

## ULVERSTON WALKFEST 2026 RISK ASSESSMENT

**General Description.** The festival consists of 42 walks, some with an associated interest. Two walk leaders per walk must be suitably qualified and/or experienced for their role. The programme indicates the level of difficulty of the walk and the website gives guidance on dress, equipment and how to keep safe on the fells.

### Assessment Method.

Likelihood of Occurrence (1)	Severity of Outcome (2)
1. Highly unlikely ever to occur.	1. Slight inconvenience.
2. May occur but very rarely.	2. Minor injury requiring first aid.
3. May occur rarely.	3. Medical attention required.
4. May occur from time to time.	4. Major injury leading to hospitalization.
5. Likely to occur often.	5. Fatality or serious injury leading to disability.
Risk (1) x (2)	
1-5 = Low risk – risk controlled.	
6-12 = Medium risk – further precautions required.	
13-25 = High Risk – stop activity, immediate action required.	

### Typical Risks.

- Blister, twisted ankle, slip/fall on grass, minor abrasion: Likelihood = 4, Severity = 2, Risk = 8 (Medium).
- Trip over rocks or uneven ground onto hard surface, serious sprain or asthma: Likelihood = 3, Severity = 3, Risk = 9 (Medium).
- Fall leading to broken limb, angina or hypothermia (following extended wait for help): Likelihood = 2, Severity = 4, Risk = 8 (Medium).
- Heart attack or stroke: Likelihood = 1, Severity = 5, Risk = 5 (Low).
- Traffic accident on a minor Road: Likelihood = 1, Severity = 4 or 5, Risk = 4 or 5 (Low).
- Traffic accident on main road: Likelihood = 2, Severity – 4 or 5, Risk – 8 or 10 (Medium).

### Measures to Reduce Risks (to be implemented by walk leaders as appropriate):

- Route checked within a couple of weeks before the festival, and risk assessment completed considering such hazards as: traffic (including bikes), uneven/wet ground, slopes, dogs, weather, streams to be crossed, and difficult stiles to be climbed (especially on Easy walks).
- Warn walkers of the possible hazards on your walk.
- Keep within your experience, for the prevailing conditions, and turn back if necessary.
- Carry a map and compass, even if familiar with the route, a basic first aid kit, **torch** and fully charged mobile phone.
- On walks graded Moderate and above a shelter should be carried and if poor weather is likely walkers' clothing should be assessed at the start. (Consider carrying an extra walking pole to assist someone who lacks confidence on uneven terrain.)

- Keep group together, walk within the limits of all walkers and allow the slowest to dictate the pace. (It is useful to have topics of interest to talk about while you wait for stragglers, to mask the need for the pause and allow for stragglers to get a break.)
- Point out any hazards and help walkers over difficult terrain giving special attention to children, elderly walkers and those clearly lacking confidence.
- Avoid steep slopes, especially wet grass, and cross water at recognised sites.
- Stiles can present a significant issue and should be mentioned in the description on any Easy or Moderate walks (where walkers may be less mobile). Active help will be needed to ensure the safety of all by someone being on hand to offer assistance if necessary.
- If any serious medical condition is suspected (eg angina, asthma) monitor the walker regularly, take breaks and call for help (below) if condition deteriorates.
- If you need help call 999 and ask for Cumbria Police and then Mountain Rescue. Give casualty's location and nature of injury/illness. **Remain where you have a phone signal.**
- On roads keep group together, face on-coming traffic, and deploy people to front and rear to warn traffic - wearing high visibility vests.

