

## KNOWLE RAMBLERS Guidance for Walk Leaders

Thank you for offering to recce and lead a walk, your time and commitment are greatly valued.

### **Well before the walk**

- Give clear information to the chair person of information to be sent out to members. Your phone number/e-mail address, details of the walk, day and date, length of walk, start time, directions to the start point and details of parking arrangements.
- Click on the PollsEZ link so you know who will be on your walk – we need to keep a record of the people on your walk for 21 days.
- Make sure there are enough car parking spaces available at the start point.
- Arrive at starting point in time to:

### **The day of the walk**

- Arrive at starting point in time to:
- Make visitors feel welcome, and collect £1 from them
- Count the number going on the walk
- Be prepared to wear a face mask in the event of an incident that requires close contact
- Let the chair person know if additional walkers turn up and those booked on but do not.

### **The Start of the walk**

- Welcome everyone, particularly visitors.
- Mention the importance of social distancing
- Introduce yourself as the leader
- If the group is large appoint a back marker
- Describe the walk briefly, giving the distance and mention any points of special interest, also any potential hazards
- If there are toilet facilities at the start or on route mention these
- Count the number on the walk
- Enjoy the walk!

### **During the walk**

- It is the general rule that the leader should be at the front of the party: however this does not prevent the leader from dropping back at times and in this case those in front should be told where to wait.
- The leader should be aware that not all people want to, or can, walk at the same rate particularly on a difficult section and should therefore ensure that the party does not become strung out.
- When walking on a public road if there is no pavement keep the group close together and where necessary in single file. When crossing the road the leader should identify the optimum place for the group to cross.
- Any hazards e.g. the approach of a vehicle, should be called out to the group, by the leader or back marker, as appropriate.
- **If we need help in an emergency when out walking in the countryside we are advised to call 112 rather than 999. dialling 112 from a mobile telephone enables the service to pinpoint your exact position**
- Should any accident or incident occur notify the Cub Secretary at the earliest opportunity. A written report from the leader to the Secretary should follow in 24 hours.

### **Guidance for leaders can be found in books that can be borrowed from Knowle Ramblers**

Navigation and Leadership published by The Ramblers  
Follow the Map the Ordnance Survey Guide  
[www.walkingbritain.co.uk](http://www.walkingbritain.co.uk)  
[www.dash4it.co.uk](http://www.dash4it.co.uk) - Explorer Maps 30% discount

[www.ramblers.org.uk](http://www.ramblers.org.uk)  
<http://wtp2.appspot.com/wheresthepath.htm>

If you are unable to lead your walk contact Robert Beckham 07802 760809