

**LONDON LDWA WALKS SECRETARY'S AGM REPORT
FEBRUARY 2024 -- JEAN O'REILLY**

2023 SUMMARY

- We offered 90 walks in 2023, despite several cancellations in response to rail strikes and occasional very poor weather.
- We averaged 13 people per walk.
- We had 28 walk leaders this year, including some from other groups (Surrey, Kent, Wiltshire, and Essex and Herts) who kindly cross-listed their walks with the London group.
- We cross-listed some of our walks with other LDWA groups when we were walking in their areas: Surrey, Sussex, Essex and Herts, Kent, and Beds, Bucks & Northants.
- Most of our leaders lead several walks per year. Ron Williamson (17), Gavin Fuller (16), and Jerome Ripp (11) led the most walks in 2023 and deserve our thanks.

2023 STATS, WITH PRIOR YEARS FOR COMPARISON

	2023	2022	2020/21 average (COVID restrictions)	2019 (Pre-COVID)
Total number of social walks	90	80	57	87
Saturday	29	32	39	46
Sunday	23	9	4	15
Midweek	38	39	14	26
Within London	47	47	20	41
Outside London	43	33	37	46
Total number of participants	1,059 (no data for 6 walks)	872	568	1000
Highest attendance	32	44	38	31
Lowest attendance	2	1	3	5
Avg. attendance	13	11	10	12
Total number of leaders	28	19	15	24
Typical distance, weekend	19 miles	21 miles	20 miles	20 miles
Longest weekend walk	40 miles	49.5 miles	31.9 miles	29 miles
Typical distance, midweek	6-18 miles (8 miles, evening)	7-12 miles (7 miles, evening)	15 miles (7 miles, evening)	16.5 miles (7 miles, evening)