



Walk Leader Survey Results

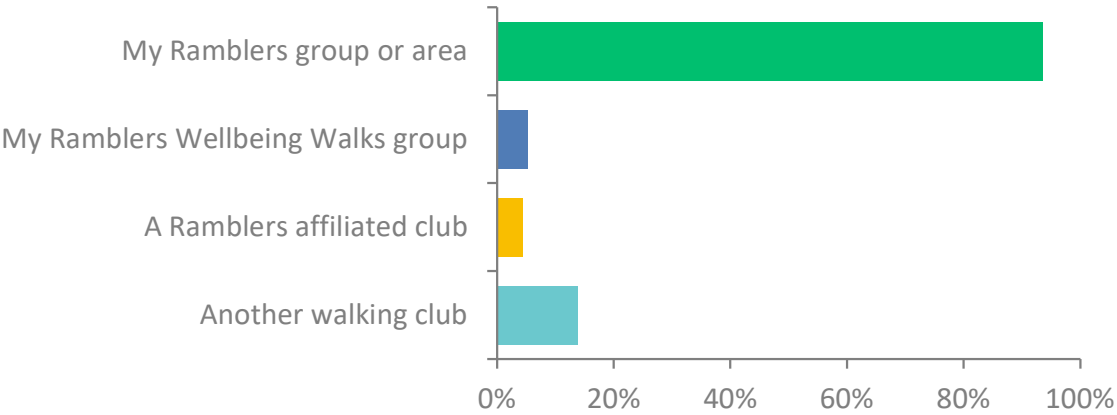


Walk Leader Survey

- Sent out in January 2023
- Had 2,793 responses

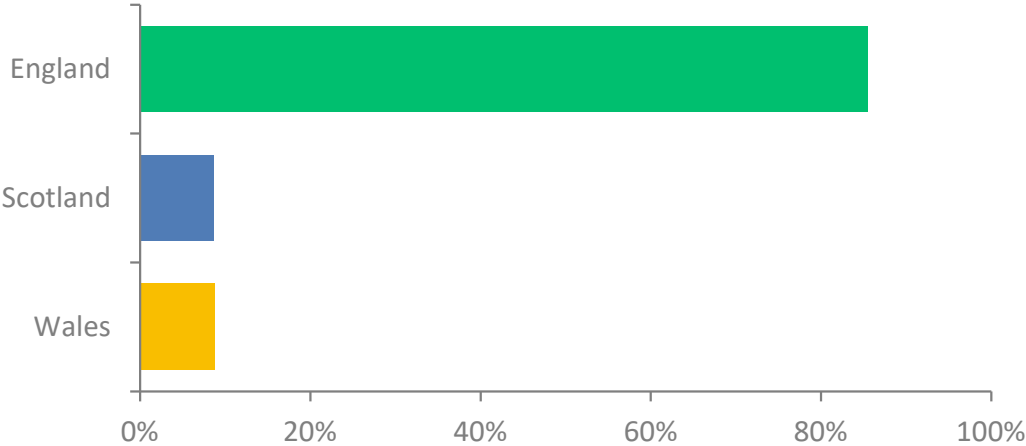


Q1: I lead walks for...



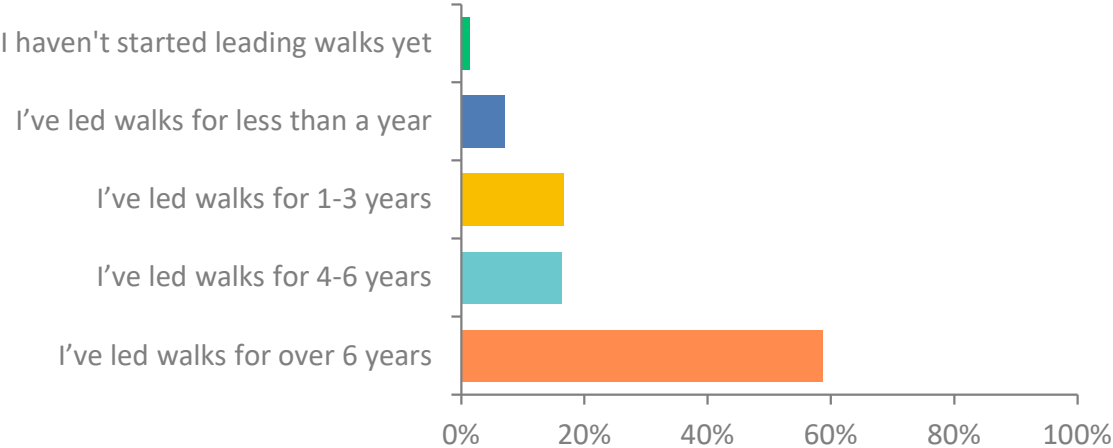
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
My Ramblers group or area	93.56%	2613
My Ramblers Wellbeing Walks group	5.23%	146
A Ramblers affiliated club	4.33%	121
Another walking club	13.75%	384
TOTAL		3264

Q2: Where do you volunteer?