#### ADDITIONAL OR NOTE WORTHY RISKS - 2026

WALK	ADDITIONAL RISKS	MITIGATING ACTION
<p><b>Walk 1 –</b> Furness Abbey Dalton Castle. Neil McLaughlin- cook</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two crossings of main road. [Moderate Risk]</li> <li>• Steep, uneven medieval spiral staircase in castle, with no handrail. [Low Risk]</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bring the group together and warn of danger. Leaders with hi viz clothes at front and back of the group.</li> <li>• Alert walkers to danger; emphasise that, to avoid walkers crossing on the spiral staircase, they must descend via a broader Victorian staircase; suggest that any walkers who are wary of the spiral staircase could climb the Victorian stairs instead.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Walk 2 –</b> Rusland Valley – Ospreys. Dave Robson</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boardwalks (all Medium Risk): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ trips onto hard surface.</li> <li>○ Caught in loose surface wire.</li> <li>○ Fall from loose or springy board.</li> <li>○ Fall due to board breaking.</li> <li>○ Potential of nail sticking out of boardwalk.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Low hanging branches.</li> <li>• Cattle, adders (Medium Risk), deer (Low Risk)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Point out the issues with the boardwalks before entering the reserve. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Marshal walkers over any obvious defects.</li> <li>○ Passing anyone who is travelling in the opposite direction is unlikely but needs managing.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Warn walkers to take care.</li> <li>• Warn, hold back if necessary. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ If cattle are encountered, stop, assess the situation and find a safe alternative route.</li> <li>○ Warn that adders might be present. If encountered: stop, assess the</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Farm yards (dogs &amp; machinery).</li> <li>• Field spraying.</li> </ul>	<p>situation and seek an alternative route.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assess status of farmyard before entering. If any activity is ongoing then wait until it is safe to proceed or seek an alternative route.</li> <li>• Stop, assess situation. Wait till safe to proceed or seek an alternative route.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Walk 3 –</b> Haematite Trail Loop 2. Linda Marshall</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Few risks other than uneven and occasionally muddy underfoot, livestock in some fields.</li> <li>• Walking on quiet lanes.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walkers warned of livestock (no dogs on this walk).</li> <li>• Leaders with high Viz vests.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Walk 4 –</b> Old Man of Coniston. Chris Harvey</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Busy A5084 from parking in Torvor to lane.</li> <li>• Cyclists on track Scarr Head to Walna Scar (out and back).</li> <li>• Rocky path along the side of Goats Water with potential for trips and falls.</li> <li>• Steep drop on one side of summit.</li> <li>• Grassy slopes on descent, some steep and slippery when wet.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Warn walkers at briefing. All cross in same spot. Leaders with high Viz vests.</li> <li>• Warn walkers and brief what to do.</li> <li>• See how walkers cope with the rocky step below Goats Water and assist any unsure on their feet.</li> <li>• Warn walkers. Keep away from edge if windy.</li> <li>• Warn of some slippy rocks.</li> <li>• Choose a more gradual route if anyone is struggling.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Walk 5 –</b> Bat Walk. (Evening Walk) Judy Pickthall</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Starts at Canal Head.</li> <li>• Children allowed.</li> <li>• Darkness &amp; near water.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most walkers probably coming from Town or using Booths' car park with pavement to start.</li> <li>• If any arrive ensue accompanied and supervises especially as it gets dark.</li> <li>• All walkers warned by email to bring a torch. Canal path is wide with a clear gap to the canal.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Walk 6 –</b> Millom Park. Dave Robson</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Climbing and descending the observation tower.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ascent of the tower is optional. Walk leaders make the group aware that the steps might be slippery if wet and that they are uneven.</li> <li>• Walk Leaders recommend holding onto the handrail. In extreme weather conditions the walk leaders will recommend that the tower is not ascended.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Walk 7 –</b> Yewdale &amp; Tarn Hows. John Wealthall</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• From the start point 1.2 k of road walking through Coniston.</li> <li>• Road crossing at SD 3107 9917 to Low Yewdale Farm.</li> <li>• Road crossing at SD 3148 9969 to High Yewdale Farm and along road to Hodge Close turning.</li> <li>• Road crossing at SD 3200 9981.</li> <li>• Path up beside Tom Ghyll. steep and narrow in places. Rocky towards the top and slippery when wet.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Warn group of traffic issues. Walk in single file with leaders front and rear in high viz jackets.</li> <li>• Warn group of traffic issues. Gather into one group. Leaders in high viz jackets. all group to cross at the same time.</li> <li>• Warn the group of traffic issues. Cross as many as possible in one hit. Single file along the main road. Leaders wearing High Viz.</li> <li>• Warn the group of traffic issues. Cross together. Leaders with high viz.</li> <li>• Warn the group about this path. Help to be given on the rocky areas if required.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Walk 8 –</b> Tilberthwaite – Little Langdale. Dave Hughes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 30-metre tunnel into Cathedral Cave usually wet under foot.</li> <li>• Hodge Close quarry with dangerous drops.</li> <li>• Occasional traffic or bikes on lanes and byway (open to all vehicles)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walker warned to be careful.</li> <li>• Warn walkers to keep back from edge at all times.</li> <li>• Walkers to be warned. High Viz jackets worn by leaders.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Walk 9 –</b> Seathwaite Tarn – Grey Friar. Neil Mclaulin-Cook</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tiny number of car parking spaces [Moderate]</li> <li>• Some walking on open access land away from any paths. [Moderate]</li> <li>• Steep and probably wet descent, followed by very rough and rocky path round Seathwaite Tarn [Moderate Risk]</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advise walkers to car share wherever possible.</li> <li>• Ensure all walkers are visible at all times.</li> <li>• Follow alternative route via Goat’s Water and Walna Scar Road. [Still steep in places, so walkers to be alerted, but less dangerous.]</li> </ul>
<p><b>Walk 10 –</b> Local Poetry. (Evening Walk) Jean Povey</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No additional risk to generic risks.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See measures below generic risks.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Walk 11 –</b> Cartmel Buildings. Dan Elsworth</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Low risk: traffic in and around the village.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 leaders with Hi Vis. walk leaders to ensure group stays together, particularly in areas with limited space or no pavement, walkers to be reminded to keep to the pavement wherever possible.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Walk 12 –</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Generic risks with walking along rough old</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See measures below generic risks.</li> </ul>

