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VOLUNTEERS – WE NEED YOU!

From Penny Southern

Kent LDWA is committed to maintaining and increasing our fabulous group of volunteers who pop up doing incredible work across our organisation. As well as running Kent-based activities, you can see them at our neighbouring challenge events and the LDWA annual 100 event. Friendly faces, a hot brew, their endless energy, encouragement and service at the Challenge Event checkpoints are at the heart of everything we do – whether it's taking part at the LDWA committee meetings, planning challenge events, volunteering at checkpoints, cooking, designing and/or walking out route descriptions, leading a social walk and much, much more. The organisation would not survive without their enthusiasm, commitment and passion for long-distance walking and all that is entailed in keeping our footpaths open, our rucksacks packed and those incredible distances covered. As part of our work to support, appreciate, maintain and encourage new volunteers, the Kent LDWA committee has agreed a set of principles for ensuring volunteers may be reimbursed for expenses. This new development will bring consistency, confidentiality and ambition to support existing volunteers and recruit new ones. Appearing on our website in April will be more detail about this and a new electronic process for any volunteer wishing to claim expenses. For further information, or if you have any questions about volunteering, please contact Penny Southern LDWA committee member at southernp03@gmail.com).