

## Trafford Walkers AGM. November 2020

### Walk Co-ordinators Report

The quarterly programmes from November to March offered a wide range of walks around our area. We visited the reservoirs and moors of Lancashire, the Derbyshire Peak District, the nearby Cheshire countryside and the Yorkshire Dales. They have been excellent and varied, covering a wide area around Greater Manchester. .

In this period 13 walk leaders have planned, pioneered and led 20 walks, covering a wide range of venues. There was an enjoyable coach trip with 3 Xmas walks and a meal at the Pendle Inn, Barley. Thank you to the leaders who offered the walks for us during this winter period.

When the National Lockdown was enforced in Mid March all walks were suspended to comply with the Government's guidelines. In June the Committee met to discuss the possibility of restarting our walking programme. We began to plan a limited programme with the Covid rule of 6 and a booking system in place. Two walks per week were offered, both local and a reasonable travel distance from Stretford. These walks were planned to allow members to access them by public transport or by driving to the start of the walk. Thank you to all the leaders who volunteered to pioneer and lead the 12 walks for us through late July and August to the beginning of October. They had to plan, mindful of the different conditions and restrictions. Thanks also to all the members who have supported these walks.

Club members enjoyed walks with HF Holidays. 19 members went to Nether Grange in Alnmouth for a 5 night stay with guided walking. The venue had stringent measures in place to ensure it was safe and tailored the walking to adhere to the guidelines.

The Committee is investigating the procedures needed to allow the club to walk with larger numbers. Our affiliation to the Ramblers Association is crucial in this process. With their support and guidance more members will be able to enjoy their walking.

Our future plans are always subject to the Government's decisions about the Tier Greater Manchester is placed in. Looking to the future we will endeavour to continue to offer walks when we are able, always aware local restrictions.

On behalf of Trafford walkers, we would like to thank members who have volunteered, or responded positively to requests from co-ordinators to lead walks during this unusual period. We hope that member's will continue to turn out in increasing numbers and give them the support they deserve.

I would like to thank Sue for her invaluable help in compiling and publishing the walk programmes throughout this challenging time

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