South Ulverston – Priory. Sheila Bull	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• rail track, across fields and on quiet lanes.</li> <li>• Crossing the A590 twice.</li> <li>• Walking along shore.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walkers cautioned while crossing at Booths, where there is an ‘island’ in the road.</li> <li>• Tide times checked as walking on the shore towards Conishead.</li> </ul>
<b>Walk 13</b> – Silverdale – Leyton Moss. Peter Quiggin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some walking along minor lanes. And one very minor lane is crossed at a point with low visibility. Medium risk.</li> <li>• Some rocky limestone paths and slabs in places, which can be very slippery when wet. Medium risk.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Warn group, position leaders with Hi Viz front and back, and walk on safest side. At lane crossing, leader with hi-viz cross lane first, to get better view before directing walkers.</li> <li>• Warn people to take care. Avoid wet limestone rocks where possible.</li> </ul>
<b>Walk 14</b> – Well-Known Ulverstonians. (Evening Walk) Jean Povey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No additional risk to generic risks.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See measures below generic risks.</li> </ul>
<b>Walk 15</b> – Herb Walk. Judy Pickthall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gathering at Booths, with short paved walk to Canal Head.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Warn group to keep off busy A590.</li> <li>• Warn any walkers with children to keep away from canal edge.</li> </ul>
<b>Walk 16</b> – Cartmel Fell & Church. Martin Cooper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Branches/roots underfoot in forests.</li> <li>• Vehicles on farm tracks and minor roads.</li> <li>• Bikes on bridleway.</li> <li>• Stiles on ROW from SD 4150 8801.</li> <li>• Slippery descent to car park at end.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walkers to be warned at beginning and during walk.</li> <li>• Help to be given at stiles.</li> <li>• Leaders to assist if necessary, use the road if wet.</li> </ul>
<b>Walk 17</b> – Water Yeat – Beacon Tarn. Alan Robinson.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loose scree coming off Beacon fell.</li> <li>• Steep descent off Blawith Knott down to the Giants grave.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Warn walkers and assist any lacking in confidence or ability.</li> </ul>
<b>Walk 18</b> – Caw. Chris Harvey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Road from Hawk parking to nearer parking then on quiet road to Stephenson Ground.</li> <li>• Cyclists on bridleway to Broad Slack Beck</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walkers ferried in 2 cars.</li> <li>• Warn walkers at briefing. High Viz vests warn.</li> <li>• Warn walkers.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Slippy rocks at Broad Slack Crag Cleft</li> <li>• Unmarked routes to summit with some steep ground.</li> <li>• South side of Caw - mortar bombs found in past (Very low risk).</li> <li>• Natty Bridge Gorge with cliff edge.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Optional. Easily by passed to east if anyone unhappy on rocks.</li> <li>• See how confident walkers are and choose appropriate route.</li> <li>• Warn walkers and if seen keep clear and inform authorities.</li> <li>• Warn walkers.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Walk 19 –</b> Ulverston Art &amp; Architecture (Evening Walk) Jean Povey</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No additional risk to generic risks.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See measures below generic risks.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Walk 20 –</b> Ulverston Maritime Heritage. Andrew Hudson</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crossing A590 between Ford Park and Canal Head – out and back.</li> <li>• Crossing A5087 twice between Dragley Beck and A590.</li> <li>• Walking along the road between Canal Foot and Sandside.</li> <li>• Walking on narrow road between Sandside and Carter Pool.</li> <li>• Walking along the path along Dragley Beck between Watery Lane and the A5087</li> <li>• Short visit to view Ainslie Pier. Impassable at high tide. Optional section or some members wait at Canal Foot.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use lights-controlled crossing at Swan Street/A590.</li> <li>• Use lights-controlled crossing at Lightburn Park/A590.</li> <li>• Bring group together and warn of danger. Leaders with hi viz vests at front and rear of group.</li> <li>• Bring group together and warn of danger. Guides with hi viz vests at front &amp; rear.</li> <li>• The path can become flooded and slippery after heavy rain. If the path looks slippery go through the Well Lane estate via Rydal Road and Grasmere Road.</li> <li>• Warn of need to avoid slipping. Drop option if high tide.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Walk 21 –</b> Cark – Howbarrow – Cartmel. Simon Hughes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No additional risk to generic risks.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See measures below generic risks.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Walk 22 –</b> Duddon History. Steve Cove.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No additional risk to generic risks.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See measures below generic risks.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Walk 23 –</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No additional risk to generic risks.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See measures below generic risks.</li> </ul>

