

**LONDON LDWA WALKS SECRETARY'S AGM REPORT
FEBRUARY 2023 -- JEAN O'REILLY**

SUMMARY

- In response to COVID restrictions in 2020 and 2021, a reduced number of walk leaders, and the need for greater flexibility, we have changed the way the walks programme is constructed and advertised. We no longer advertise walks in *Strider* 6 months in advance; instead, we build the programme on a 4-6 week basis, advertising through the London and National websites, the weekly newsletter, and occasionally via our Facebook page.
- We offered 80 walks in 2022, despite several cancellations in response to rail strikes.
- We averaged 11 people per walk.
- We have 19 walk leaders, including four new leaders in 2022: Peter Lockyer, John Shortt, Catherine Suttle, and Jude Unsworth.
- Most of our leaders lead several walks per year. Gavin Fuller (14), Peter Aylmer (12), Jerome Ripp (11), and Ron Williamson (10) led the most walks in 2022 and deserve a notable mention and enormous thanks. And perhaps new boots.
- As always, we could use more volunteers to plan and lead walks, to take the pressure off the current team.

STATS FOR 2022, WITH PRIOR YEARS FOR COMPARISON

	2022	2021 (COVID restrictions)	2020 (COVID restrictions)	2019 (Pre-COVID)
Total number of social walks	80	53	60	87
Saturday	32	33	44	46
Sunday	9	3	5	15
Midweek	39	17	11	26
Within London	47	16	23	41
Outside London	33	37	37	46
Total number of participants	872	560	576	1000
Highest attendance	44	21	38	31
Lowest attendance	1	3	3	5
Total number of leaders	19	15	16	24
Typical distance, weekend	21 miles	17-23 miles	18-23 miles	18-22 miles
Longest weekend walk	49.5 miles	31.9 miles	25.3 miles	29 miles
Typical distance, midweek	7-12 miles (7 miles, evening)	14-16 miles (7 miles, evening)	14-15 miles (7 miles, evening)	15-18 miles (7 miles, evening)