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## **DEREHAM TOWN COUNCIL**

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19<sup>th</sup> February 2026

### **To All Members of the Heritage and Open Spaces Committee**

Councillors A Brooks, P Duigan, Z Flint, A Greenwood, R Jamieson, and P Morton.

Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **Heritage and Open Spaces Committee** at the Memorial Hall, Dereham on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2027 at 7pm** to consider the items on the Agenda below. All Councillors are welcome to attend the above meeting even if they are not a member of the particular committee.

Yours faithfully

*A N Needham*

**Mr A N Needham**  
**Town Clerk**

Members requiring further information, or with specific questions, are asked to raise these with the appropriate officer at least two working days before the meeting. If the information requested is available, this will be provided, and reported to Council.

### **AGENDA**

1. To receive apologies for absence.
2. **Declaration of Interest**  
In accordance with the Localism Act 2011, Members are asked at this stage to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests or Other Registerable Interests; as defined by the Code of Conduct adopted by the Council. Councillors shall declare such interest as soon as it becomes apparent, disclosing the nature and extent of those interests. Failure to disclose any Disclosable Pecuniary interests or to knowingly give false or misleading information is a criminal offence under section 34 of the Localism Act 2011.
3. To receive a report from Dereham Heritage Trust.
4. To receive a report from the Community Access Warden.
5. To discuss maintenance of Rolling Pin Lane.
6. To consider request to place dog waste bin on Cherry Lane.

7. To consider removal of block-built bus shelter on Norwich Road.
8. To consider Norfolk County Council gritting routes.
9. Update on Bishop Bonners Cottages.

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Agenda Notes.

**5. To discuss maintenance of Rolling Pin Lane.**

Cllr Duigan requested that this matter be placed on the agenda to discuss.

Rolling Pin Lane is a Public Right of Way on foot only. The Lane also has a number of private properties with prescriptive private rights for vehicles.

The issue has arisen because the properties with private rights feel that the burden of maintaining the Lane to allow their private usage is becoming prohibitive and are enquiring whether the Councils can assist in the cost of maintenance, as this would also improve the surface for pedestrians.

The Town Council could only contribute to the maintenance of a Highway if either the Highway is a Maintained Highway, or the Town Council has private rights over the Highway (as was the case with Cherry Lane). It is not known whether Rolling Pin Lane is a Maintained Highway or not; but it probably is given its history.

The Highways Authority (NCC) has a duty to maintain Highways maintainable at public expense, but this duty only extends to ensuring they are safe for general run of traffic, in this case pedestrians. The Town Council could contribute to the maintenance (as can Breckland District Council), but only to benefit the pedestrian traffic, not the private vehicular traffic.

Rolling Pin Lane is a Highway, therefore it is probably best for Norfolk County Council, as the Highway Authority, to take the lead on maintenance matters, with the Town Council considering any requests to contribute to the cost of improvements.

**6. To consider request to place dog waste bin on Cherry Lane.**

Background

Dog waste is a form of litter, prior to 2008 dog waste was classified as hazardous for waste disposal purposes, which is probably why there are separate dog bins and general litter bins. A few years ago Breckland Council stated that any new bins could only be general litter bins, not dog waste bins, but this seem to have changed back to supporting dog bins again.

Dereham Town Council are responsible for keeping land it is responsible for free of dog waste and litter, Breckland Council are responsible for keeping their land and Highways clear of litter and dog waste. There has been a long running partnership between Breckland Council and Town/parish Councils whereby Town/parish councils would provide the bins on land Breckland are responsible for and Breckland would empty them. Breckland will not empty bins on land it is not responsible for. There are some exceptions to this with few legacy bins on open spaces the Town Council has taken over from Breckland District Council, still being emptied by Breckland Council.

For consideration.

Following on from the September Heritage and Open Spaces Committee, the Council agreed that if a dog waste or litter bin is requested on land which Breckland Council has a duty to keep clear of litter, the Town Council would only install a bin if Breckland Council agreed to continue to empty the bin for the lifetime of the bin.

