

## **FAQ's**

### **General Walk Arrangements:**

***Is it possible to start the Walk at my chosen start point without checking in at Romsey and being bussed to the start point?***

No – you must check-in at the Crosfield Hall, Romsey for insurance purposes.

***Is it possible to do the whole 45 mile distance of the Test Way?***

No – this would not be logistically possible within daylight hours.

***Since registering I have changed my mind about where I would like to start from – is this possible?***

Probably, but transport for some distances gets full up. Check with the Registrar by e-mail.

***Is it possible to bring a child in a pushchair?***

Yes, but remember there are stiles to be negotiated on the way and you should ensure you have sufficient support to negotiate these. Also some stretches such as Squabb Wood will be uneven and muddy.

***Is it possible for us to put our baby car seat in the bus and collect it at the end of the Walk?***

Yes, but label it clearly with your name.

***Can we take a dog on the Walk?***

Yes, but they must be kept on a lead, especially as the route may take you close to livestock in some areas. Dogs will be allowed on the buses if they are well behaved and kept off the seats.

***Can you guarantee that there will be no livestock on the actual route?***

No – given that parts of the route cross farmers' fields. Where possible we try to ensure that the marshals have the necessary experience to deal with such situations.

***Will there be free water and chocolate as in past years?***

Hopefully – it depends of the generosity of our supporters!

**Choice of Charities:**

***Are we allowed to walk for a project that is not a registered charity?***

Please let us know the details and we will let you know if it is acceptable.

***Does the charity I walk for have to be local?***

No – you can walk for any charity of your choice.

***Can I change the charity I am walking for?***

Yes – advise the Registrar accordingly.

**Individual and Team Registrations:**

***Is it possible to just turn up and register on the day?***

No - This year transport and insurance will only be provided for walkers who register and pay their registration fee at least seven days before the walk.

***I am organising a team to walk. How would you like us to register, individually or as a team?***

You can register a group online in one session – you will need all their details available. If you then use PayPal to pay all the registration fees, one total payment for all team members will be taken.

Alternatively individuals can register and pay separately.

***As a group, are we guaranteed to be on the same bus?***

We will do our best, but it's not guaranteed.

***One of our group members has dropped out but we have a replacement – is this OK?***

Yes – advise the Registrar accordingly. They will be expected to raise sponsorship.

***Is there a registration discount for families or for those walking as a group?***

Sorry No – amongst other things the fee covers transport and insurance costs. It is also worth noting that we have held the fee at £5 since 2004 despite rising costs.

**Sponsorship – including PayPal:**

***Is there a minimum sponsorship amount?***

We would expect a minimum of £25.

***If I do not raise all the funds I expected to, am I responsible for paying the balance?***

No – we only expect you to pay what you actually raise (although we do stipulate that we would expect you to raise the minimum amount of £25).

***I will not be able to raise sponsorship – can I walk and make a donation?***

Yes – but we would expect you to pay the registration fee and make at least the minimum donation.

***When I open a Just Giving page should it be in the name of the charity?***

No – Please open the page for the Charity 'Rotary Club of Romsey Test Trust Fund'. Full instructions on creating a page are given on the Sponsorship link.

If you are opening a Team page it would be helpful if you could let us know which walkers will use this page.

***Can I change from using Just Giving to collecting the money myself?***

Yes – please advise the Registrar accordingly.

***If I set up a Just Giving page will my charity receive their share of the sponsorship?***

Yes - we consolidate payments from all walkers, both from Just Giving and other methods, for your chosen charity and then send the total after deducting the agreed 25% for Rotary Charities.

***How long will it be before the charity gets the sponsorship monies?***

Unfortunately we do have to collect all monies from several hundred walkers before we can apply for Gift Aid and distribute the total monies to the charities. This year we plan to complete this during January.

**Making Registration Fee or Sponsorship Payments:**

***To whom should the cheque be payable and where should I send it?***

All cheques (registration fees and sponsorship money) should be made payable to the 'Rotary Club of Romsey Test Trust Fund' and sent to The Registrar, Walk the Test Way, PO Box 335, ROMSEY, Hants SO51 1BP.

***If I have more than one sponsorship sheet can I send you one cheque to cover all of them?***

Yes.