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An Introduction to the Wednesday Walkers

The Wednesday Walkers is a happy and friendly walking club, based in the Oldham area. We currently have about 220 members. We pride ourselves on having enjoyable walks in good company. The club arranges 4 levels of walks every Wednesday, except for during the Christmas period. We also have a residential week in October and a day's trip by coach in June and September. The walks are graded. Currently, Level one is the easiest grade, offering walks of approximately 4-6 miles. There are normally few hills. Level 2 walks cover 7-8 miles, whilst Level 3 cover 8-10 miles with more hills. Level four walks are the hardest, being 10-12 miles and possibly include very steep Pennine hills. Level 1 and 2 walks normally start at 10:30 am from places accessible by public transport whilst levels 3 and 4 require private transport and start at 10:00 am. Members are happy to offer lifts if asked.

The walks are led by members of the club. Without these leaders the club could not function so it is hoped that new members will consider leading walks in the future. The programme is set and published in 3 month periods. On the last Wednesday of each quarter we always have a shorter walk so that we can meet for a Potato Pie Lunch. This enables all members, old and new, to meet socially and officials to exchange information.

All walks are open to all members. However, some walks may travel through quite arduous, remote and exposed areas in severe weather conditions and members must consider whether their level of fitness and equipment match the demands; a sturdy pair of boots, a good waterproof jacket and trousers are basic essentials. You will also need a picnic lunch each week. Advice on equipment is always available from experienced club members.

The club is formally organised. We have a President, Chairman, Secretary and many other officials who help to run the organisation. Each year there is an Annual General Meeting which is always very well attended. There are few club rules but the important ones involve safety and are printed in the Members Handbook. Consequently, we always walk as a group. Walkers should not walk in front of the leader nor be behind the "backmarker". Please note that dogs are not permitted on walks.

Please be our guest for 3 weeks and if you wish to join there is a membership fee, currently £5, for each year starting in January.

Please visit our new website at www.wednesdaywalkers.org .



Application to join the Wednesday Walkers

Name		Car Owner	YES / NO
Address			
	Postcode		
Home tel		Mobile	
E-mail			

Please complete and detach this portion and send with cheque payable to Wednesday Walkers to:
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