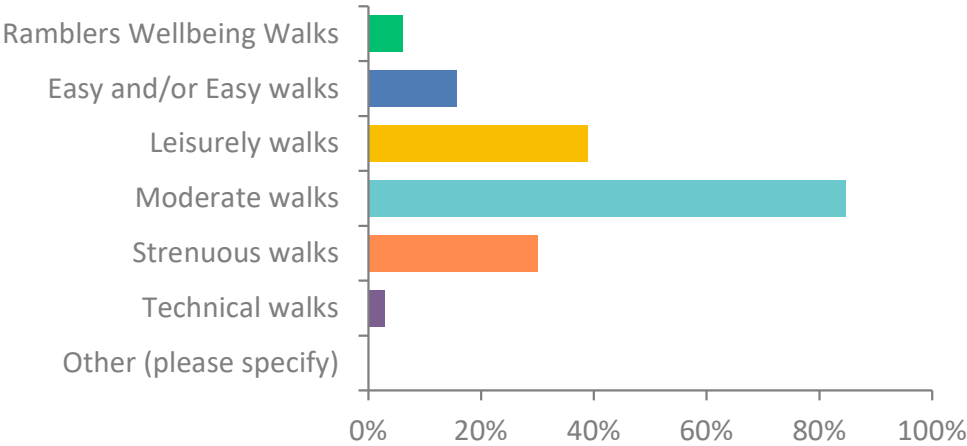
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
England	85.46%	2387
Scotland	8.66%	242
Wales	8.74%	244
TOTAL		2873

Q3: How long have you been leading walks?



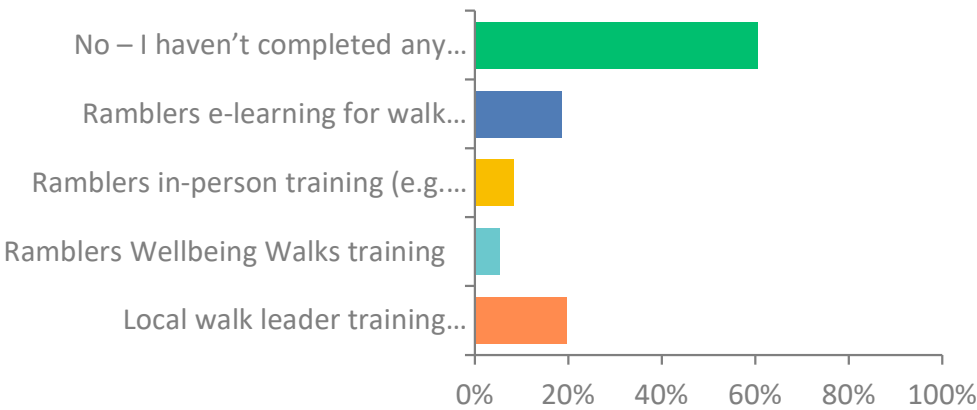
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I haven't started leading walks yet	1.36%	38
I've led walks for less than a year	7.02%	196
I've led walks for 1-3 years	16.61%	464
I've led walks for 4-6 years	16.40%	458
I've led walks for over 6 years	58.61%	1637
TOTAL		2793

Q4: What type of walks do you lead or intend to lead?



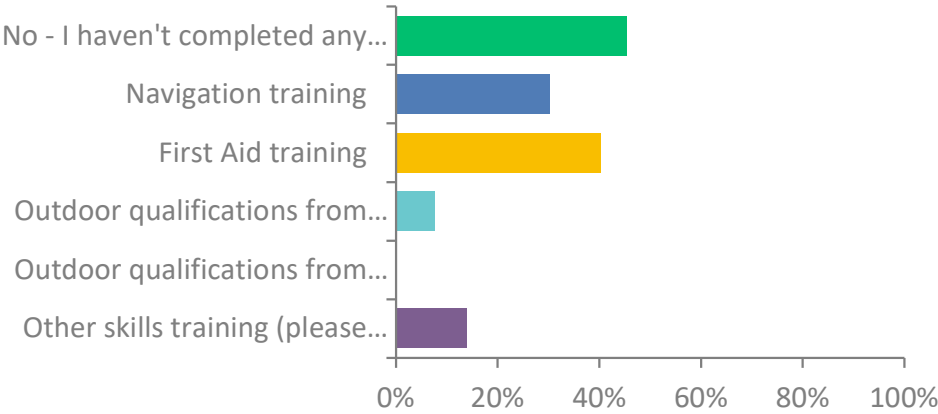
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Ramblers Wellbeing Walks	6.09%	170
Easy and/or Easy walks	15.65%	437
Leisurely walks	39.03%	1090
Moderate walks	84.75%	2367
Strenuous walks	30.18%	843
Technical walks	2.90%	81
Other (please specify)	0%	0
TOTAL		4988