Despite being requested to provide some guarantee that bins would continue to be emptied, Breckland Council have only been able to commit to empty the bins until either Breckland Council or its successor authority decides to change their policy.

Breckland was asked if it could commit to any time period which they would be prepared to commit to emptying the bins, they could not commit to any time period.

At one point Breckland Council were asserting that it was unable to commit a new unitary council to emptying the bins, but this is not correct. Breckland Council continues to act as if LGR is not going to happen; making whatever commitments it deems necessary. At some point after May 2027 the Shadow Authority is formed and this authority issues a Section 24 notice under the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007. The Section 24 notice would prevent Breckland Council from committing to revenue liabilities up to £100k, without needing approval from the new Shadow Authority. So provided the commitment to empty the bin does not exceed £100,000, Breckland can commit to the new unitary authority.

If Breckland Council did decide to commit to empty the bins beyond LGR, then any commitments made would become the liability of the new unitary authority as per section 7 of The Local Government (Structural Changes) (Transfer of Functions, Property, Rights and Liabilities) Regulations 2008.

While it is the case that the bins are currently being emptied by Breckland Council, at any time Breckland Council could say that they are not going to empty these bins any longer. The Town Council will then need to decide whether it will pay to have the bins emptied (on land it is not responsible for) or whether it will remove the bins from this land. Either scenario would incur significant costs to the Town Council.

So in summary the situation is:

- Breckland no longer empties new bins on land it is not responsible for.
- When land is transferred from Breckland Council to Dereham Town Council, Breckland Council stops emptying any bins on the land.
- Breckland Council requires the Town Council to provide the bins to help keep the land Breckland Council is responsible for clear of litter.
- When Dereham Town Council does provide a bin to assist Breckland Council, Breckland Council will not commit to emptying the bin.

Councillors need to decide whether the Council should continue to provide new bins on land Breckland Council are responsible for, even though Breckland Council can not commit to continue to emptying the bins.

Going forward, it might be simpler to say for any new request for a bin, if it is for land Breckland Council are responsible for keeping clean, Breckland Council deal with it and if it is land over which Dereham Town Council are responsible, the Town Council deals with it.

It is felt that this whole policy area is lacking in any coherence, if it is the case that Councils are going to provide a means of disposing of dog waste, other than in domestic bins, then it might be time to have a strategic rethink.

A quick search seems to suggest a mixed set of policies across the country, some districts both provide bins and empty them, some do not provide any dog waste bins at all and expect residents to use domestic bins, and some expect the parish councils to provide the bins.

## **7. To consider removal of block-built bus shelter on Norwich Road.**

There is a block-built bus shelter near Eckling Grange on Norwich Road. Its construction was funded by a resident of the Grange, the structure was then donated to 'the Council' in 1971. Given the date, 'the Council' was either the East Dereham Urban District Council (EDUDC) or Norfolk County Council, as neither Dereham Town Council or Breckland District Council existed in 1971.

At Local Government Reorganisation in 1973 a list of all the assets of EDUDC was compiled. The list was compiled in 1972 and was quite detailed; for example, it listed every lamp post column and every typewriter. No bus shelters

were listed as being in the ownership of the EDUDC, which suggests that the bus shelter was donated to Norfolk County Council (NCC) as the principle Highway Authority, and the authority responsible for passenger transport. This issue has the added complication that in 1971 Norwich Road would have been a Trunk road, so the shelter may have been gifted to National Highways, and then transferred to NCC when the road was de-trunked.

If it were donated to the EDUDC, and for some reason not listed as an asset, then, at Local Government Reorganisation all assets and responsibilities which were not exclusively 'parish matters' were transferred to Breckland District Council. Assets and responsibilities were then subsequently transferred from district to parish by agreement. No record of a transfer of a bus shelter from Breckland Council to Dereham Town Council has been found.

