

AGM – 20th October 2026

Report from Walks Co-Ordinator (Graeme)

The 2026 walk programme is coming to an end and seems to have gone well.

I would like to thank the 28 Walk Leaders who have contributed an enormous amount of time and effort to give us such a wide and varied series of walks.

If all goes to plan, then there will have been 142 Walks in 2026 (this includes 11 on the 2026 Holiday) and at the time of writing this report (21st September) the walks have had 125 different attendees.

Once again thank you to Sue G for organising the Christmas Lunch and in the New Year a meal at the Shoulder of Mutton, Holcombe village, for which she also led the walk. Sue is arranging both again this year. The New Year Sunday Walk and lunch will be on the 10th of January – pop it in your diary.

I would like to thank Arnold for his continuing work in delivering the highly successful Thursday evening and Saturday morning shorter pub walks. The trial of having Saturday morning walks throughout the year has been well received. Once again all of our pub walks have been well attended. Thank you, Arnold.

We had our Annual Challenge Walk in June. This was a 23 miles walk from Chipping and 13 attended. This was once again organised by John & Judy followed by an enjoyable pub meal plus rehydration. Well done to all completers. Thank you, John & Judy, for this.

In the summer, we had several Friday walks led by Diana (linear) and Judy (a linear plus a couple of more challenging walks). These provided an additional variety to the programme. Whilst I don't think I should have a favourite walk I loved the Edale High Level walk.

We once again went on holiday. 33 of us. Huge thanks to Judy and Jean for organising our stay at HF Sedbergh, Cumbria. Thanks also to everyone who contributed to leading walks. We had a fabulous time, some mixed weather but some super walking followed by food, drink, quizzes and music in the evening. I'm sure we're all looking forward to the 2027 holiday at HF Monk Coniston, Lake District in May 2027. The holiday is fully booked (41 of us) with a waiting list.

As I am sure many of you are aware I am stepping down as Walks Co-Ordinator at the AGM and I believe we have volunteers to replace me. I have done 7 years of Walk Schedules, including the Covid Years! I have very much enjoyed the role but I feel the time is right for some new blood to take it forward and maybe enhance what we already have. I do hope to continue on the committee in support of our Chair and my fellow committee members. We have a great walking group please continue to support all who volunteer albeit the Committee, Walk Leaders, Back Markers, Photographers and Websters. Enjoy the walks.

Thank you.

Graeme (Walks Co-ordinator)