

NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2019



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Welcome to our 60th Windmill Walkers Newsletter in the 20th year of our walking club. As always, our Newsletter aims to keep you informed of club activities, relevant information on forthcoming events and other topical issues.

CONTACT DETAILS

Mobile numbers can be helpful if a delay or problem is encountered whilst en-route to a walk. Usually, one of the members listed below, is present on any scheduled club event.

Chairman

Secretary

Treasurer

(or [REDACTED])

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 21st Windmill Walkers AGM will be held at **2:00pm - Wednesday 08th January 2020** at The Back Room, 175a Hallgate, Cottingham, East Yorkshire HU16 4BB. Tea/Coffee and alcoholic beverage will be available to purchase.

This meeting will take place after our normal Wednesday walk that will start as usual at 10:00am from King George V playing field car park, Northgate, Cottingham allowing time following for refreshment prior to the AGM.

Members are reminded they should advise Club Secretary, [REDACTED] by e-mail of any formal business they wish to move at the Annual General Meeting, at least **28 days before the date of the meeting**. Please e-mail secretary@windmillwalkers.org.uk or call [REDACTED] or by post to [REDACTED].

The meeting will end with 'Any other Business', an open forum where members have the opportunity to raise other incidental matters not covered by the set Agenda.

The Agenda will include a nomination of surplus funds to be donated to charity. Please notify the Secretary if you wish to nominate a charity for consideration and be prepared to make a short presentation to the meeting about that organisation and why you consider the donation appropriate. The total amount donated since formation now stands at **£2,871** [see last page].

WALK LEADERS – AS THEY SAY, “EVERY LITTLE HELPS”. PLEASE READ ON

It goes without saying, no walk leaders, then no walks. Without your support, it would be impossible for the club to continue.

The club rely on a core group of walk leaders who continue to volunteer, allowing events to take place every week of the year. A big thank you goes to all members who have volunteered to lead walks in 2019, including a couple of new names.

It is the role of the 'Walks Secretary' [REDACTED] to co-ordinate and enter all submissions to the programme, not cajole members into asking them to volunteer.

And now for the "Every Little Helps" bit.

It is recognised that it can be difficult for volunteer leaders or those prospective leaders, to find post walk pubs for dealing with our refreshments. Some premises require advance notice, deposits or pre-orders. Even having to arrange post walk venues can cause problems.

After a discussion at the last Committee meeting and an acknowledgement of these facts, including the issue of putting some members off leading walks, the following was agreed.

Volunteer walk leaders are not obliged to find a refreshment venue at the end of the walk.

It will be up to the individual volunteer leader if they wish to do so. Also, just as a matter of courtesy, to consider any premises that may be available and if notice should be given that walkers on that date may be calling in for refreshment.

The walks plan for 2020 is now under construction. A list of vacant dates, highlighted in yellow is visible on the club website under the tab 'Walks 2020'.

Please consider adding your name to the new programme for Wednesday and 3rd Sunday of the month walks.

Details to include -Date: Start time (usually 10:00am): Location (Village Hall/Car Park/Pub car park etc.): Grid Reference (not essential): Distance (usually 5 to 6 miles for a Wednesday, longer for Sundays): Your mobile phone number for contact. Please bear in mind sufficient parking space available for our cars at the start.

[REDACTED]'s e-mail for your contributions walks@windmillwalkers.org.uk

As always, any new volunteer will be supported in the role by a regular leader if they so wish.

IMPORTANT INSURANCE REMINDER

The Committee wish to bring to your attention, and, in order to avoid any misunderstanding after further consultation with our insurers Protectivity by our Secretary, the following information; If you or group of members decide they cannot complete the full walk or take a shorter/longer alternative route, then having consulted with the leader and/or back marker, you are NOT covered by the Windmill Walkers insurance policy once you leave the main organised walk group.

The insurance is not a personal insurance, but one that covers any third party claims against members on a scheduled, advertised event.