Ultimately the bus shelter is on Highway land over which Norfolk County Council is responsible. If the bus shelter is the responsibility of some authority other than Norfolk County Council, then there should be a licence permitting its construction and NCC should be able to produce this.

The issue is that Eckling Grange have requested that the Town Council remove the shelter because of antisocial behaviour taking place within it. Eckling Grange have offered to cover half the costs, but it is not clear whether the Town Council is responsible for this particular bus shelter.

Councillors are being asked whether Dereham Town Council should accept responsibility or whether it requests Norfolk County Council remove it unless they can provide evidence that Dereham Town Council are responsible?

#### **8. To consider Norfolk County Council gritting routes.**

Norfolk County Council's gritting routes and policies can be found by following these links: [Winter Gritting \(https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/39668\)](https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/39668)

There are three areas which may be worth considering adding to the route:

1. Number 8 bus route in Toftwood. This is a vital bus route for many people getting to work, part of which is also National Cycle Route 13.
2. Theatre Street – this is a well used route to school and a bus route
3. South Green / South End / Baxter row – Again, a very heavily used route, and part of National Cycle Route 13.

#### **9. Update on Bishop Bonners Cottages**

Following inspection of the cottages by the Council's Historic Buildings Surveyor, along with a few minor works, it was identified that the thatch was starting to deteriorate. I

t was felt that it would be beneficial to redress the surface thatch to prolong the life of the whole profile of thatch. If Councillors are content, the work will be arranged and budgeted for in the Building Capital Repair Budget.

Many of the activities described in this report have drawn extensively on the support of colleagues within Dereham Walkers are Welcome. The following abbreviations are used:  
 FP - Footpath; BR - Bridleway; RB - Restricted Byway; NCC - Norfolk County Council; NH - National Highways; BDC - Breckland District Council; DTC - Dereham Town Council; PPP - Parish Paths Partnership; PRoW - Public Rights of Way; DWaW - Dereham Walkers are Welcome

