

**Annual return for walkers are Welcome
for Market Weighton**

1. Activity

Since becoming an accredited town Market Weighton has held three walking festivals which have been well supported by walkers from near and far including overseas visitors with an average daily attendance of 35 taking part in walks of varying distance

In addition we started, in conjunction with the East Riding of Yorkshire Council, a Walking your way to Health scheme which has proven to be very popular with the local residents attracting an average attendance of 27 people of varying abilities.

Also a longer walk is organised once a month for the more determined this utilises the local minibus which is provided by the Beverley Community Lift.

Additionally we organise walks for residents of Fledglings Court Care Home (run by Joseph Rowntree Housing Trust)

We have referrals from the local health centre as part of Walking Your Way to Health. A number of those involved with WaW have attended a walk leader's course held by the ERYC and are now fully accredited walk leaders.

We monitor footpaths for condition and rubbish, reporting back to East Riding of Yorkshire Council.

2. Partnership and tourism

We have links to Visit Hull and East Yorkshire which is an organisation whose aims are to publicise the attractions that East Yorkshire has to offer walkers and tourists.

We sell Yorkshire Wold walk Packs.

We have also attended conferences organised by ERYC to boost tourism to Yorkshire.

3.

We are continuing to apply to local benevolent organisations for funding towards cost of organising walking festivals, but have not always been successful.

We have organised our own fund raising events using Robin Gray and his friend's talents as a 60's rock group!

We are also grateful to Market Weighton Town Council for a grant of £1,000.

The public houses and cafes in MW have all benefitted from regular visits by walkers using MW for a start and finish point to access the Yorkshire Wolds and Wolds Way Also the newsagent has passed comment regarding walkers frequenting his shop.

4.

One member of the Market Weighton WaW committee is on the National WaWTN committee and we are also beginning preparations to hold the National Conference in 2011

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We have had letters of appreciation from East Riding of Yorkshire Council Healthy Lifestyle Officer and The Yorkshire Wolds Way Project.

