



WALKERS ARE WELCOME

Yorks town's walk@work idea

WaW town Mytholmroyd has launched an initiative to encourage employees in the town's many factories and offices to walk during their lunch break. A free leaflet suggests possible walks.

Shropshire paths get TLC

Church Stretton has a Parish Paths Partnership (P3), which arranges for volunteers to survey and maintain the town's footpath network. Another WaW town, Kirkby Stephen, has a similar scheme. Pickering is considering launching an Adopt a Path scheme.

Walk with an MP3

The Georgian town of Richmond (N Yorks) offers visitors the chance to follow the town trail via an MP3 recording. MP3 players can be borrowed.

Otley's new trail

WaW status for Otley was instrumental in getting official support for a new long-distance trail into the heart of the Yorkshire Dales. The 6 Dales Trail will be launched on 26 June. Wiveliscombe (Som) has been waymarking the Wivey Way. A new Llangollen Round is also planned.

2010 focus on town regeneration

Becoming a *Walkers are Welcome* town can help in the economic and social regeneration of your neighbourhood. That's been the experience of Kilsyth, in the Kelvin valley in North Lanarkshire. Once a mining area, Kilsyth is recreating itself as an attractive place to visit, with the Antonine Wall to the south and the Kilsyth Hills to the north.

The theme of regeneration will be a key one for this year's WaW conference, being hosted by Kilsyth on Oct 24th.

Network grows to 39 communities

The Walkers are Welcome network now stands at 39, following the admission of several new towns and villages. Interest is growing throughout Britain, especially in Scotland where Tomintoul, Huntly and Newton Stewart have recently joined. (The committee has even had an initial approach from a village in the French Pyrenees!)

Please return your annual return

WaW secretary Andrew Bibby asks all WaW towns which have yet to send in their 2009 return to do so straightaway. And treasurer Geoff Kitt points out that a few towns have yet to pay their 2010 subs.

Special WaW insurance deal available

One direct benefit of WaW status is that you can arrange public liability insurance (for events such as walking festivals and for guidebooks) through a special new WaW deal. The premium is just £78.75 and includes £5m of cover. Contact the broker David Sincok direct (01243832072, david.sincok@tennysoninsurance.co.uk).

Would you like WaW merchandise?

Market Weighton and Kirkby Stephen have suggested that WaW towns jointly organise WaW branded merchandise, such as caps and shirts. We're looking into this. Contact Nigel Botting (01430 879820) if your town is potentially interested

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Hebden Bridge – Moffat – Prestatyn – Mytholmroyd – Church Stretton – Bishop's Castle – Richmond
Market Weighton - Kilsyth - Cilgerran – Pentrefoelas – Otley - Rhuddlan – Tadcaster – Martley – Deal
Penmaenmawr – Haltwhistle – Llanfairfechan – Holywell – Kirkby Stephen – Winchcombe – Llandrindod Wells –
Pickering – Ross-on-Wye – Ilkley – Llandysul & Pont Tyweli – Malvern – Kingsbridge – Leyburn – Llangollen –
Wiveliscombe – Newton Stewart – Huntly – Pateley Bridge – Corby – Tomintoul – Chesham - Marsden