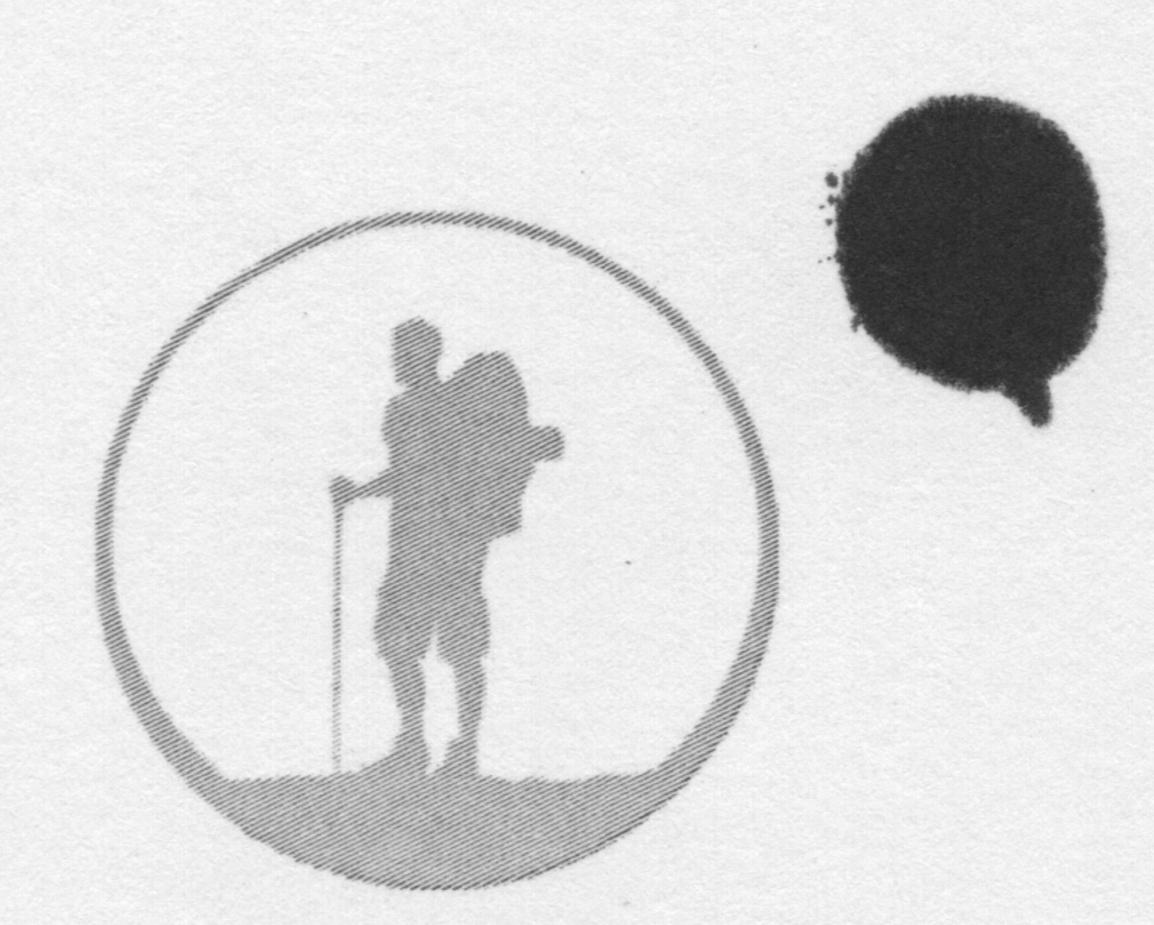
## Skyline 10 - Sunday May 18, 2025 - anticlockwise

This year in honour of Kay Butterworth and Malcolm Bird, fine walkers sadly missed



## ABOUT THE WALK - PLEASE READ THIS CAREFULLY

This is a challenging walk of approximately 14 miles over varied terrain, starting from the registration point at Lobden Golf Club (OL12 8XJ) between 7.45am and 9am – your choice. It is undertaken entirely at the walker's own risk, and by entering you are accepting that you will stick to the official route. The organisers (Whitworth Sports Council) will provide you with written route instructions and a numbered tag; and orange juice/water/plasters if required at every checkpoint; and vehicles *may* be available to remove you from the moor in the case of emergency. There will also be a certificate and a small hot meal available to you at the finish at Lobden GC. *NB Orange juice: top up your bottle rather than take a cup each time?* 

\*It is the walker's responsibility to treat the moor, a working environment, with respect; to leave no litter on the route; and to wear appropriate clothing and carry appropriate kit. We *suggest* walking boots, though strong, securely tied, trainers will do if the weather is dry and has been for a while; spare socks; waterproofs, at least to carry, unless the day of the walk is guaranteed to be entirely dry; and at least one layer of clothing more than you expect, because it is nearly always cooler on the tops. A phone would be handy too; and some plasters and (optimistically) sun-cream. 14 miles will probably take between 5 and 7 hours to walk, so we suggest you bring a packed lunch/something to eat, though a mobile refreshment van will be at Britannia. There are toilets at Britannia (5 miles) and Healey Corner (12.5 miles).

\*There are 4 intermediate checkpoints, at (nominally) 2, 5, 8 and 11 miles. All walkers MUST check in via their tag number at each checkpoint, and if you should drop out at any of these intermediate checkpoints you MUST tell the marshal there and hand in your tag. Please do not drop out at any other point. Two checkpoints are vehicle-accessible. These are at 5 miles, on the car park at the Whitworth-Bacup boundary on the A671; and at 11 miles, when you've completed the length of Rooley Moor Road. The checkpoints at 2 miles (Middle Hill) and at 8 miles (the top of Rooley Moor Road) are at remote locations, with no vehicle access, and you should not plan to drop out there.

\*A cut-off will operate at the Britannia checkpoint. If you do not reach there (5 miles) by 11.45am you must drop out at that point. While we appreciate that some people walk more slowly than others, the next section, to Rooley Moor Road, is a difficult one, and you can't drop out there anyway; we feel you'd be putting yourself at risk, and stretching our organisational resources beyond what is sensible.

\*This year you can sign up for the Eastern Skyline only i.e. just the first 5 miles of Skyline, from Lobden to Britannia. Certificate and pie still, if you get yourself back up to Lobden.

\*Sorry but, as usual, we cannot have dogs on either of the walks. We cannot differentiate between the well-trained and others: it is still lambing season, there are ground-nesting birds, and stiles: we have concerns about dogs as hazards, dogs en masse, and dogs as a nuisance to non-dog walkers. So, no dogs, no exceptions, and, please, no attempts to bend the rule.

\*Although there is car parking space at or near the golf club this will fill up quite rapidly if, as we hope, lots of people walk: if possible, can you car-share up to Lobden; or get yourself dropped off/picked up later; or even warm up by walking up?

\*Entry fee - £5 up to Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> May, £7 after that, including on the day. (Eastern Skyline £3 and £5.) Any monies left after expenses and a donation to Rossendale and Pendle Mountain Rescue Team will go to Whitworth Sports Council. If you wish to use Skyline to raise money for a favoured charity, feel free – and your certificate can act as proof of how far you've walked.

\*Any queries, contact Jo Furtado (07813180748) - but NOT on the day, please.

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COVID. The walk will happen only if the organisers feel it will be safe, and fun. There may be some Covid mitigations in place at start and finish. PLEASE do not come to the walk if you have tested positive for Covid or have Covid-like symptoms. We'll refund!

Last year we had to postpone for safety reasons. If that happens again, we'll contact you, and refund if that's your choice.