

Dear BBN Member

Just as we were celebrating the resumption of our social walks, there came disappointment three days later with Thursday evening's statement from the NEC with updated rules taking immediate effect:

1. No Local Group walks in Tier 3 areas.
2. Local Group walks can take place in Tiers 1 and 2 but there will be a maximum of 6 walkers.
3. No Challenge Events can take place in Tier 3 areas.
4. Challenge Events can take place in Tier 1 and 2 areas but Walk Organisers must liaise with the National Executive Committee prior to advertising the event.
5. Anytime Challenge Events can take place in Tiers 1, 2 and 3.
If an Anytime Challenge Event is hosted in a Tier 3 area, only members who live in that specific Tier 3 area can participate.
Members who live in Tier 3 areas cannot enter Anytime Challenge Events hosted in Tiers 1 and 2.

David Morgan's statement (posted 3rd December) includes an explanation of why the NEC's view changed. If you haven't already read it, please do have a look. <https://ldwa.org.uk/library/coronavirus2020.php>
There is also updated information here for anyone who may be planning to walk in Wales (posted 7th December).

BBN's Santa Walk

The news of the limit of 6 walkers came just in time for Santa and Terry to plan two separate walks for the 12 people booked on Sunday's Santa Walk. Some photos here of very Misty Meanders. [Maulden Merry Mistletoe Meander](#)

Dee's **Wanders from Wardhedges** on 13th and 17th December now have a limit of 6 walkers and are fully booked.

Walks for 2021

Sara Waldron, our new Walks Secretary, has drafted the dates for the first three months of 2021 and they are on the website together with Sara's contact info [Available Walk Dates](#)

Sara says "Fingers crossed that we'll be able to get out walking on some of these. This will give a start, but if anyone wants to lead on another date, that's fine with me!!".

December Strider

Have you received your December Strider?

December Strider (which includes your 2021 membership card) has been posted out to members, but delays have been caused by the Post Office being overwhelmed by the pandemic at what is always a busy time of year. If you haven't already had it, your Strider should be with you shortly. If you still haven't received your copy by the end of December please get in touch with Julia Warman - membership@ldwa.org.uk

Remember you can always read Strider online <https://ldwa.org.uk/strider/index.php>.

Offa's Dyke Path

Next year marks the 50th anniversary of the Offa's Dyke Path.

As part of the celebrations, the LDWA has been asked if we can help with the gathering of anecdotes, experiences, memories and pictures from walkers who have walked this Trail over the last 50 years - the older the memories, the better!

The LDWA's Long Distance Paths Coordinator, Andy Clark, is coordinating the collection. If you have anything you would be willing to share with the good people at the Offa's Dyke Path National Trail, in the first instance, please could you contact Andy at LDP@ldwa.org.uk.

Now for the cracker joke

What do you call a blind reindeer?

No eye deer!

What do you call a blind reindeer with no legs?

Cheers

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