**Calderdale AGM dated 19th January 2021, held virtually due to the Coronavirus pandemic**

**WALK SECRETARY REPORT**

You will not be surprised to hear that there is very little to report over the last year.

The first lockdown was introduced in March and since then no social walks have taken place. The group only has a small number of walk leaders and I can only hope that when walks are allowed to commence (preferably condition free) the group can continue as before.

After the first lockdown ended our committee decided not to sanction any walks under the auspices of the LDWA as the conditions imposed by them were too difficult to comply with. This was also the case for most other LDWA groups.

Many walkers are in the “vulnerable” groups of the population and will find it difficult to walk again in groups, until such time as they feel it is safe to do so. Hopefully after the vaccination programme is completed this will be the case.

My immediate worry is that walk leaders will be evenscarcer than they are now, as many (including me) are getting on in years and may find it difficult to resume as they did before.

I will conclude on a positive note, that for many, the only form of exercise is walking, and whilst doing my own share of walking (greatly reduced mileage) I see lots of others doing their daily exercise walk.

Stephen Walker

Walks Secretary