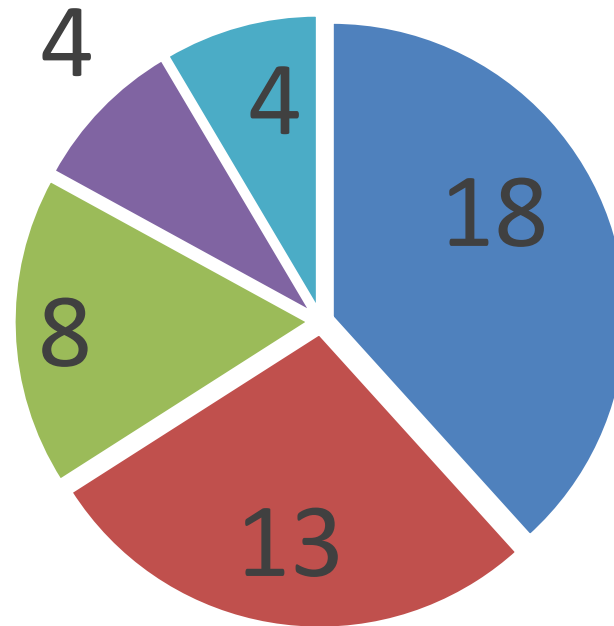
We cancelled 1 walk (leader unavailable)

We found replacement leaders for 2 walks



Where we walked

Walk Locations



■ Moors

■ Dales

■ Golden Triangle

■ Wolds/Howardian Hills

■ Coast



Walk Leaders

A Big **Thank You** to our Walk leaders:

Andy Miller (13)

Steph Carter (12)

Anton Neilsen (4)

Simon Leck (3)

Maria Rafferty (3)

Malc Reid (2)

John Stenton (2)

Ann Grainger (2)

Wendy Armitage & John Leete

Bill Longley-Cook

Iain Connell

Andy Ward

Tim Rollett



Walk Support

Thank You also to everyone who has helped support our walks.

Our Kilburn Kanter Marshals and helpers are too many to name, but thank you all.

A Particular Thank you to :

Penny Baldwin

Dave Green

Sue Reid

Caroline Wandless

Roger Wandless

who not only support the Kanter, but support our other catered events- the Moorland Challenge, The Kanter Marshals walk etc.



Brisk Walks

We experimented with Brisk Walks in 2015. One walk a month, intended to be at a faster pace, and labelled as so in Strider.

After many discussions at our group meetings during the year we decided to end this experiment, as offering Brisk Walks caused contention, confusion and controversy, and we ended up spending most of our group meeting time discussing them rather than other topics.

Personally I still feel there is room for Brisk walks in the programme as they offer something extra, and informing members what to expect in advance as to the likely pace is a desirable thing to do, but it is clear we have not found a way to do this yet!



2015 NY Membership

The LDWA Membership year ends on 30th September each Year.

At the end of 2014 membership year we had 164 primary members

At the end of 2015 membership year this was 175 primary members

Membership Growth 6.7% (exceeded National growth of 4.9%)

We also have over 400 associate members (more than any other LDWA regional group and beaten only by Anytime Anywhere)



Newsletters

We e mailed 12 Monthly Newsletters during 2015 (plus an additional 2017 100 update)

Our primary membership and associate membership combined (subtracting those members who do not have an e mail address) means that our newsletter is now seen by more than 500 people each month



Moving on...

As many of you know, I'm moving on from the role of North Yorkshire Walks Secretary. This is because, as National Membership secretary and being heavily involved in the 2017 100 I just don't have the time for it all. I will still remain involved with the NY group and hopefully still lead some walks.

Thank you to all of you for being so supportive and helpful during my time as Walks Secretary, and in particular to everyone who has lead walks, and all the people who have volunteered to support them.

I am delighted that Andy Ward has volunteered to be my successor, and I could not think of a better person to take over. I therefore hope that Andy is duly elected.