<p>Built on Water. (Evening Walk) Jean Povey</p>		
<p><b>Walk 24 –</b> Medieval Ulverston. Dan Elsworth</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Low risk: traffic in and around town.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 leaders with Hi Vis. walk leaders to ensure group stays together, particularly in areas with limited space or no pavement. Walkers to be reminded to keep to the pavement wherever possible. Road crossings will be made via designated pedestrian crossings where these are available.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Walk 25 –</b> Grange Nature Reserve – Hampsfell. Simon Hughes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Steep descent down to road from Nature Reserve.</li> <li>• Stile onto Hampsfell awkward (bar across top).</li> <li>• Lime stone pavement slippery in wet.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Offer assistance.</li> <li>• Offer assistance.</li> <li>• Warn walkers.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Walk 26 –</b> Ulverston to Broughton Beck via St John’ Church. Martin Cooper</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Several awkward stiles [Moderate Risk].</li> <li>• Gate into Ben Cragg Farm yard (SD2900 8170) – chained double gates. Quite difficult to open and close.</li> <li>• High stile with no hand rail, 3<sup>rd</sup> stile before Broughton Beck. (SD 2853 8235) Also the 6<sup>th</sup> (SD 2873 8230) with unusual gate as a part of the stile. Final stile onto the road at Broughton Beck, high with no hand rail.</li> <li>• Shortly after Broughton Beck the route crosses the B5281, and follows it for about 25m. [Low Risk]</li> <li>• Minor roads used throughout, but quiet. [Low risk].</li> <li>• Returning to Ford Park over junction onto Church Walk. High risk with a large group.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Give assistance as necessary,</li> <li>• Leaders to manage.</li> <li>• Give active assistance.</li> <li>• Warn walkers to keep in single file; and only cross when advised that it is safe to do so.</li> <li>• Warn to be alert, regularly.</li> <li>• Leaders to control carefully, possibly moving up Soutergate away from junction to cross. High Viz needed.</li> </ul>