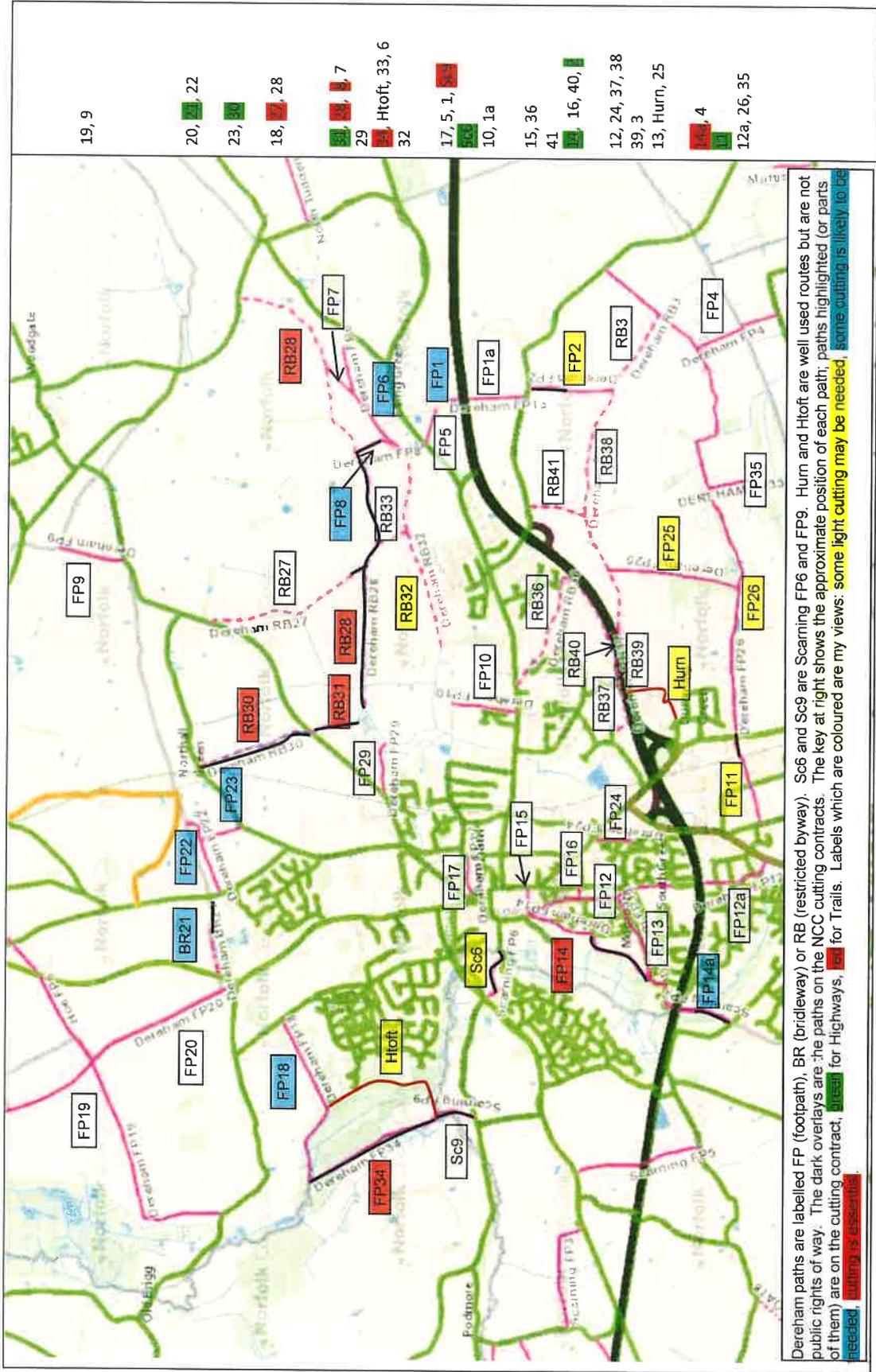
	<b>Suggested action</b>
1	<p><u>General report</u> - led walks have continued and will do so through 2026. There is a programme of monthly short (up to 4 miles) and easy (no more than 2 miles on good surfaces) walks, supplemented by additional walks of up to 6 or 7 miles, mainly during the summer months.</p> <p>I am pleased to report that Dereham Walkers are Welcome has again secured accreditation for a further year. The Annual Return, with feedback, is enclosed with this report for information. It has also just received an updated reprint of the <i>Town Trails</i> leaflet, with contributory funding from Dereham Heritage Trust and about Dereham.</p>
2	<p><u>Path issues</u></p>
1	<p><b>FP1a</b> - The path across the field has still not been established. For most of the route, this isn't too big a problem as the current crop is winter wheat or similar.</p>
2	<p><b>FP2</b> - Going south from Mattishall Road, the first section is again one without a path as the crop is planted right up to the hedge. Where the path changes to the east side of the hedge, there is an acceptable path (apart from a couple of metres at the end), where the path starts the cross field section. This has been well cleared throughout its full length to RB38. The waymark post at this point is broken and lying in the undergrowth.</p>
3	<p><b>RB3</b> - RB3 crosses the field currently growing winter wheat or barley. Although a restricted byway cannot lawfully be ploughed out (even with subsequent replacement), no path has been made across the crop. At the far end, where it joins FP26, there is a gap in the hedge, though there is no signage. I have reported all of this (again). A gap has now been made in the hedge where the path leaves RB38, though entry is via steep (if short) slope down to the field - ok for walkers, not for cyclists etc.</p>
4	<p><b>FP6/7</b> - Not an 'issue', just worth noting that the landowner here invariably makes and keeps a clear path through their crop, making for obvious and easy walking.</p>
5	<p><b>FP14</b> - The Countryside Access Officer has arranged for a contractor to visit the site to assess the clearance work required and was waiting on their quote. The works were to be carried out during this Autumn/Winter. I have yet to visit and check on any works.</p>

