

## Help needed



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Dear reader,

2016 will be the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the marathon length East Herts Christian Aid Walk that, with support from local churches of many denominations, has raised in total over £458,000, amounting recently to approximately £13,000 per year for Christian Aid.

But society is changing and numbers of walkers have been declining while those involved in helping have been getting older. The committee is trying to involve runners and increase publicity to reverse this trend so I am writing to all local churches to raise the Walk's profile and ask for help.

Specifically, some of our committee members have had to retire this year so we need to recruit at least four new people to help with a variety of roles. The committee meets about 4 or 5 times per year. Some jobs involve organizing throughout the year and some will be more focused towards and on the walk date (14 May 2016).

Helpers will need good organization skills and be able (if applicable) to recruit and brief others to help marshal either on the route or in a checkpoint. Someone with a good eye for detail, and who likes numbers, is needed to track walkers on the day.

So, this is an appeal to everyone in your congregation or church community, to prayerfully consider whether they would be able to volunteer. The tasks are not difficult and full training and support is available from a very friendly group of people.

We would also love to hear from anyone who cannot join the committee but would

like to support on the day itself. New sponsored walkers/runners to complete the full length or one or more shorter sections would also be great! It is a lovely day out for families.

Liz Horner ( [lilacre18@gmail.com](mailto:lilacre18@gmail.com), or 01920 465714 ) will be able to give more information on what each job involves and we would be delighted to welcome new people to our next Committee Meeting at the hall of St Mary the Virgin, Ware, on Thursday 3 September at 8pm.

We sincerely hope the support we need will be offered so that we can celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and keep this very happy and enjoyable event going into the future.

Best wishes

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