



Group Newsletter – October 2026

Group AGM

This year's Group AGM will be held on Tuesday 10 November at our usual venue, the Haydon Centre in Haydon Wick, Swindon. The meeting will start at 7.15 pm.

Our guest speaker this year will be from ARK – Action for the River Kennet. If you have not heard of this organisation, this is how they describe themselves on their website: "*Action for the River Kennet (ARK) exists to protect and improve the Kennet, its tributaries and the River Pang. We work at a catchment scale to improve the health of these rivers.*" It should be a very interesting talk.

Impact of Adverse Weather on Led Walks

In case the speculation that El Nino may give rise to "the worst storms that Britain has ever seen" this winter proves to be accurate it seems appropriate to remind you of the circumstances in which walks may be cancelled. Our policy is based on whether any Met Office weather warnings are in force.

If a Yellow warning is in force the decision on whether or not to proceed with the walk rests with the walk leader. If you wish to walk you are therefore advised to contact the leader to check before travelling to the start.

If an Amber or a Red warning is in force the walk will always be cancelled. Since these warnings are sometimes quite localised it is whether the walk location is covered by the warning which is decisive.

Walk leaders do of course have discretion to cancel a walk in any circumstances where they consider the safety or wellbeing of the group may be put at risk. We will always endeavour to post notices of cancellation on our Facebook page but decisions may sometimes need to be made at short notice.

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