

Annan Walking Group

Secretary's Report – September 2020

Thank you to the walk leaders who led the 4 walks that we were able to complete so far in 2020.

One walk had to be cancelled due to bad weather and the rest of the walks were cancelled due to the Covid -19 pandemic.

A lot of preparatory work had gone into both the Away Day and the Weekend Away before they had to be cancelled. A thank you to Matt and Roderick for all the work that went into the Away Day and a thank you to Ann Campbell for her work that went into the Weekend Away. Hopefully all that work won't go to waste if we can rerun these events sometime in the future.

Thank you also to Maureen for her continuing work as Treasurer and Membership Secretary, also to Alan as Transport Co-ordinator and to Ann as our Social Co-ordinator.

As the AGM has been cancelled this year, thanks are also due to the committee members for agreeing to continue to stand on the committee for another year.

A big thank you to Roderick and Margaret for keeping us connected over the bulk of the year with the Guess Where Quiz which brought back great memories of previous days out.

Welcome to returning member Robin Richardson which brings our Membership to 56 .

As there have been so few walks this year due to Covid-19 measures, the Committee have agreed to roll over membership for existing members into 2020-2021 and give everyone a free year's membership.

If anyone no longer wishes to be a member could they please contact Maureen on 01461 204 143 or email maureen.kane@live.co.uk to cancel your membership.

The proposed change to the financial year end was agreed by the members at the general meeting on the 15th January 2020. This change was due to be formally made to the constitution at the September 2020 AGM meeting. In the interim however, as the AGM has been cancelled, the treasurer will adopt the change to the financial year end now 1st September to 31st August. This change to the constitution will be carried forward to the September 2021 AGM.

Looking to the future, now we are in a new era of group activity , two new guidance documents have been produced for walkers and walk leaders. As official restrictions and guidance change, these documents will be updated.

I look forward to meeting you all again on a walk somewhere, sometime, in the near future, and thank you for your support over the last year.