

## PRE-FESTIVAL ACTION

The 24<sup>th</sup> Ulverston WalkFest will be held from Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April to the bank-holiday Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024. General remarks to Walk Leaders:

- There will be local posters and a website programme but no printed programme.
- A walk fee of £3/walk will be re-instated. A Mountain Rescue collecting box will be optional but suggested for those walks taking to the fells where the possibility of a rescue is more apparent.
- An email booking-in system will be run again. This will avoid walks being over-booked above the 20 (Easy/Moderate)/12 (Moderate-plus/Hard) thresholds. You may stipulate a lower figure if you wish, taking account of traffic hazards etc.
- We will aim for a minimum of 3 walks/day but accept up to 4, if offered. Ideally we will have an Easy, Moderate (1 or 2) and Moderate-Plus/Hard each day.
- Each walk will be led by 2 co-leaders, both having reced the route and capable of leading it.
- Risk assessments will be required for each walk, supported by our generic assessment. The 2023 assessments are shown under 'Instructions for Walk Leaders' tab as guidance.
- Other guidance on walks can be found under the 'Walk Notes' tab.
- Other organisations will not be allowed to piggy-back onto our programme but subject experts or other interested parties may be invited to support a walk led by our own leaders.
- New walk leaders are very welcome but will be accompanied by an experience member at their first festival.
- Our 'Eco' credentials remain a priority and walks starting/finishing in Ulverston, using public transport (trains/X6 bus) or car shared are encouraged.
- All walkers are covered by our 'Rambler's' insurance provided they have individually booked in using the current booking-in sheet.

### Action Required:

- **By Mid Feb:**
  - Walk leaders to provide an outline of walks, suitable for the programme, and any date restrictions. Note that where similar walks are offered priority will be given to the first offered, unless other factors suggest differently. Note:
    - Accurate length (rounded up) and total height climbed if significant.
    - Use postcodes rather than grid referenced where possible, with an additional instruction if appropriate. For example - Past the Black Bull Inn (Postcode) and 200m on the Left.
    - Note any difficult stiles or other hazards.
    - Confirm if dogs are accepted.
  - Walk leaders happy to act as a co-leader on other walks, or just act as a co-leader, to let Martin know.
- **Late Feb:**
  - Walk leaders, if possible, to attend a meeting, at Ford Park, to finalise the programme.

- We will then:
  - Get posters out.
  - Coordinate the provision of co-leaders.
  - Remove the 2023 programme from the website.
- **Early March:** Place the Programme on the website, noting:
  - Please read the WALK NOTES for general instructions and advice.
  - To book onto a walk, email [ulverstonwalks@bgmail.com](mailto:ulverstonwalks@bgmail.com) with the walk number and the first and surnames of all walkers. We will respond to confirm your booking. If you subsequently cannot make a walk please let us know, using the above email address, so that your place can be reallocated. Note that in 2023 two-thirds of walks were full. If you need a lift to a walk mention this and we will try to arrange it. For car share see WALK NOTES tab.
  - There will be a fee of £3 per walk and you are requested to bring cash.
  - Just before a walk please check the walk description as occasionally walks or start points have to be changed, following a confirmatory recce.
  - Donations towards Mountain Rescue will be optional, in particular for walks on the higher fells when the use of their services may seem more realistic.
  - If you are unable to attend on the day, or will be delayed, then this information can be passed to 077922422160 and will be passed to the walk leader.
- **April:** Add advice to Off-comers on the website: links to Coro, Roxy, Town website.