
	East Cheshire Ramblers Walk Leader Training Meeting
	Date of Meeting – 2.30 pm Tuesday 21 st May 2024 13 Cherington Crescent, Macclesfield, SK11 8LA

Attendees	Maggie Swindells	MS
	Jane Gay	JG
	Frank Gay	FG
	Anne Ball	AB
	Gillian Kay	GK
	Michael Murphy	MM
In attendance	Melanie Davy	MD
Notes		
1.0	What Adaptations do we need to make to our training?	
1.1	MS to ask Ramblers CO if we can adapt any of their documents for our own use. Risk Assessment would benefit from tweaking for ECR purposes.	MS
1.2	Continue with our current grading of walks, but make sure they are as specific as possible.	Note
1.3	<u>Written</u> risk assessment is not specified. Use easy risk assessment form as a checklist (one per group). Reference long risk assessment details	Note
1.4	New Requirements for 2024 Walk Leaders: Read the Walk Leader Handbook; Complete the Walk Leader Foundations e learning (approx. 60); Complete the Preventing and Managing Incidents e-learning.	Note
1.5	MS to adapt the Training Day Powerpoint presentation, amalgamate slides where appropriate and give detailed instructions on how to access the training courses	MS
1.6	ECR “Notes for New Leaders” is redundant. Replaced by Ramblers’ one page document. Trainers should highlight what elements don’t apply to ECR. Only one side needs to be printed and can be done in B&W.	Note
1.7	Training should include ECR Frequently Asked Questions and Notes for New Walk Leaders (AB’s document). AB will revise it to incorporate some of new guidelines. Still need to register as a volunteer.	AB
1.8	Revise ECR Ratios for back marker requirements	Note
2.0	Recommendations for ECR	
2.1	See attached “Attachment Training Docs List May 2024 v4”	Note
2.2	Co-ordinators need to be on side. New leaders must do Ramblers CO training.	Note
2.3	Ask Walk Coordinators to Encourage walk leaders to ask people to have an ICE card. MS to ask Jenny to put it on Walks Manager in “Additional Details” for all ECR walks. AB to ask Roger to put it on the website above the Programme. MS and AB to include in emails to people joining walks/joining ECR.	MS/AB
2.4	We will retain our walk length/difficulty descriptions. Jenny adapts these to comply with Ramblers Walks Manager. We should encourage leaders to give walks titles which include short medium or long in the title, eg, Lyme Park Circular - Medium	Note Walk Co-ordinators
3.0	Jobs Updates	
3.1	AB to update “New Walk leaders” note	AB
3.2	MS to update PowerPoint and how to access resources	MS
3.3	GK has done draft update walk notes for trainees.	Note
3.4	Walk Leadership courses should be reviewed in 2025 as it is likely that CO guidelines will be amended in the interim. One possibility: Map reading is separated from walk	Note

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	leading. Map reading training could be modelled to include a little bit of leadership training, but the majority could be provided by the on-line course. Use of Apps should be included as a handy support method.	
4.0	New Training Dates	
4.1	MS to advise Gina Thompson that Basic Map reading & Walk Leader Training on 6 th June is postponed. Propose Thursday 15 th August dependent on Macclesfield Tennis club. JG to check date with Tennis Club.	MS/JG
4.2	Pre-app training meeting 2.30 pm 1 st July 2024 at JG's house.	Note
4.3	App training is 18 th July 2024.	Note
5.0	Any Other Business	
5.1	MS to request Ramblers' Trustee Lucy and Dave Barraclough to attend AGM	MS

Meeting Closed at 16.35