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Walking Wales

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The Ramblers is Britain's walking charity. For 75 years we've been working, from the countryside to the city, to improve the places where people walk and to inspire people from all backgrounds to walk for pleasure or purpose. We have over 6000 members in Wales, many of whom are active volunteers.

We recognise there are big financial challenges facing the next Assembly Government, but the promotion of walking and maintenance of green spaces, footpaths and open land for walking are low-cost ways of delivering huge public benefits.

We need politicians of all political parties in the Welsh Assembly to support and work with us to sustain and develop a walking Wales and to enhance the beauty of the countryside in Wales.

In the 2011 election we want candidates to commit to improving the opportunities for walking in Wales.

1. Rights of Way Improvement Plans

Rights of way are a national asset and these plans are a vital part of the way local authorities can deliver real improvements to the network.

We wish to see a clear commitment to provide resources and give high priority to the implementation and updating of these plans, as well as completing work to ensure Definitive Maps are accurate and up to date.

2. Local Access Forums

Throughout Wales, these statutory bodies provide important guidance to WAG, local authorities, CCW and others.

We wish to see their work continue with strong support from Government.

3. All-Wales Coastal Path

We applaud this vision and the progress made so far.

We wish to see continuing momentum to make this vision a reality by 2012.

4. Glastir

The new land management scheme contains important conditions relating to access and rights of way.

We wish to see robust enforcement of these conditions.

5. Walking Tourism

Estimated in 1997 to be worth £550 million to the Welsh economy and likely to be much greater now.

We wish to see a co-ordinated strategy that recognises the value of walking tourism and invests in its future development.

6. Walking for Health

Strong scientific evidence supports the many benefits to health of regular walking.

We wish to see the next Government joining with us to give backing to our initiatives that encourage more people to take up walking.

7. Open Access

The Countryside and Rights of Way (CROW) Act 2000 finally delivered the "right to roam".

We wish to see a commitment to carry out a 10-year review of the Act and to implement recommendations that benefit walkers.

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at the heart of walking

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