Q5: Have you completed any Ramblers or Ramblers Wellbeing Walks Walk Leader training?



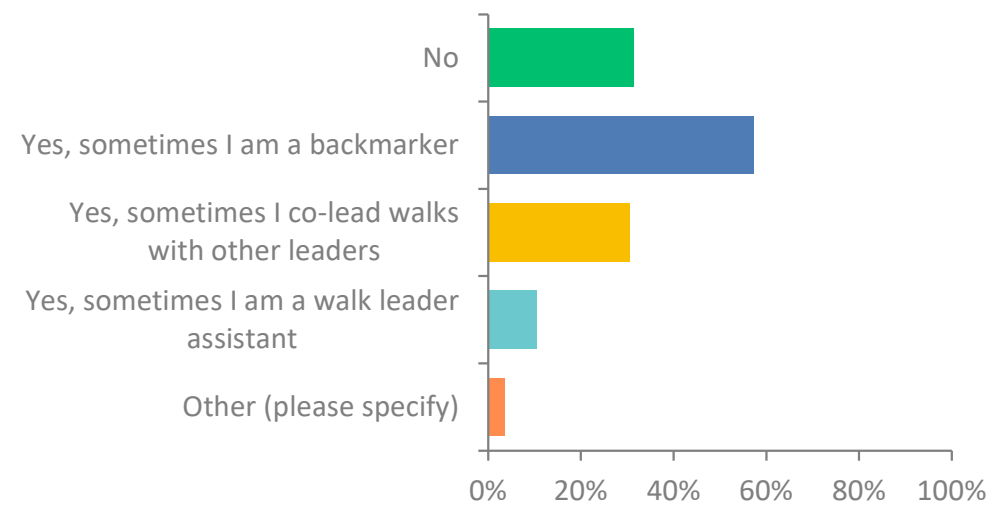
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No – I haven't completed any Ramblers or Ramblers Wellbeing Walks walk leader training	60.37%	1686
Ramblers e-learning for walk leaders (e.g. Walk Leadership Foundations)	18.62%	520
Ramblers in-person training (e.g. Walk Leader Next Steps)	8.31%	232
Ramblers Wellbeing Walks training	5.19%	145
Local walk leader training arranged by my Ramblers group	19.55%	546
TOTAL		3129

Q6: Have you completed any other walk leadership training?



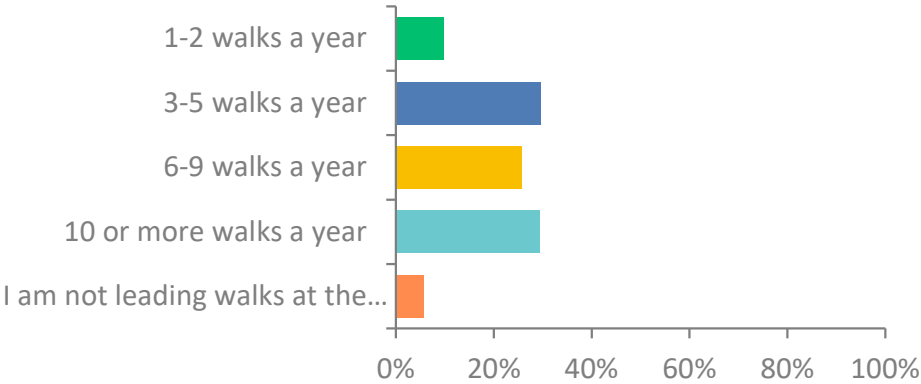
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No - I haven't completed any other training	45.30%	1248
Navigation training	30.13%	830
First Aid training	40.25%	1109
Outdoor qualifications from other providers (e.g. Lowland / Mountain Leader)	7.48%	206
Outdoor qualifications from other providers (e.g. Lowland / Mountain Leader)	0%	0
Other skills training (please specify)	13.79%	380
TOTAL		3773

Q7: Does your walk leadership role vary at different times?