<p>6 <b>FP14a</b> - The new boardwalk has been well installed and makes a good path. However ... It is more than unfortunate that (I presume) when NCC instructed its contractor, it was to replace the previous boardwalk to the exact same extent. This has left a patch of a couple of metres near the south end which were always prone to significant muddiness. This is the more disappointing given that additional boardwalk has been installed (mostly unnecessarily in my view) at the very south end where the gradient of the path has kept it free from muddiness. It's still earlyish days, but my other concern here is whether the water that has previously pooled on Stone Road at this point will still flow down the path and undermine the new boardwalk. I have been in correspondence with Cllr Jamieson about the boardwalk following a representation to him from one of his constituents.</p>	<p><i>monitor - await further NCC action</i></p>
<p>7 <b>FP25</b> - Following the lengthy dry months of 2025, recent rainfall has again flooded the southern end of this path where it meets FP26. As before, it is clear that many people have found a way through the trees to the side of (but at a higher level than) the path, though this involved crossing a number of roots as well as a couple of short but steep gradients - all of which makes this uncertain walking after wet weather.</p>	<p><i>reported (again) to NCC for action</i></p>
<p>8 <b>FP26 (Dumping Green)</b> - The return of rain has maintained this path in its usual state - muddy in places and with flooded ruts in some sections. My previous comments are still apposite. At the last meeting, it was reported that NCC had met councillors along the path to explore possible solutions and I would be interested to know if anything further has come of these discussions.</p>	<p><i>awaiting information</i></p>
<p>9 <b>RB32 (Shillings Lane)</b> - The issue with the westward continuation of the byway onto The Neatherd, which becomes very waterlogged after wet weather, remains. (This is not NCC responsibility as the byway ends where the path emerges onto open ground.)</p>	<p><i>DTC to consider possible remedial action</i></p>
<p>10 <b>FP34</b> - There have been no changes to this path, which means that the section of this path running alongside the stream has again become extremely muddy after wet weather. NCC was made aware of the issue but reported some time ago that it had no resources to take any steps to deal with it (and would require a number of permissions to do so).</p>	<p><i>monitor during winter</i></p>
<p>11 <b>RB36 (Cherry Lane)</b> - Small potholes continue to appear once more. I see that the Town Council has recorded on 10 February that repairs would be attempted 'this week'.</p>	<p><i>to note and monitor</i></p>
<p>3 <u>NCC</u> Following my expressions of concern about the user friendliness of the NCC reporting system, I have had a reply, sent indirectly via my NCC contact but not directly from the responsible team, though it was largely advising me that I should change how I make my reports rather than accepting that the system could be improved.</p>	<p><i>to note</i></p>

<p>I am still awaiting confirmation that the NCC interactive map correctly indicates the paths in the cutting programme.</p> <p>When establishing the Wendling Way, NCC erected a number of information panels. One of these was placed near the Museum, where its condition over the two years since it was installed compares unfavourably with the much older Wayfinding panel put in by about Dereham a few years earlier. I have raised this with NCC and some cleaning has been done, with the promise of a bit more. Once this has been done, I will look again at the panel to decide whether it is now adequate or I should press for replacement.</p>	<p><i>to note</i></p> <p><i>to note</i></p>
<p>4 <u>Trods</u></p> <p>I continue to recommend that the Town Council consider requesting NCC to establish trods (1) linking the new cemetery to the point where FP5 and FP6 cross Eling Green, and (2) to continue the newly built footway along Swanton Road from the housing development there to the point where RBs 30 and 31 cross the road.</p>	<p><i>DTC to adopt these proposals</i></p>
<p>5 <u>The Ramblers</u></p> <p>I understand that The Ramblers has been contacting towns and parishes seeking an audit of their rights of way. Should this (as I hope it will) come to Dereham, I would be happy to draft any responses required.</p>	<p><i>DTC to note</i></p>

**Ken Hawkins, Community Access Warden, Dereham Town Council**

**16 February 2026**



Dereham paths are labelled FP (footpath), BR (bridleway) or RB (restricted byway). Sc6 and Sc9 are Scarning FP6 and FP9. Hurn and Htoft are well used routes but are not public rights of way. The dark overlays are the paths on the NCC cutting contracts. The key at right shows the approximate position of each path; paths highlighted (or parts of them) are on the cutting contract, **green** for Highways, **red** for Trails. Labels which are coloured are my views: some light cutting may be needed, some cutting is likely to be needed, **orange** is essential.

