

Short notice national trips - Zoom meeting 08.04.21 – Minutes

Present: Becky Bates, Sarah Bates, Pete Clark, Janet Saunders, Barbara Segal, Humphrey Southall, Dave Symonds

Apologies:, John Aldous

Options discussed are shown below – those now **in bold were voted for and will be acted upon when organising trips**, suggestions in small font were rejected.

1. Transport

Proposal

a) No change - banding only applied to those sharing cars

Or b) Extend banding to include travel by public transport but not individual cars – this option rejected

This is assuming that car-sharing is legal at time of trip

We will be sharing huts and cars on the trip so it shouldn't be an issue sharing cars to get there. People have the choice to opt out but must then cover their own travel costs

If someone has to use public transport due to there being no other option, that will be banded.

2. Meals

Proposals

a) No change re sharing, but aim for cooks to be small/select group each day – e.g a car-share group might bring a meal and cook it for everyone

b) People bring own breakfast/lunch food but share evening meals - reduce charge by 10%

c) Give people the choice to opt out of all food arrangements - reduce charge by 20%

It was considered that sharing meals is not a big risk as long as good hygiene is followed (and that people cooking or prepping food in small groups or individually would be more risky due to overcrowding in the kitchen).

Barbara suggested that there is a LMC list/rules, and we could use that, or adapt it to our needs.

Good hygiene to include having a plentiful supply of tea towels (and *where possible* leave things to drain dry rather than towel-drying).

Instil in the group good practise regarding washing hands before prepping food etc and avoid handling food directly – e.g. cheese when making sandwiches.

3. Covid testing?

Proposals

a) If testing is freely available at time of trip do we ask people to take a test the day before? An issue would be any false positives having to cancel

or

b) **Adopt Aileens statement** or something similar- i.e. a statement saying '*if you have tested positive for Covid in the last 14 days or have been told to self isolate, if you have any symptoms of Covid, raised temperature, continuous cough, or lost of sense of smell or anyone in their*

household has etc – **probably we can use use Pete Clark's RREA 'declaration form' or a slightly edited version of it as part of the trip booking form/process.** Becky and Sarah will produce a suitable version/revised booking form

This process will not be designed to cover RR for anything, but rather to make everyone responsible for themselves and the group, and to show everyone that RR is taking the situation seriously and taking action to avoid risks as much as possible.

4. Cancellation

Proposal

a) Any cancellations made after having a positive Covid test, being advised to self isolate, or being symptomatic, will be fully refunded

5. Short notice/adhoc trips

Malcolm has booked a banded camping trip for May and people are booking on independently. This trip will run informally as discussed previously for short notice trips.

Proposal

a) No banded transport

b) Camping costs, including campsite charges for cars, to be banded

c) Offer banding for small groups of 2 - 4 sharing food

d) Take all food out of banding system and share informally in small groups

Although, presently, it has been decided that this trip does not require a booking form, we need to have the same Covid 'declaration' for people participating as described above (3b) – (not sure if it was decided at the meeting how we will do this)

6. Possible reduced numbers in huts - if huts, or Covid restrictions, limit numbers on a trip between time of booking and time of trip.

a) spaces could be offered to lower banded members (if they are less able to arrange private trips) but if this occurred it will be monitored to make sure people are not repeatedly given the preference.

b) offer places dependent upon date of booking

c) ask all booked on if anyone is willing to drop out or to join a later booking

d) take into account the practicalities of transport – will there be enough cars – if they are needed,
e) consider whether the level of activities will be suitable for participants. - clearly a range of shared activities is best, but if all but one person is likely to climb hills every day, that one person could be warned of that and might decide to drop out.

f) are some people more 'deserving' – e.g someone who lives in large city may have less other opportunities to get out into the country?

Firstly, c) all provisional participants would be asked whether anyone s willing to drop out or join a later trip. **Following that**, - there will be some flexibility, and the other options a), d), d) and e) should be considered by the trip organiser (who can get advice from NC trips secs if necessary).

Action

Becky and Sarah will collate information and produce a new trip organisers pack and any revision to booking form will be addressed.

A brief summary will be prepared for the Bulletin.