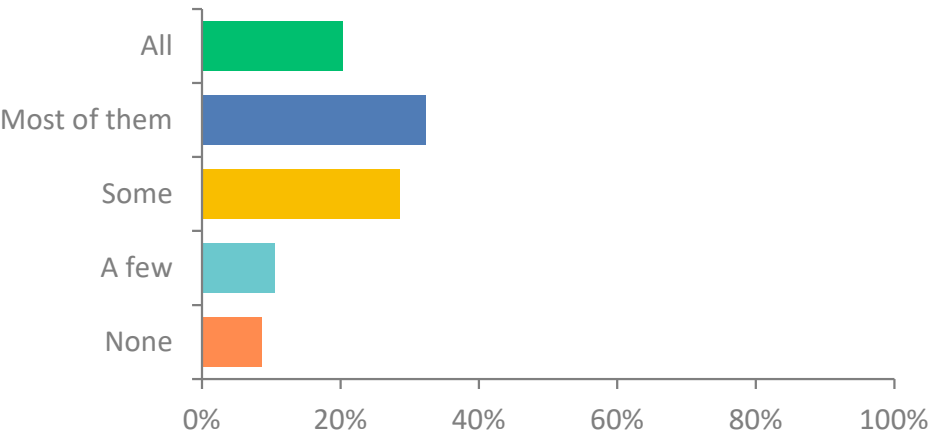
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No	31.43%	811
Yes, sometimes I am a backmarker	57.33%	1479
Yes, sometimes I co-lead walks with other leaders	30.62%	790
Yes, sometimes I am a walk leader assistant	10.58%	273
Other (please specify)	3.57%	92
TOTAL		3445

Q8: How many walks do you lead per year?



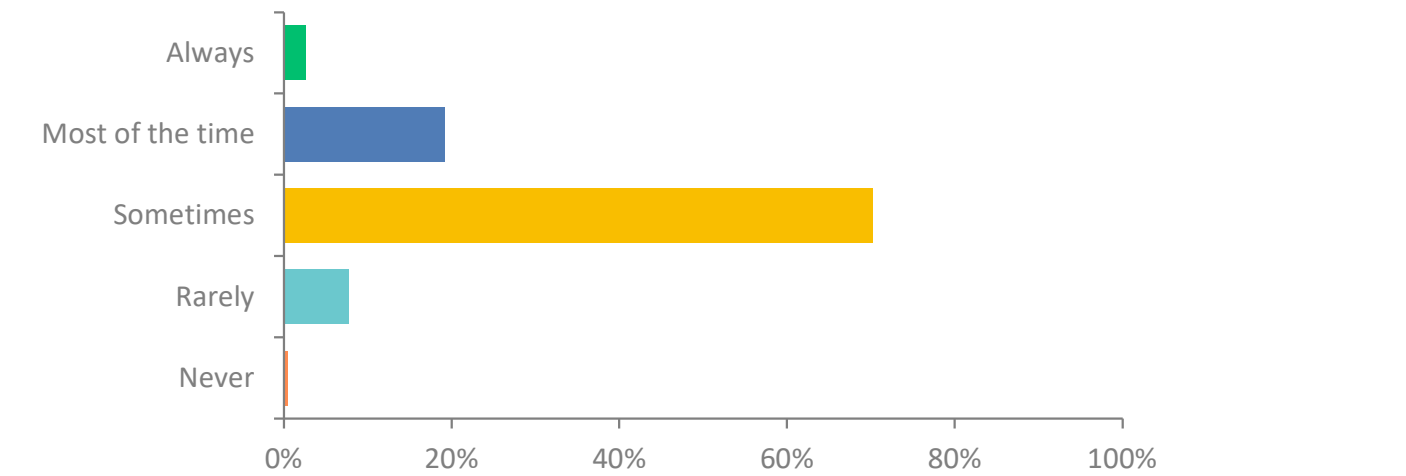
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1-2 walks a year	9.65%	249
3-5 walks a year	29.61%	764
6-9 walks a year	25.70%	663
10 or more walks a year	29.34%	757
I am not leading walks at the moment	5.70%	147
TOTAL		2580

Q9: Of the walks you led last year, how many were familiar walks that you have done before?



