

Walks Secretary 2014 Report.

This year Northumbria Long Distance Walkers Association undertook 31 group walks, including 2 DDC Marshall's walks, a special one off Marshalls past and present Durham Dales Challenge 52 mile route, one weekday wander and five evening walks. One walk was cancelled. A big Thank You goes to Pam Brooks, Chris McDowell, Ian Lauriston, Jim Arden, Roy Coltman, Ian Millican, Peter Ford, John Scott, Paul Ashman, Paul Nellist, Jackie Ritchie, Dave Clifton, Neil Piper, Bill Milbourne, Rose Hakin, Anne Kelly, Chris Hodgson, Dieter Hoffman and Ricky Scott; without whom we wouldn't have had a programme. My attempt to revive the 'Weekday Wanders' which proved very popular in 2012 but which died out in 2013 had a poor response. Unfortunately I was forced to cancel one programmed for June leaving Roy Coltman to fly the flag with the lucky ten who were fortunate enough to be free midweek.

The walks ranged from 4 miles (evening) to 52 miles. The highest turn out being 40 for the AGM walk in January. 482 walkers joined us throughout the year. 560 miles were covered.

The final section of the Northumberland Coastal path was completed in April. Well done to George Elliott on being the only member to attend every section of the group's version of this long distance path.

I have now made the decision to stand down as Northumbria LDWA's walks secretary a post which I have held for four years. I have enjoyed my time in office and would like to say a big Thank You to all of you who have supported me. The programme for January through April 2015 is already published and I have every confidence that members will continue to support the new secretaries and enable us to produce a full and varied calendar for the remainder of 2015.

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