

## WALKERS ARE WELCOME ANNUAL REPORT 2010

Town: Llanfairfechan and Aber.....

*To maintain your status as a Walkers are Welcome town, please send this report by email to the WaW Secretary [andrew@andrewbibby.com](mailto: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.*

It is almost a year to the day since we held our first Informal Meeting at the Split Willow for Walkers are Welcome, when we set up our Steering Group and Constitution for the Group. Since then we have held 11 meetings including the Accreditation Day and it is fair to say that all the meetings have been well-attended and steady progress has been made.

The significant steps along the way have been **recognition by the town Council** which was essential for application for accreditation, acquiring over **440 signatures for the petition**, acceptance of the **5 Walking routes** as acceptable for WaW, linking with **Conwy Walking Week**, setting up the system of **leaflet management** in the town (Over 1,500 have been taken up so far) an important step was the **accreditation of the Group** and the **celebration day on June 28<sup>th</sup>** which was attended by the MP Betty Williams and the prospective Labour Party Candidate Ronnie Hughes, setting up a **link with the Llanfairfechan Website**.

Further recent developments have been the **presentation of the WI Map** of walking routes currently on display in the Town Library, the introduction to **Nordic Walking and Geocaching**,

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Overall it has been an eventful and significant year for Walkers are Welcome due in a large part to the **Steering Group's efforts**.

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.

I started a Town Twinning Link between Llanfairfechan and Pleumeleuc in Brittany and have earmarked a good link with the Randonneurs de la Vaunoise – the equivalent of the Rambling Group in Pleumeleuc with an eye to future exchanges.

Details of WaW are on the Town Website

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?

a donation of **£100.00 from the Amenities & Tourism Committee**

All Wales **Award funding of £3,728**

Calor Gas Award for the best village in North Wales £178.18

Stori Pen Award £50.00

John Bellis & Co. Donation £50.00

Clean up Llan Award £45.00

Balance as at 24/5/10 was £3,619.95

Ways of helping the Community...Website attracts many groups and individual walkers to the area..we have distributed over 1,500 walking brochures in Llanfairfechan and are continuing to support local shops and guest houses with them.Only evidence of take up by walkers.

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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*)

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#### 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: Ray Jones

Organisation: Llanfairfechan & Aber Walkers are Welcome group.

*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.*