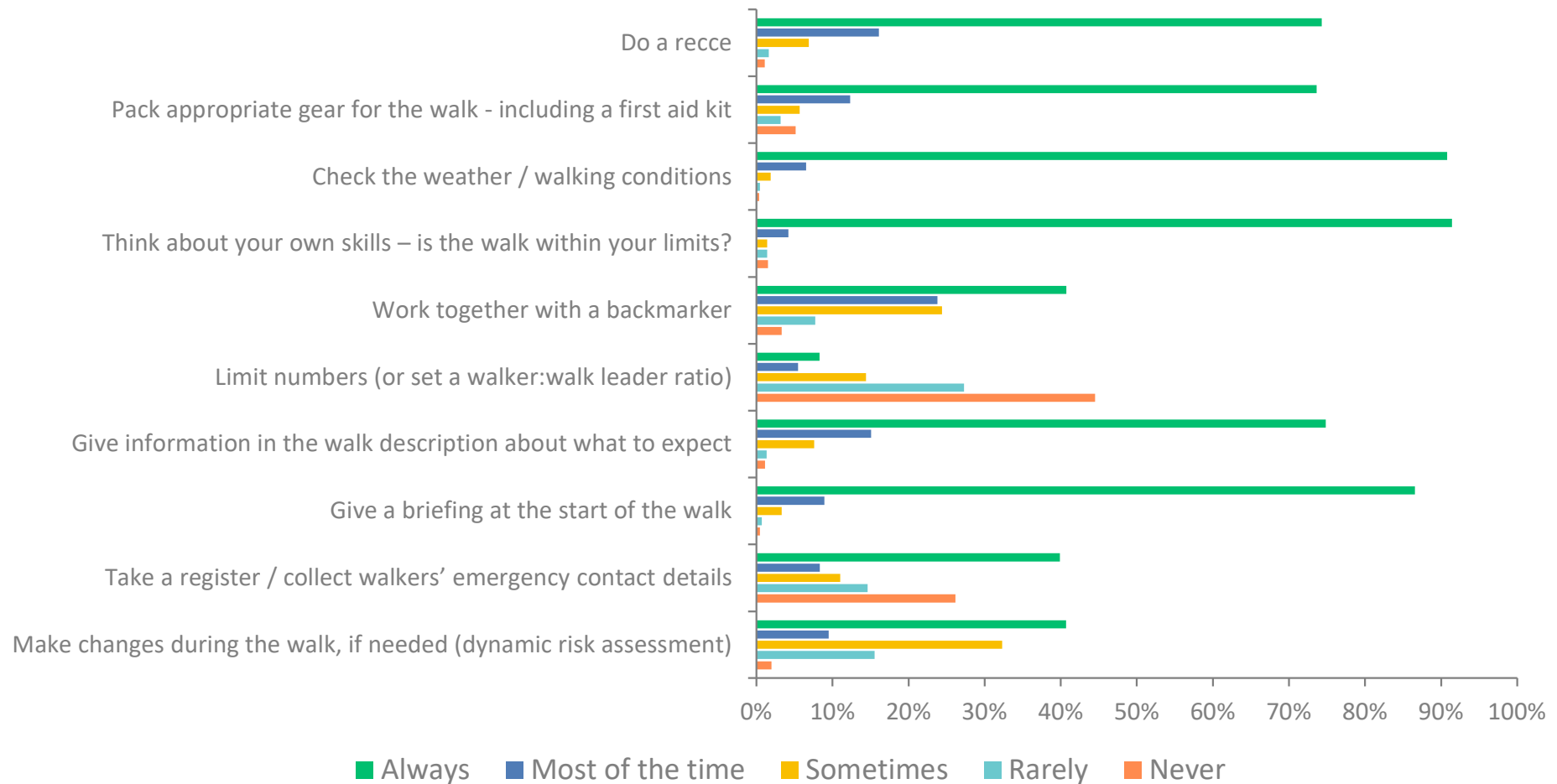
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
All	20.27%	523
Most of them	32.21%	831
Some	28.53%	736
A few	10.39%	268
None	8.60%	222
TOTAL		2580

Q10: How often do walkers who are new to the group join your walks?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	2.56%	66
Most of the time	19.15%	494
Sometimes	70.16%	1810
Rarely	7.71%	199
Never	0.43%	11
TOTAL		2580

Q11: When planning and leading a walk, how often do you...

