

WALKERS ARE WELCOME ANNUAL REPORT 2010

Town: Cilgerran.....

To maintain your status as a Walkers are Welcome town, please send this report by email to the WaW Secretary andrew@andrewbibby.com by 31 March 2010.

1. Please use the space below to summarise the main activities you have undertaken in 2009 to ensure that your town/village continues to be one where walkers are welcome. *Please relate what you write to the six WaW criteria.*

Report for the Cilgerran community 2009

This year has been busy with the lead up to our official launch on the 16th May 2009. The launch was extremely successful despite the torrential rain on the day. Since the launch we have made a lot of headway with the clearing and improvements to the paths in the locality ready for a special anniversary walk on the 15th May 2010. Decca the footpath officer for Pembrokeshire has worked tirelessly to achieve this for us.

We have set up regular walks on the second Tuesday and Saturday of the month. The Tuesday walk is a short one of about 2 miles with a coffee break aimed at walking for health, this attracts a wide range of abilities including people with walking disabilities. On Saturdays the walks are between 4-5 miles long which is also popular gathering a committed group of walkers and new faces too.

Isobel and Eva attended the annual conference in Church Stretton in November and found the workshops very interesting and informative and it was a good opportunity to work with other area representatives. Isobel has had telephone conversations with representatives from Llandusul and Newport, Pemb's, who were thinking of setting up WaW in their towns. Llandusul have since had their launch which was very successful and we wish them all the best for the future.

We have managed to raise funds with a coffee morning and a grant from the community council which helped with the launch expenses and for printing of walking leaflets and posters. At present we are in the process of having signs to be put at the entrances to the community. The local businesses are very co-operative with the displaying of posters etc. We are in the process of applying for more funds for 2010.

At present we are working with Planed North Pemb's. who are organising a walking festival for the month of May we are promoting and leading 2 walks from Cilgerran, which will be advertised in their leaflet as WaW walks.

2. If you have undertaken any initiatives which you feel are particularly innovative and which might be of interest to other Walkers are Welcome towns/villages, please give details below.

3. What funding have you been able to obtain? Have you any evidence of ways in which WaW status is helping your community, your local economy?

We have applied for and received a grant from the community council for the publication of walk leaflets and posters.

Also held a coffee morning to raise funds for the launch.

4. The Walkers are Welcome principle is a 'bottom-up' one, operating on the basis of mutual support and activity. What contributions are you making towards developing the network, nationally and/or regionally? (*eg: attendance at conference, mentoring other towns*)

The chairperson Isobel and Secretary Eva attended the conference.
Also Isobel mentored 2 other towns in assisting them with questions they had about starting up a WaW town.

Declaration

We wish to apply for continuation of our status as a Walkers are Welcome town/village.
We have sent a cheque for our annual membership to the Walkers are Welcome treasurer.

Name:Eva Healey (secretary)

Organisation:Cilgerran
Walkers are Welcome village

Note: Annual returns will normally be posted on the WaW website, so that others are

aware of each town's achievements. Please advise us if for any reason you would rather that this form was not made public.