

# **BRINDLE CUCKOO WALKS – 2011**

## **RISK ASSESSMENT**

### **FORWARD PLANNING:**

There will be four walks on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2011 all starting from and returning to the Community Hall, Water Street, Brindle, Chorley PR6 8NH. The walks are 3, 6, 9, 12, and 24 miles long.

The group planning the walks have taken into account the guidance outlined in the National Walking Strategy ( DETR 1999 ) All walks use existing, well marked footpaths, tracks and lanes and road crossings have been kept to a minimum. All walks have been pre-walked by at least three experienced walkers and have had nettles and brambles cut back at stiles. Routes will be marked with traffic tape as necessary.

### **BOOKING ADVICE:**

The entry form, a copy of which is attached, warns that the conditions are likely to be wet underfoot and stout footwear is recommended. All participants should wear or carry waterproof clothing and have with them a map, compass, whistle and a first aid kit. All walkers will sign the disclaimer at the foot of the entry form which confirms that they are in good health and have no medical condition that may cause undue concern or inconvenience to others. All walkers also understand that they take part at their own risk and that no liability is accepted by the organisers for any injury, damage or loss sustained during the event.

### **ON THE DAY:**

Each walker will have been given a detailed route sheet and details of an emergency telephone number to summon assistance. All routes will be led and swept by experienced walkers who will ensure that no-one is left behind. All walk leaders and sweeps will have fully charged mobile phones, maps, whistles and first aid kits and know how to use them.

All walkers will be briefed before leaving the hall and will be warned to take care crossing roads and when walking alongside the canal. Walk leaders and sweeps will be identified to all walkers. On some locations where the routes cross main roads signs warning traffic that walkers are crossing will be erected.

During the day, the Brindle Community Hall will be staffed by volunteers who will man the emergency telephone and have access to vehicles to enable them to respond to any emergency that occurs. All walkers will be checked in at the end of their chosen walk against the list of starters. Any discrepancies will be investigated.

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