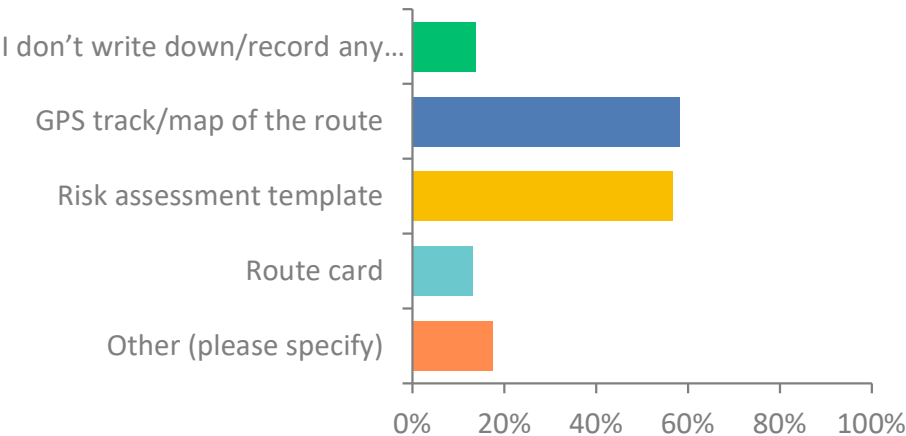


Q11: When planning and leading a walk, how often do you...

Answered: 2580 ,: 213

	ALWAYS	MOST OF THE TIME	SOMETIMES	RARELY	NEVER	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Do a recce	74.30% 1917	16.09% 415	6.90% 178	1.63% 42	1.09% 28	2580	1.39
Pack appropriate gear for the walk - including a first aid kit	73.64% 1900	12.33% 318	5.70% 147	3.18% 82	5.16% 133	2580	1.54
Check the weather / walking conditions	90.78% 2342	6.55% 169	1.86% 48	0.47% 12	0.35% 9	2580	1.13
Think about your own skills – is the walk within your limits?	91.43% 2359	4.19% 108	1.43% 37	1.43% 37	1.51% 39	2580	1.17
Work together with a backmarker	40.74% 1051	23.80% 614	24.38% 629	7.75% 200	3.33% 86	2580	2.09
Limit numbers (or set a walker:walk leader ratio)	8.29% 214	5.47% 141	14.42% 372	27.29% 704	44.53% 1149	2580	3.94
Give information in the walk description about what to expect	74.84% 1931	15.08% 389	7.60% 196	1.36% 35	1.12% 29	2580	1.39
Give a briefing at the start of the walk	86.55% 2233	8.95% 231	3.33% 86	0.70% 18	0.47% 12	2580	1.20
Take a register / collect walkers' emergency contact details	39.88% 1029	8.33% 215	11.01% 284	14.61% 377	26.16% 675	2580	2.79
Make changes during the walk, if needed (dynamic risk assessment)	40.70% 1050	9.50% 245	32.29% 833	15.54% 401	1.98% 51	2580	2.29

Q12: What aspects of your planning do you write down?



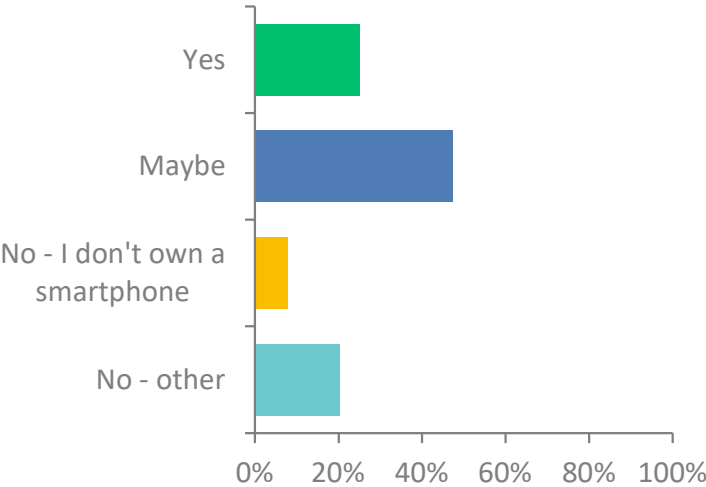
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I don't write down/record any of my planning	13.88%	358
GPS track/map of the route	58.33%	1505
Risk assessment template	56.78%	1465
Route card	13.22%	341
Other (please specify)	17.48%	451
TOTAL		4120

Q13: How do you collect contact details from walkers, to get in touch in case of an emergency or incident taking place on the walk?