- 19, 9
- 20, 21, 22
- 23, 24
- 18, 17, 28
- 24, 25, 27
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- 17, 5, 1, 2, 3
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# WALKERS ARE WELCOME CIC

## MEMBERS' ANNUAL RETURN FOR THE YEAR JAN TO DEC 2025



Your Annual Return and subscription are both due by 31 January, 2026. Please complete this report electronically and send it as a Word document to [secretary@walkersarewelcome.org.uk](mailto:secretary@walkersarewelcome.org.uk). If you anticipate or experience any problems completing the Return and/or making your payment on time, please advise us as soon as possible.

To maintain your accreditation as a Walkers are Welcome town or village, it is essential that you show how you have met the criteria during the previous year by completing this Annual Return. Please answer every question and provide the fullest information; it is time to shout about your achievements. *The form expands to allow additional data.*

We are always looking for evidence that Walkers are Welcome members are making a difference in their communities, and it is wonderful to learn of your successes and to share innovation across the network.

Town or village name	Dereham
Name of group or organisation	Dereham Walkers are Welcome
Population:	19,256
Source of population figure?	<a href="https://www.citypopulation.de/en/uk">https://www.citypopulation.de/en/uk</a>
Amount of payment due, see subscription below	£110
New Subscription paid	not yet
Date paid and how or date it will be paid	cheque to be posted 12 January
Name of mentor	not known

<b>Key to comment colours:</b>	<span style="display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 15px; background-color: green; border: 1px solid black;"></span> <b>Well done, criteria met.</b>
	<span style="display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 15px; background-color: orange; border: 1px solid black;"></span> <b>Some concerns, your mentor will offer guidance and monitor progress.</b>
	<span style="display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 15px; background-color: red; border: 1px solid black;"></span> <b>Criteria not met.</b>
<b>Mentor's feedback summary:</b>	<b>Overall Assessment</b>
<p>An excellent Annual Return as per usual, please pass on our congratulations to the rest of your team. For flying the Walkers are Welcome flag. Good to see partnerships with other organisations. Agree that it is hard to quantify what revenue it brought to the area through walking but it must be something. Had a look at your Facebook page and that you regularly have posts. You could consider adding a few more photographs to the posts featuring the local landscape to tempt people to visit. Maybe there is local photographer that you could follow to share his photos. Here's to another successful year.</p>	

<p><b>Achievements &amp; innovation this year</b> Shout about your group's main achievements this year. Please include innovation and projects that go beyond the criteria that you are proud of.</p>	<p>More a mention than a shout, but new this year, over and above our regular programme, have been</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a summer evening walk with invited leaders from Norfolk Wildlife Trust and Dereham Town Council (DTC), visiting the developing country park being established and followed by a meal in a local pub</li> <li>• publication of a town quiz booklet jointly with Dereham Heritage Trust (DHT)</li> <li>• pressing for participating in a meeting between DTC and Norfolk County Council (NCC), to discuss a range of public rights of way issues; this was also attended by the two local county councillors</li> <li>• participating in the second Christmas tree festival organised by the parish church</li> </ul>
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<b>The six criteria are:</b>	
<p><b>1. Demonstrate popular local support from the community and local businesses for the concept</b> Detail here how other groups or partners and residents you are</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are an active part of about Dereham, an umbrella group for community organisations, pressing for actions which enhance Dereham as an attractive destination (Strapline: A good place to live, a great place to visit)</li> <li>• We have maintained involvement with the Dereham</li> </ul>

