**November 2020 Monthly Update**

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| Hello Everybody,  There's a lot to tell you about this month. It might be as well to put the kettle on and your feet up first!   |  | | --- | | **Stansted Stagger - Anytime Challenge**  Unfortunately, the 2021 Stansted Stagger has been postponed until Sunday 9th January 2022 due to Covid-19 restrictions.  However, we are offering a Stansted Stagger Anytime Challenge for 2021 instead. This will be a 25.7-mile circular walk from the War Memorial, Gardens in Stansted March 2021.  Entry will be £5 and open to LDWA members only. All entrants will receive a comprehensive route description, access to a GPX file and a certificate on completion.  Online entries will be through SI Entries and open on Monday 28th December 2020 and close 28th March 2020.  Let's see lots of Essex and Herts members out on the lovely new route devised by Peter Tremain to the west of Stansted Mountfitchet which can be completed any time between 28th December 2020 and 28th. |      |  | | --- | | **Christmas Extravaganza**    Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without an Essex and Herts walk! Things are going to be different this year, but we’re hoping to get as many Essex and Herts members out walking as we can on Sunday December 13th. Put the date in your diary now - Rita will be letting you know about our plans shortly. |      |  | | --- | | **The LDWA Trig Point Ton Challenge**  The following has been taken from the [LDWA Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/groups/theldwa/):  Who is up for this? 😃  With the continuing restrictions and winter drawing in, we are putting on another 31-day 100-mile virtual Challenge for the LDWA Community by popular demand. If enough people LIKE this post we will once again set up a themed Facebook page to support each other and share our photographs, and a spreadsheet in which to record our mileage in one hour of our daily activity. Daily posts will, unsurprisingly, be around Trig Points. Although you do not need to visit these as part of your activity, if you do come across one it would be good to see it and learn a little about it.    The Challenge is due to start on October 31st, so keep an eye on the LDWA Facebook Page and website if you would like to take part. |      |  | | --- | | **Ideas for walks**  If you're running out of ideas for walks in our area, why not check some of these out:  **Essex and Herts Walks Database:** Richard has added a  few more GPX files to  our  [Walks Database](https://ldwa.org.uk/lgt/new/walks-database/select-via-list.php?club_id=13) - any walk that has a  '+' by the side has a GPX file and/or notes about the walk added. If you have GPX files  of past social walks that can be added send them to  Richard Haynes at [essexandherts.database@ldwa.org.uk](mailto:essexandherts.database@ldwa.org.uk). (NB only LDWA members will be able to download these files.)  **Essex Rambling:** [Essex Rambling Facebook Group](https://www.facebook.com/groups/RamblingEssex/) has a growing collection of walks in Essex  - checkout the Files section  **The Daffodil Dawdle:**Norfolk and Suffolk's next challenge event has gone 'Anytime' as well. Enter online and walk it any time between now and the end of March  [The Daffodil Dawdle](https://www.sientries.co.uk/event.php?elid=Y&event_id=7629)  **Hundred Parish Walks:**The Hundred Parishes is ‘a large, attractive, gently-undulating area, around 450 square miles of northwest Essex, northeast Hertfordshire and southern Cambridgeshire that is largely unspoilt and is richly endowed with many fine examples of agricultural and built heritage'.  Find a list of local walks at  [Hundred Parishes Walks](http://www.hundredparishes.org.uk/walks/other-walks) |      |  | | --- | | **Essex and Herts Face masks**  We've had a few enquiries about Essex and Herts branded face masks, so have added them to our list of merchandise. As they can only be bought in bulk, let me know if you would like one. If we get enough interest, we will order some centrally, for distribution.  [Essex and Herts LDWA face masks](https://customsportskit.co.uk/essex-and-herts-ldwa-5x-custom-printed-face-masks/) |      |  | | --- | | **Nigel's preserves ......**  I wish to thank all my walking buddies in Essex and Herts and BBN for their kindness in purchasing jars of jam, chutney, jellies and marmalade for the Charity 'Little Sisters of the Poor'. This year with help from the parishioners at Our Lady of Lourdes in Hitchin you raised the magnificent sum of £90.00. I have as in all previous years matched this total and a cheque for £180.00 was sent to the Charity on 14 October 2020.  I am sure that Kathy would be very pleased with our result.  Thank you.  Nigel (he of the bandana!) |      |  | | --- | | **Slow Ways**  There has been a lot of publicity in the media recently about the Slow Ways project to create a network of walking routes that connect all Great Britain's towns and cities.  Progress has already been made, but more volunteers are needed to check out over 100,000km of routes. If you're interested in  helping out, you can sign up  here  [sign-up](https://slowways.us19.list-manage.com/track/click?u=56b04ed5cbdb76b3ecb2c92c1&id=b0ebda06fd&e=0526378812)! |      |  | | --- | | And finally, here is a lovely thank you that Phil received after he led one of our first social walks when they restarted back in August:    ***Thank you very much for so efficiently planning and leading this morning's interesting and enjoyable walk.   We have been able to enjoy two full day's walking as a couple each week since mid-March, but it was a very pleasant change to be able to walk with others and with no responsibility for the route (knowing that we were in safe hands).   Congratulations.***  ***Kind regards and continue to keep safe,*** |     That's all for now folks,  Jackie |
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