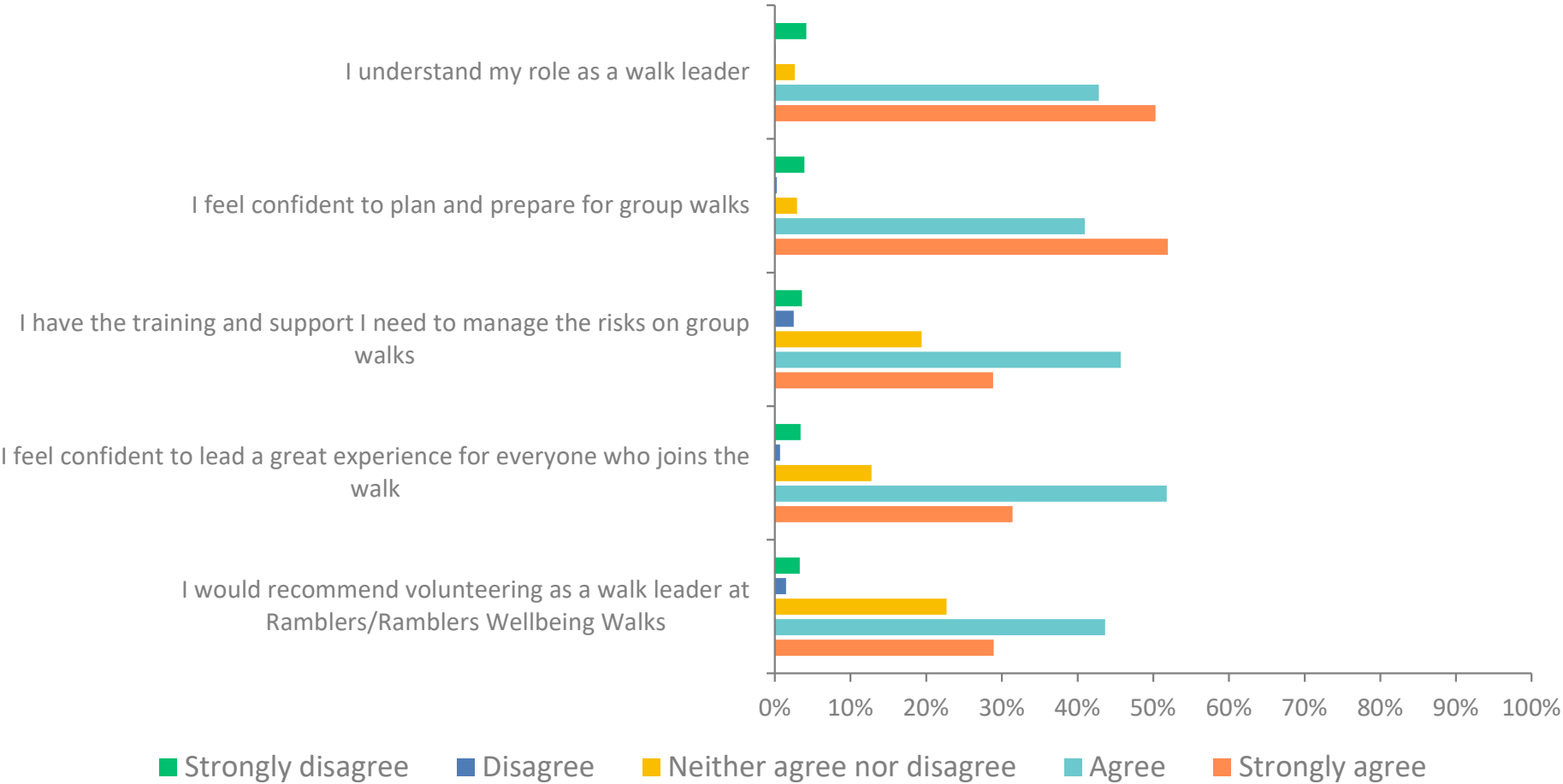
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I take a register / collect them at the start of the walk	28.41%	733
I ask walkers to pre-book a place on the walk	23.49%	606
I don't collect contact details for walkers	39.81%	1027
Other (please specify)	21.82%	563
TOTAL		2929

Q14: Would you find it helpful to be able to access walkers’ emergency contact details on your phone?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	25.00%	645
Maybe	47.17%	1217
No - I don't own a smartphone	7.71%	199
No - other	20.12%	519
TOTAL		2580

