

<https://walkersarewelcome.org.uk/>

Walkers are Welcome is a non profit making Community Interest Company. We are a nationwide initiative, launched in 2007 to encourage towns and villages to be welcoming to walkers. We now have over 100 member towns. We have a steady flow of applications for membership

Our aims are to help towns and villages to:

- be attractive for walkers with excellent information on local walks
- ensure that footpaths and facilities for walkers are maintained, improved and well signposted
- contribute to local tourism plans and regeneration strategies
- promote the health benefits of walking and increase participation
- encourage the use of public transport

How to Join

Here are some easy steps to becoming a Walkers are Welcome CIC Provisional Member and achieving accredited status.

1. Establish a steering group to oversee the project.

This can be an existing community group for example, a walkers' group or local business association, or an ad-hoc group brought together specifically for the purpose. You may wish to think about members who have different interests in walking to make a balanced group. Remember this should be a bottom-up group and not wholly led by a council or an entirely regeneration funded basis which may not be sustainable in the long term. When establishing a group, it is best practice to have a constitution that meets your aims. **Click here for a Constitution example.**

2. Apply for Provisional Membership by completing the online form

Please email for any information and CIC documents and policies membership@walkersarewelcome.org.uk **WAW Provisional membership application form**

Our leaflet is available to download:

Discover Britain's Walkers are Welcome towns and villages. To download side 1 p

lease click [here](#). Download side 2 please click [here](#).

3. Please remember to send a subscription cheque

Payable to Walkers are Welcome Network

The Treasurer c/o 1 Murray Close, Pocklington, York, YO42 2HD

The Current Fees Are*	
Population up to 3000	£50
Population 3001-8,000	£70
Population 8,001-15,000	£90
Population over 15,000-35,000	£110

***Subscriptions are reviewed annually.**

4. Your application will be acknowledged

You will be advised the name of a mentor who will offer advice on meeting the six criteria for full membership or any other issues and sign off your application for accreditation.

5. Work in your community to meet the six criteria.

Don't be afraid to be different, every community has special or diverse needs; we like to see innovation to suit individual communities. A community in WaW membership terms is: 'Town, parish or Community Council area except in exceptional circumstances where agreed by the committee.'

6. When you think you have met the criteria, let us know using the Application Form on this website.

The Walkers are Welcome National Committee will assess your application. Please remember that it can take up to six weeks for your application to be appraised and you should not market any launch event until you have heard back from us. All being well, we will be delighted to award you Walkers are Welcome accreditation status and may make some additional suggestions to help you. You will then be able to use the official logo on your local marketing material and take advantage of sharing knowledge and networking with other members. Some resources are limited to accredited members.