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**Monthly Mid-March 2021 Update**

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| A few bits and pieces to let you know about.  Firstly, the NEC have issued the following statement about the time scale for getting back to organised walking. We will keep you updated with further news, and what it means for us as, we get it, but do keep an eye for the latest updates on the LDWA website as well.   |  | | --- | | **STATEMENT FROM THE NEC 09 March 21 - EASING OF COVID RESTRICTIONS, ENGLAND**  Following the statement by the Prime Minister covering the Roadmap out of Lockdown the NEC has been working with partners and Government bodies to agree our approach to restarting activities in England.   Providing these proposals are accepted by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS)/Sport England AND the Government Roadmap stays on track, the phased return for organised walking will be as follows:  **No Earlier Than Monday 29 March:**  While two households or groups of up to six people will be able to get together for informal walks, LDWA organised activities will remain suspended in England.  Everyone is still encouraged to minimise travel.  **No Earlier Than Monday 12 April:**  Social walks will be able to resume across England in line with National Governing Body Covid-19 compliant guidelines.  At that time full details of the requirements will be circulated as a reminder.  The NEC is exploring opportunities to use the various LDWA communication tools, such as email, Facebook and Twitter, to help facilitate the return to group walking once this is allowed.  **Challenge Events**  The holding of challenge events is being discussed and we'll provide further information in due course.  **Scotland and Wales**  We are also keeping a watching brief on the situation in Scotland and Wales and will provide further updates as details become available.  Thank you for your patience and understanding during these fast changing and difficult times.  Julie Cribb  Chair, LDWA |  |  | | --- | | **LDWA NEC**  Following the LDWA AGM earlier this month, there have been a few changes on our national committee.  Julie Cribb has taken over as Chair from David Morgan, and Karen Pickersgill is now the new Local Groups Secretary. Sara Dyer is the new 100s coordinator, taking over from Alan Warrington.  Unfortunately, the role of IT and Internet Officer is still vacant as the prospective post holder had to withdraw. The NEC would love to hear from anyone interested in taking on this role.  A big Essex and Herts thank you to David Morgan and Alan Warrington for all their hard work on the NEC, particularly over the last difficult year. |     **We can't fly without you …..**  **……**is the message on the new state of the art base for the Essex and Herts Air Ambulance Service on North Weald airfield. As Essex and Herts LDWA make a regular donation to this service, by way of a thank you our members were invited to their local groups webinar.  For anyone who couldn't make it, the webinar is now available to view online - it's well worth a look to see the wonderful service they provide 24/7.  [EHAAT webinar](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DDhQQSc9byk)  Best wishes,  Jackie |
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