

Charity Walk Information, Terms & Conditions

Welcome to what has become our Annual 'Walk 4 Your Charity' when the people of Hyndburn and surrounding areas take up the challenge of Church & Oswaldtwistle Rotary Club to raise valuable funds for a Charity or Good Cause of their own choice. This might be a Nationally known Charity, such as The NSPCC, Cancer Research or a little known group such as your Church Fund, a local Scout/Guide Group, a local amateur football team . . . the list is endless.

We are inviting **YOU** to participate in our Annual Charity Walk. You may want to walk as an individual or you may decide to get a group together. The choice is yours.

It is so simple to participate since all the planning and organising has already been done for you by the Rotary Club.

You will first of all need to make up your mind which Charity or Good Cause you wish to support. You will find a list of suitable suggestions on the website, just in case you can't think of one yourself.

Your next step is to register as a Walker. To do this either register and pay online via our website or complete the Registration Form which you can download from the website and return this, together with your Registration Fee.

If you are walking as part of an Official Group – say a football team or a school and you have at least 12 Walkers in your group then your Group Leader should contact me and I will make special arrangements to register you.

Once I receive your Registration Form and Fee I will send you by post your Official Walker Number, your Entrance Ticket and Sponsorship Forms. Please note that for Insurance Purposes ALL participants must complete a Registration Form and that no one will be allowed to enter this event without an Official Walker Number which must be shown on demand to any of the organisers or Stewards on the course.

Now you will need to start getting Sponsors. Write down their details on the Sponsorship Form provided so that you have a permanent record. This will come in useful when you collect their sponsorship money since you will be able to see at a glance who has and who has not paid.

All you need do now is come along on the day, complete The Walk, receive your Certificate, and then collect from your Sponsors. All money collected in this way must be handed over to a responsible person with connections to your chosen Charity or Good Cause.

We do not touch a single penny of your sponsorship money – YOU get the Sponsors; YOU collect the cash; YOU pay it in; YOU GET ALL THE CREDIT. We will raise the money needed to stage this event by charging the Entrance Fee. It's as simple as that.

In the past we have had numerous requests from Walkers, asking to be allowed to display collecting tins/buckets, or to sell certain branded items along the route. Unfortunately this is completely illegal, and therefore such requests will be turned down as a matter of course.

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Time: You can start The Walk anytime between 9.30 a.m. and 10.00 a.m. Please report to The Registration Desk at Junction 7 Trading estate. The Registration Desk will be open from 9 a.m. until 10.00 a.m. The Walk officially finishes at 2 p.m.

Signing In and Registration: Please report to The Registration Desk even if you have Pre-Registered. This will be well sign-posted and Stewards will be on hand to guide you.

If you have Pre-Registered, show your Entrance Ticket and Walker Number which you will have received through the post. Also please inform the Registrar the name of the Charity or Good Cause you are supporting, and the amount of money you have raised through Sponsorship.

If you have not pre-registered, you will be asked to complete a Registration Form, pay the appropriate fee, and you will be given a Walker Number.

From experience, we find that Walkers who have not pre-registered rarely bother to get Sponsors, which is why the fee for those people is higher – half of their Entrance Fee will go to Rotary Charities. After all, this is a Sponsored Walk!

Accompanied children under 12 years old walk free. Walkers who wish to walk with friends should make their own arrangements to meet up – ie liaise with each other to be at the starting point at a certain time.

In the interest of Health & Safety, Walkers will be released from the start in batches. This is to prevent over-crowding on the pavement, with people stepping into the road. This action has been proposed by the Police, for your own safety.

All advance payment cheques should be made payable to Church & Oswaldtwistle Rotary Club and sent to Rtn. Stuart Duhan, Smithy Cottage, Beech Mount, Waddington, BB7 3HS by 1st May at the latest.

Sponsorship Forms: It is illegal to receive Sponsorship until you have registered, therefore Sponsorship Forms will **NOT** be sent to you until we receive your Registration Fee.

Surplus Funds:

Any surplus Funds, after deducting our organising costs, will go to Rotary Charities. Church & Oswaldtwistle Rotary Club is Registered Charity Number 1079664.

Dogs:

Walkers are welcome to bring dogs with them but they **MUST** be on a lead at all times and they will be the sole responsibility of the Walker. Please clean up after them, should the need arise.

Kit and Refreshments:

Please ensure that you provide yourself with appropriate clothing and footwear. You are advised to bring, or buy along the route, snacks and drinks to sustain you. Food and drinks will be available to buy at several outlets along the route and there will be BBQ-style refreshments for sale at the end of the Walk.

Toilets:

Toilets facilities will be available at the Start/Finish, and there are similar facilities available to customers at several pubs along the route. A mobile toilet may also be situated at a convenient – (sorry, no pun intended) location.