<b>Walk 27 –</b> Black Combe. Neil Mclaughin- Cook.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waterlogged path near Fell Cottage. [Moderate Risk]</li> <li>• Traffic on A595. [Low Risk]</li> <li>• Stony descent from the summit. {Moderate Risk}</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alert walkers and lead on the least wet route, finally leaving the path to cross a short stretch of soggy but passable moorland, then returning to the path via the old cottage garden.</li> <li>• Advise walkers to use the grass verge. Leaders to wear high Viz.</li> <li>• Alert walkers and advise to take care.</li> </ul>
<b>Walk 28 –</b> Sir John Barrow Dan Elsworth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Low risk: crossing A590 when travelling from Dragley Beck into Ulverston and traffic in and around town.</li> <li>• Low risk: trips or falls on footpath to/from Hoad.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 leaders with Hi Vis. Only crossing at pedestrian crossing, used correctly.</li> <li>• Otherwise, walkers will be reminded to keep to the pavement wherever possible.</li> <li>• Any hazards to clearly pointed out by leaders.</li> <li>• Walkers should be wearing appropriate footwear or warned of danger and could miss this part of the walk.</li> </ul>
<b>Walk 29 –</b> Haematite Trail Loop 1. Mick Shaw	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walk almost completely on urban footpaths but crossing several urban roads, some quite busy.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gather the group together and cross at the same time. 3 leaders wearing high-vis jackets.</li> </ul>
<b>Walk 30 –</b> Colton – Oxon Park. Sheila Bull	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Generic risks of walking on rough stony paths, across fields, across wet ground.</li> <li>• At Oxen Park we climb The Scar and it is steep with deep steps, and it is narrow.</li> <li>• Walking through Sales Bank Wood.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Warning will be given to walkers to take care.</li> <li>• Arklid Intake has been removed from the walk as the stile out of it, is missing.</li> <li>• Walkers will be advised to have poles and to take care.</li> <li>• Walkers to be made aware of roots and low branches on the path.</li> </ul>
<b>Walk 31 –</b> Bird Watching. Mike Douglas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The walk route includes slight trip hazards – pot holes in roads and uneven surfaces along public footpath.</li> <li>• The walk will involve being outdoors for up to 3 hours. Cooling from rain and wind could complicate other medical conditions.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure that the party are wearing suitable footwear and describe the terrain they will encounter.</li> <li>• Make everyone aware of the length of time they will be away from cars and warmth, and explain the lack of shelter along the route. Ensure all participants have suitable clothing for the forecasted weather.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to three hours of exposure to sunshine may result in sunburn.</li> <li>• The meeting place is a small layby alongside a minor road, and the walk includes stretches of quiet road with no pavement. Collisions with cars could cause severe injury and death.</li> <li>• Additional risks from the identified hazards are possible with children.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Let everyone know how long we will be out with a lack of shelter. Encourage use of hats / sun-cream if necessary.</li> <li>• Encourage everyone to move away from the car park area as soon as possible. Cross roads alongside Glaxo to avoid taking the group around blind corners.</li> <li>• Anyone attending under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Walk 32 –</b> Haematite Trail Loop 4. Linda Marshall</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minor risks of uneven ground, slippery mud in places and crossing the A595 twice.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leader 1 crossing the road first to a place with maximum visibility of approaching traffic in one direction with Leader 2 looking for traffic in the opposite direction and crossing last.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Walk 33 –</b> Witherslack – Winster Valley Mick Shaw</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 short sections on the minor road from Town End to Bowland Bridge. All Medium Risk.</li> <li>• Steep drop from elevenses viewpoint overlooking Witherslack. Medium Risk.</li> <li>• Steep drop from top of lime kiln near Witherslack. Medium Risk.</li> <li>• Very low roof with sharp protrusions in Fairy Caves. Medium + Risk.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Warn group and position leaders with Hi Vis front and back. Walk single file.</li> <li>• Warn group not to go too near the edge.</li> <li>• Warn group not to go too near the edge.</li> <li>• Be very clear with group about this risk. If they have sturdy hats, suggest they are worn. Share torches so that everyone who wants to go in can see easily.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Walk 34 –</b> Lickle Valley Ramble. Neil Mclaughlin-Cook</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anxiety due to noisy dogs at Green Bank Farm. [Low Risk]</li> <li>• Exceptionally friendly sheep dog at Green Bank Farm, that may follow walkers and repeatedly encourage them to play “Fetch”. [Low Risk]</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reassure walkers that the dogs are almost certainly locked inside farm buildings.</li> <li>• Allow walkers to play with the dog, but do not allow it to follow walkers through closed gates.</li> <li>• Alert walkers, advise to take care, and lead via the easiest route.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Short stretches of wet, stony, rough and muddy paths. [Moderate Risk]</li> <li>• Clapper bridge with no handrail. [Moderate Risk]</li> <li>• Several fords across tributary becks.