<p>working with have helped you to achieve your goals</p>	<p>Action Partnership, bringing together local government, local businesses and community organisations under the leadership of our local MP and the town's rector</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We again provided a stall at the <i>Dereham Day</i> event which brought in large numbers of residents and visitors</li> <li>• We have 200+ people on our emailing list for information; in addition we have a good Facebook following and there are regular downloads of walks from our website</li> <li>• We have a steady attendance on our walks - averaging about 10-15 on both our Easy Tuesday walks and our First Friday short walks (though largely different people) and often more on our 'special' walks; walkers are a mix of a slowly changing core of 'regulars' plus a good mix of new walkers</li> <li>• Some walks are linked to local businesses, eg the Partea Hut (café at Dereham Windmill) and the Mid-Norfolk Railway, with the Tuesday walks regularly ending at <i>The George</i> for refreshment there</li> <li>• We have continued our links with Dereham Heritage Trust, with which we jointly produced town walk leaflets as well as jointly running a Heritage Open Days town walk</li> <li>• We held our Annual Public Meeting, generating proposals which have been incorporated into our planning</li> </ul>
<p><b>2. Demonstrate that the local council formally endorses the application for Walkers are Welcome status.</b> This would have been originally demonstrated by the local council (Town / Parish or Community Council) passing a resolution in support, being represented on the steering group, and making a financial contribution where possible. How has this developed in the current year?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The original supporting resolution of 2015 still stands</li> <li>• The DWaW Chair is also Community Access Warden (CAW) for Dereham Town Council, reporting formally to its Heritage and Open Spaces Committee 4 times a year; this role ensures continuing awareness by the Council of footpath issues, where DWaW can address problems both of 'ordinary' maintenance (eg vegetation growth and the like) and longer term issues requiring County Council action</li> <li>• A significant outcome of the above has been a meeting with the relevant NCC Officer which has led to an increased receptivity to issues raised by us. It's early days still, but a number of issues have been addressed or resolved already; many are comparatively small, but all add to improvements to the walking environment</li> <li>• Our link Town Councillor regularly participates in DWaW activities and has hosted refreshments in his (and his wife's) garden at the end of a walk</li> </ul>
<p><b>3. Demonstrate a commitment that the local public path network will be maintained in good condition.</b> This might be ensuring that all the local paths were walked in the last year and problems reported to the relevant authority (or landowner in Scotland) whilst checking that faults are rectified and/or reporting the actions which your own maintenance team have undertaken.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We undertake regular monitoring of all public rights of way and other public open space in the town</li> <li>• Minor issues (nettles, brambles, small fallen trees) are dealt with by DWaW, bigger issues referred to the County Council</li> <li>• Longer standing issues have been raised through DTC</li> <li>• See also the notes in the preceding section</li> </ul>
<p><b>4. Demonstrate that there is adequate marketing of the town's Walkers are Welcome status.</b> This can be demonstrated in several ways for example, online presence, press coverage, signs/map in the</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are maintaining distribution of all of our walks booklets and leaflets, joined this year by a quiz booklet inviting people to identify town centre features by taking a short walk; all of these are also on our website</li> <li>• Our original longer walks booklet remains available as a free download</li> </ul>

