

THE PHOENIX WALKING CLUB

RULES AND GUIDE-LINES

1. Membership.

- 1.1 Application for Membership shall be made in writing to the Membership Secretary.
- 1.2 Members, Non-Members and Guests must be over 18 years of age.
- 1.3 A waiting list for Membership will be drawn up, and new Members notified as soon as practicable after 1st February.
- 1.4 The Executive Committee will decide the maximum number of Club Members.
- 1.5 Non-Members and Guests are welcome to join walks if places are available.
- 1.6 Guests must be accompanied by a Member who will be responsible for one Guest only, and be responsible for booking the Guest's walk.
- 1.7 Without contravening English Law, The Executive Committee may refuse to accept, without explanation, applications for Membership or of renewal of Membership.

2. Subscriptions and Fees.

- 2.1 The Club will charge a Walks' Fee per person.
- 2.2 The arrangements and methods of paying the Walks' Fee will be decided by the Executive Committee, who will inform Members.
- 2.3 Refunds will not be made for Walks cancelled by a Club Member, except in the case of Close Family Bereavement, or Hospitalisation.
- 2.4 All bookings are to be made on the appropriate form which may contain numerous Walks but only one name.
- 2.5 Each Member may book for only one other person.
- 2.6 Walks that have been booked are not transferable between Members.
- 2.7 Non-Members and Guests may only book walks after 11am on the last booking day prior to the walk.

3. Walks Programme

- 3.1 The Club will endeavour to keep up to date on Rights of Way, Environmental

problems and the Countryside Legislation.

3.2 The Club will plan and arrange walks for its Members and issue programmes in advance.

3.3 Each Walks' outing will be under the direction of a Walks' Leader appointed for the day and assisted by Group Leaders for walks of different distances and difficulty.

3.4 The venue of a walk can only be changed at the discretion of the Walks' Leader.

3.5 A Walking group must consist of a Walk Leader, and at least three other Club Members.

3.6 The Walk Leaders will issue details of their Walks to the Members prior to walking.

3.7 Members must comply with all directions of the Walks' Leaders and must not leave a walking group without the express permission of the Walk Leader.

3.8 Leaders should follow the Rights of Way and observe the Country Code as far as is practicable.

3.9 The Buses will leave the places of pick-up at the stipulated times.

3.10 A seat on the bus is conditional on the Member joining a walk and remaining with an official Group.

3.11 Members are not permitted to transport bicycles, nor take pets on walks

4. Safety.

4.1 The Club will consider the safety and ability of its Members as far as is practical.

4.2 Each Member is responsible for his/her safety and should therefore carry: His/Her name, home address, telephone number, and a telephone number of next of kin, and, if they wish, information of their medical problems.

4.3 Members, Non-Members and Guests must not jeopardise the safety of others

4.4 The Club is not responsible for injuries sustained during a walk, although every precaution will be taken to ensure the safety of individuals.

4.5 Members Non-Members and Guests when booking a walk agree to the waiver on the bottom of the booking form.

4.6 Hot Drinks must not be consumed while the bus is moving

6. Code of Behaviour.

6.1 A Member should not bring the Phoenix Walking Club into disrepute at any time.

6.2 Any Member whose behaviour fails to comply with clause 6.1 is to be reported in writing to the General Secretary, who will bring the complaint to the attention of the Chairperson.

6.3 The Chairperson will discuss the complaint with the Member and draw all the details to the attention of the Executive Committee.

6.4 Where the Executive Committee agrees that clause 6.1 has been contravened the offending Member will be given a written warning.

6.5 The actions of the Executive Committee will be made known in writing to the source of the complaint and the reported Member.

6.6 When a Member receives two written warnings within 12 months the Member will have His/Her Membership rescinded.