[Low Risk]</li> <li>• Boardwalks on the ascent from Appletree Worth. [Low Risk]</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alert walkers, advise to take care, and offer poles if necessary.</li> <li>• Alert walkers, but reassure that all fords are easily passable.</li> <li>• Alert walkers, advise to watch for any loose wire mesh, and to walk single file.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Walk 35 –</b> Plumpton Wildlife. Jane Carson</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Road crossings:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ From Canal to Beach. (Low risk)</li> <li>○ Short section of Plumpton Old Hall Road. (Low risk)</li> <li>○ Pot holes on old lane.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Top of Beach:</b> Walk traverses mud and flat stones which can be slippery if wet or high tides. (medium risk)</li> <li>• <b>Through the fields:</b> rough ground, some stones and gorse bushes. (Low risk)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure that Walking Group are paying attention.</li> <li>• Walkers warned and those lacking in confidence or with mobility issues helped across the stones.</li> <li>• Walkers requested to take care.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Walk 36 –</b> Arnside Knott Simon Hughes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No additional risk to generic risks.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See measures below generic risks.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Walk 37 –</b> Map reading Martin Cooper</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walk starts with 200m of the busy A5092. (Low Risk)</li> <li>• Contouring along 300m of West side of Great Burney (Low Risk).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Warn walkers. Keep on the grass verge. Leader at rear wearing hi-viz.</li> <li>• Walkers to keep away from steep slopes and concentrate on foot placing.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Walk 38 –</b> Harter Fell – Roman Fort. Michelle Green</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roots in forest areas – trip and slip hazards.</li> <li>• Rocky step below South side Harter Fell.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Warn walkers.</li> <li>• Leaders to offer assistance.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Walk 39 –</b> Broughton Stan Aspinnall</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The walk criss-crosses the Town on some unpaved roads but traffic will be light and relatively slow moving. (Low risk)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The route is on well-marked paths and tracks.</li> <li>• Leaders will wear hi viz jackets and cover all the road sections. Walkers will be warned to take additional care at the start of the walk and before any road sections.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The route twice crosses main roads.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Walk 40 –</b> Winster Valley bluebells. Chris Baalham</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Woodland slippery if wet.</li> <li>• Two ladder stiles.</li> <li>• Two wall stiles – slippery if wet.</li> <li>• Some rural lanes with little traffic.</li> <li>• One potentially busier road to be crossed.</li> <li>• 2 fallen trees.</li> <li>• Slope across Ravens Barrow has some loose surface, is narrow and drops away on one side.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Warned to be careful and walking poles advised.</li> <li>• Assistance to be given.</li> <li>• Assistance to be given.</li> <li>• High viz to be worn by leaders and walkers warned.</li> <li>• High viz to be worn by leaders and walkers warned.</li> <li>• Assistance to be given.</li> <li>• Warn to be careful. Alternative route available for anyone not confident.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Walk 41 –</b> High Road to Dalton. Neil McLaughlin-Cook</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crossing the A590 Dalton Bypass. [Moderate Risk]</li> <li>• Broken fence partially blocking the path near Dalton. [Low Risk]</li> <li>• Walking on minor lanes. [Moderate Risk]</li> <li>• Walkers allergic to ingredients in the “Arval cakes/bread” served in the castle. [Moderate Risk]</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bring the group together and warn of danger. Leaders with hi viz clothes at front and back of the group.</li> <li>• Lift the fence to enable walkers to pass safely.</li> <li>• Alert walkers and advise to keep to single file, or on the verge, when vehicles are approaching. Leaders with hi viz clothes at front and back of the group.</li> <li>• Contact walkers in advance to advise them to inform us of any allergies.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Walk 42 –</b> Wetherlam</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Road.</b> 200m along B5285 and across A593 at the start and end of the walk, in centre of Coniston village between main car park and minor roads leading to footpaths. Traffic speeds are low in Coniston village centre. Low Risk.</li> <li>• <b>Rocky Summit:</b> Wetherlam summit very rocky but has no large drops. Low Risk.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Before setting off, and on return, remind walkers to be careful of traffic here.</li> <li>• Warn walkers to be careful to avoid trips, especially here.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Boulder-strewn</b> track down from Levers Water weir awkward due to loose stones, but only used for 250m before turning off onto easier path. Low Risk.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Warn walkers to be careful of slipping on the loose stones on this descent.</li></ul>
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