

Dear BBN Member

What a brilliant time to start my new career as BBN Group Secretary! Last night's announcement from the NEC that our walks can be resumed under the previous guidelines was excellent news. Hooray.

Here is the full statement from the NEC:

Following the easing of lockdown in England from the 02.12.20, which states that "organised adult sports can take place outdoors" in all 3 Tiers, we are pleased to announce that LDWA social walks can now resume in all areas in England. Walks are limited to 30 people. If there are more than 6 on the walk, then a risk assessment is required and up to 6 it is strongly recommended.

The LDWA 'Delivery Plan' must be carried regardless of how many members are on the social walk in order to show any person in authority that the walk is being organised within the rules of the LDWA. The Delivery Plan can be carried either physically or electronically.

Whilst social walks can be organised in Tier 3 areas, it is recommended that members who live in a Tier 3 area do not leave their area to attend a social walk and conversely it is recommended that members who live in Tiers 1 and 2 do not enter a Tier 3 area to attend a social walk.

The easing of the national lockdown in England now means that Challenge Events might commence and LDWA event organisers are reminded that the LDWA Covid-19 challenge walk delivery plan must be adhered to.

Anytime Challenge Events might also recommence and it is recommended that members who live in a Tier 3 area do not leave their area to attend an Anytime Challenge Event.

On 30.11.20, First Minister Drakeford addressed the Principality and did not lift the ban on people travelling into or from Wales unless the travel is for essential reasons. This means that until further notice, only people who reside within the Principality may attend social walks organised in Wales.

*David Morgan
LDWA Chair*

The New BBN Committee

There are a few things to let you all know about following the BBN Zoom AGM on Sunday. It all went extremely well, thanks to Peter Engledow's proficient hosting and Terry's expert chairing of the meeting. Terry and Peter are both re-elected as Chair and Treasurer respectively. I (Gill) am the new Secretary, Sara is taking over Social Walks and Alan will be responsible for Membership. The other committee members

are Roy Carter, Norman Corrin, Mike Hyland and Mary Knight. All ready and willing to deliver the best service to you all!

There will be some more “business” to report on in the next few weeks, but now back to the important stuff, our walks.

We have three walks lined up for December:

Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without Santa and he will be walking on Sunday 6th December and hoping you will join him.

Dee Brockway will be leading two walks – the first on Sunday 13th December with a repeat the following Thursday. The Thursday walk is already full as she has given priority to people who were booked on her cancelled Thursday walk in November.

There are still places on Dee's Sunday walk and details of how to book for both this and Santa's walk are on the website: <https://ldwa.org.uk/BedsBucksAndNorthants/E/O/our-walks-list.html>

Future walks programme

Sara is getting this organised and will be looking for leaders. Any leader who had a walk cancelled or anyone who has a walk they have been planning, please contact Sara bbn.walks@ldwa.org.uk

Chiltern Kanter

Although this event is marked as “Cancelled” in December Strider, the Chiltern Kanter is most definitely taking place as an “Anytime” Challenge – to be entered via SiEntries and walked any time between 1st February and 11th April 2021. Roy Carter and his team are finalising a few outstanding details and then the event will go live on SiEntries. We will keep you updated.

The final virtual challenge for 2020 - the Advent Calendar December Challenge

Julie Cribb, LDWA Membership Secretary, has just unveiled her latest virtual challenge and it starts today – so there is plenty of time to join in. These challenges have been a fantastic incentive to go out and get walking and the comments and photos on FB have really helped keep us in touch with one another during those long months of lockdown.

This challenge is in three parts:

1. **Getting out and doing some miles.** As a result of feedback this month there is no maximum to the amount of time or distance you may cover in this challenge. Just add whatever you manage to do in the [Advent Challenge Spreadsheet](#). There will be virtual Certificates for 100, 200 and greater mileages.
You can join in this part of the challenge without being on FB. As I am typing this

there appears to be a problem with accessing the spreadsheet. Hopefully this will soon be sorted, but if you still can't access it let me know gillbunker@googlemail.com – there may be an updated link.

2. If you wish, **join in the fun in the Facebook Group** too at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ldwaadventchallenge>
Each day there will be snippets of Advent/Christmas/December related information and sometimes quiz opportunities and spot prizes.
3. Each day there will be a **surprise photo theme popping out of the relevant Advent Door**. Look out for theme each day and see if you can capture something relevant while you are out and about.

I'm looking forward to seeing lots of you sign up for this – we can keep an eye on each other's miles.

Well that's it for my first effort.

As it is the 1st December I'm leaving you with a cracker joke

What do you call a blind reindeer?

Cheers

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You must not attend a walk if you, or a member of your family/bubble, are showing Covid-19 symptoms or awaiting test results.