<p>Leaflets showing various routes of walks they can undertake, way marked walks and the 'Dereham' down can be leaflets read. A 'Dereham' leaflet has encouraged to do so. Walkers are encouraged to do so.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stickers have again been distributed, concentrating on refreshment outlets</li> <li>• We continue to use Facebook and it has proved a regular source of people joining our walks</li> <li>• We have regular adverts in magazines in 12 villages round and about Dereham</li> </ul>
<p><b>5. Demonstrate how the town encourages the use of public transport.</b> This can be demonstrated, for example, by including clear public transport advice on marketing leaflets or proposing for improvements. Alternatives to traditional public transport might be investigated.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The public transport available to reach Dereham is featured in our publicity materials</li> <li>• All walks start within easy reach of public transport</li> <li>• At least one walk each year uses the bus service and another the train (heritage railway) out, walk back</li> <li>• Half of the 14 walks leaflets are bus/train out, walk back</li> </ul>
<p><b>6. Demonstrate the mechanisms in place to maintain Walkers are Welcome status.</b> This can be demonstrated through having a well-balanced and committed Walkers are Welcome steering group from within the community. Please list your current committee or organisation members and state how their roles support the group continuing.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Donations from those walking with us has continued to provide us a good income, allowing us to maintain a comfortable reserve of funds and to welcome anyone who wants to walk with us, whether or not they donate</li> <li>• Committee numbers have remained stable, though two share the leading of the Tuesday walks, another two look after our Facebook platform and one mainly looks after the website, so much of the planning falls to just 2 of us and we are always seeking new members</li> <li>• Current committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Tim Birt: website management</li> <li>➤ Carolyn Coleman: Facebook back up</li> <li>➤ Catherine Hawkins: Secretary</li> <li>➤ Ken Hawkins: Chair</li> <li>➤ Becca Holland: Facebook</li> <li>➤ Philip Morton: committee member</li> <li>➤ Sue Rothwell: walk leader</li> <li>➤ Dorothy Sneesby: walk leader</li> </ul> </li> <li>• All the above also contribute ideas and participate in some or all of DWaW's work</li> </ul>
<p><b>Records Update – Website Profile</b> Please confirm here that you have checked that your profile entry on the national website is complete and up to date, including a photograph, and that the contacts shown are correct. If they are not, please note here updates required and say when this will be corrected in your profile.</p>	<p>Yes - it is checked monthly to ensure it remains accurate</p>
<p><b>Priorities 2026</b> It is important each year to review the previous year's achievements and equally to think about the year ahead. Please indicate your specific plans/priorities for the following year.</p>	<p><i>Updated from 2025:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>An evening walk in conjunction with DTC and Norfolk Wildlife Trust to learn about the developing country park: achieved</i></li> <li>• <i>Review three town walks booklets produced for use on Heritage Open Days to consider wider permanent publication: not taken further - online is adequate</i></li> <li>• <i>Continue a regular programme of walks, one a month: achieved with a monthly programme of short Friday walks and Easy Tuesday walks, plus a number of other longer or themed walks</i></li> <li>• <i>HODs participation, one town walk: achieved</i></li> <li>• <i>WaW logos, refreshing logos at shops and businesses in the town: partly achieved - not as many renewed places as originally planned</i></li> <li>• <i>Production of a web map and descriptions of all public rights of way in Dereham: not achieved</i></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Recruiting more people to the committee: partly achieved.</i></li> <li>• <i>A report on all footpaths to Dereham Town Council: started but still in progress</i></li> </ul> <p><i>New for 2026:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>No specific plans at present but maintaining all current activity</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>National Executive Committee:</b> We always welcome your feedback, here is an opportunity, please add any suggestions here We also encourage participation in WaW any regional or national events and activities - please let us know of anything you have done this year or whether you would like to host an event.</p>	<p>Our Chair is a member</p> <p>We attempted to track our economic impact. The circulated model is essentially aimed at large, single, events, such as festivals, where participation can be identified and tracked. Our impact is mainly from those who join our walks and other occasional events. But if someone comes walking with us, then spends money on refreshments or shopping, how do we know they wouldn't have spent that anyway? We concluded that the only identifiable impact would be refreshment spent after a walk, where we have arranged the venue. These are relatively small sums, so we have not tried to continue to measure it.</p>

**Declaration**

- **We wish to apply for continued status as a Walkers are Welcome town/village.**
- **We will pay our annual subscription to Walkers are Welcome in January. (See separate invoice).**

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**THANK YOU**

**REMEMBER, WE ARE ALWAYS HERE TO HELP –**

Please email the Secretary [secretary@walkersarewelcome.org.uk](mailto:secretary@walkersarewelcome.org.uk) or your Mentor for assistance at any time.

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