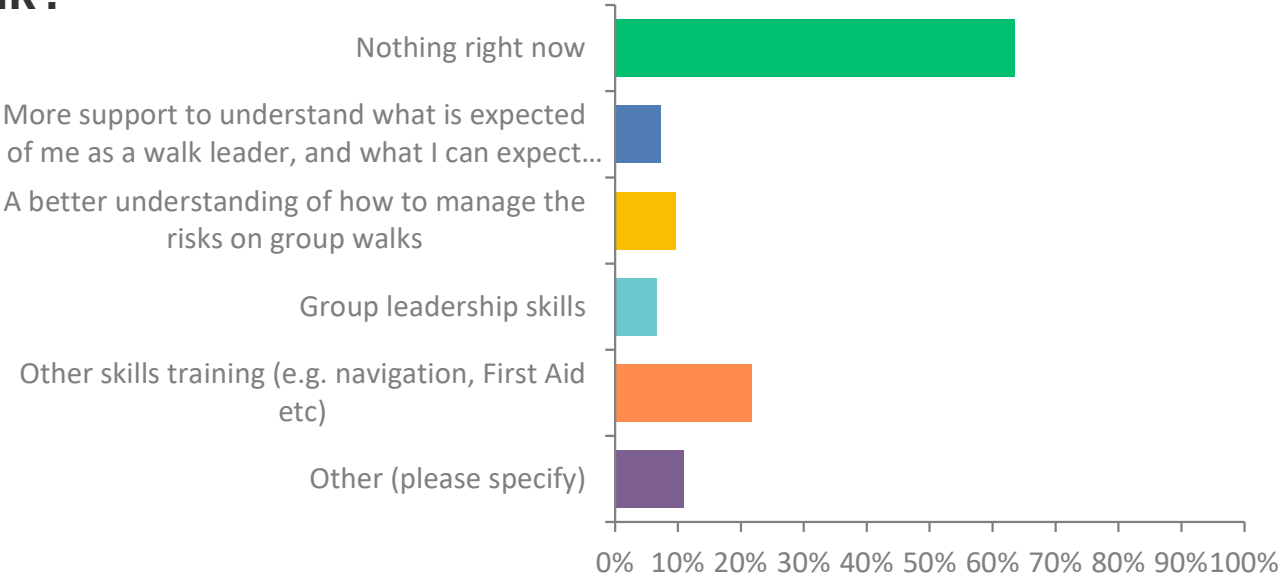
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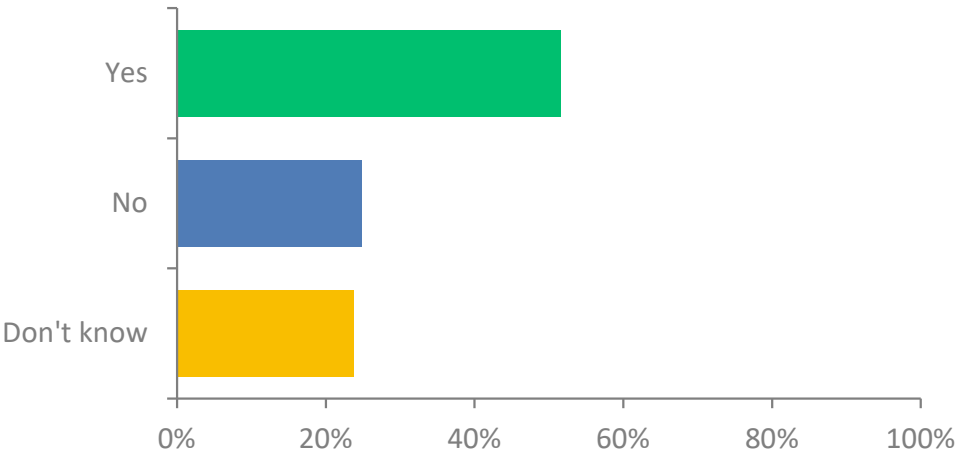
	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
I understand my role as a walk leader	4.16% 106	0.12% 3	2.63% 67	42.80% 1090	50.29% 1281	2547	4.35
I feel confident to plan and prepare for group walks	3.92% 100	0.24% 6	2.94% 75	40.97% 1044	51.92% 1323	2548	4.37
I have the training and support I need to manage the risks on group walks	3.58% 91	2.48% 63	19.41% 494	45.70% 1163	28.84% 734	2545	3.94
I feel confident to lead a great experience for everyone who joins the walk	3.39% 86	0.67% 17	12.76% 324	51.79% 1315	31.39% 797	2539	4.07
I would recommend volunteering as a walk leader at Ramblers/Ramblers Wellbeing Walks	3.28% 83	1.50% 38	22.67% 573	43.63% 1103	28.92% 731	2528	3.93

Q17: What additional support or training would help you feel more confident to manage safety on a walk?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Nothing right now	63.50%	1623
More support to understand what is expected of me as a walk leader, and what I can expect from the Ramblers	7.20%	184
A better understanding of how to manage the risks on group walks	9.55%	244
Group leadership skills	6.69%	171
Other skills training (e.g. navigation, First Aid etc)	21.64%	553
Other (please specify)	10.92%	279
TOTAL		3054

Q18: Does your group or area organise local buddying / mentoring for walk leaders?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	51.53%	1317
No	24.73%	632
Don't know	23.75%	607
TOTAL		2556