

Wellington Walkers are Welcome

Chair's Report for the AGM on the 6th August 2023

It has been a busy year for Wellington Walkers are Welcome. I'm afraid that family commitments for me and well as my husband's recent illness has meant I haven't been proactive with planning and carrying out tasks. I am so grateful to the rest of the committee for the vast amount of work they continue to do to make the organisation so successful.

We have just finalised our Wellington Walking Festival programme, the leaflet has been printed and our website is starting to take bookings. I think the events look exciting, some old favourites are being repeated and a variety of new walks have been added.

Our Annual Report has been well received by the National committee, who have praised the work that we do.

We continue to get financial support from Wellington Town Council for which we are most grateful, as well as enthusiastic support from Julie who is a member of the Town Council as well as a member of our committee. We are lucky to have this link.

Collaboration with other local groups is strong and includes LA 21, The Orbit, Sunnycroft, Rail Rambles, Friends of Apley Woods, Friends of the Telford T50. We are all working to promote visiting Wellington as well as walking in the area.

I will end by thanking the committee for the huge amount of time and energy they devote to our organisation. Malcolm does the work of 3 people, if not 4!; Naomi our Secretary is hugely busy both locally as well as her commitment on the National committee; Sheila as Treasurer has kept our finances in order; Jean as our Publicity Secretary is always willing to write an article or speak on the radio; Pam takes the Minutes and shares leading walks; Chris is always willing to do whatever is needed, as is Amanda; Greg has had a difficult year and we all wish him well. Thanks to all of you.

Eve Clevenger
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