FIRST AID TRAINING

A number of members have previously volunteered for First Aid Training and carried out by the British Red Cross in April 2016. It is now time for refresher training. This is currently being arranged for early next year. The Committee are asking for further volunteers to add to those already trained as we have seen the confidence this brings whilst on walks if required. The training is free and only takes half a day. If you would like to be added to the list, please contact the Chair on his mobile number at the top of this Newsletter.

MORE VOLUNTEERS – 'PATHMINDERS'

Are you handy with a spade, long handled pruners, saws or spanner and like equipment? Then maybe you would like to join a small team of Pathminders. This Beverley Group of Ramblers are looking to add to their existing team of volunteers involved with Public Rights of Way vegetation clearance, installation of new finger posts and other way markers, repairs to small footbridges etc. This group assist members of East Riding of Yorkshire Council, Countryside Access Team on small projects from time to time mid-week for a few hours. Windmill Walkers, a Ramblers Affiliated club, have been invited to assist. Interested? Please text [REDACTED] on mobile [above].

CHRISTMAS MEAL 2020

As the result of feedback and member requests, our venue is once again
THE MILLHOUSE, Skidby, HU16 5TF
Wednesday 18 December 2020 (1pm for 1.30pm).

Bookings are required now to [REDACTED].

PLEASE DO NOT DELAY SUBMISSION OF YOUR NAMES as the viability of this event depends on numbers and a substantial non-refundable deposit is required next month.

All members welcome, partners, friends or other guests of members.

The three course Christmas Fayre Menu at this excellent restaurant should suit all tastes at a similar price to last year, just £28 per person including a free raffle with excellent prizes.

If you have not attended one of our Christmas meals, please make the effort. We are sure you will not be disappointed.

A short 5 mile walk led by [REDACTED], starting at 10:00 from the venue car park,



will be available for those who wish to walk prior to the meal.

WINDMILL WALKERS WEB SITE

WINTER WEATHER CONDITIONS MAY AFFECT OUR SCHEDULED WALKS

www.windmillwalkers.org.uk

In the event of inclement weather, if you have any doubts as to whether a walk is going ahead or not, please consult our website. The front page of this website has a yellow strip headed "Latest Information" - this is where it will tell you. If you are unsure, please check before leaving home. The club will do its best to keep members informed, but cannot accept responsibility to inform every member when a scheduled walk is cancelled.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Any member who wishes to raise matters about the club, activities or function is welcome to have the issue discussed at the next scheduled committee meeting. Feedback, if required, will be given shortly thereafter.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 25 November 2019. Please e-mail Secretary [REDACTED]: secretaryww@outlook.com with any matters to be placed on the Agenda.

WINDMILL WALKERS CHARITY DONATIONS SINCE INCEPTION (1999)

YEAR	NOMINATED CHARITY	AMOUNT
1999	Club Formation – First walk Saturday 16 January 1999	
2000	G Therapy UK	£100
2001	Dove House Hospice	£100
2002	Castle Hill Hospital (Ward 6)	£100
2003	Candlelighters	£100
2004	Daisy Appeal	£150
2005	Tsunami Appeal	£176
2006	British Heart Foundation	£150
2007	Alzheimer Society	£150
2008	Prostate Cancer UK	£100
2009	Motor Neurone Disease	£100
2010	Yorkshire Air Ambulance	£200
2011	Castle Hill Hospital (Oncology Unit)	£100
2012	Yorkshire Air Ambulance	£220
2013	Orbis UK	£100
2014	Children in Need	£200
2015	Yorkshire Air Ambulance	£100
2016	1. Make A Wish Foundation UK 2. CHIEF (Cystic Fibrosis, Hull)	£62.50 £62.50
2017	Humber Rescue	£100
2018	REMAP	£100
2019	1. Castle Hill Hospital (Oncology Unit) 2. Hull Royal Infirmary (Neurology Unit)	£200 £200
	TOTAL	£2,871

An average figure of **£143.55** donated each year since 1999 at the following AGM.