

General Data Protection Regulation

GDPR replaced the Data Protection Act 1998 and became law in the UK on 25 May 2018. Changes to data protection regulations were required as the advances in technology over recent years and the different ways that personal data is now processed (collected, stored, shared, etc.) with this new technology needed to be included.

GDPR gives EU* citizens more control over how their personal data is used. It makes it clearer for organisations (including both businesses and clubs) to understand their data protection requirements. However, it will also bring very hefty fines for those who ignore or break the rules – up to 20million euros can be levied.

[* this includes UK citizens as GDPR will still be UK law after Brexit]

How does it affect Kendal Fellwalkers?

Everyone has to comply with the regulations, even clubs as small as ours, because they collect and use data about their members. In the case of Kendal Fellwalkers that consists of... name, address, e-mail address, telephone numbers.

What is the information used for by Kendal Fellwalkers?

The Club Secretary holds details of all existing members, plus those of lapsed members for a limited period (one year).

If you have supplied KFW with e-mail information, this will be added to our e-mail address book to allow us to contact you with relevant club information.

We also have a policy of circulating members' details to all other members of the club. We do this for the following reasons...

- Safety on the Hills. Leaders and members are advised to carry name / address / phone information for use in the event of an incident on the hills. It allows us to provide information to the Mountain Rescue / Police for possible next-of-kin contact. Having mobile phone numbers also provides Leaders with a possible means of contacting someone who has become detached from the group (and, perhaps more importantly, vice versa).
- It provides a means for members to contact Leaders directly to, for example, check details of a walk, and to let the Leader know they will be travelling direct to the start
- It provides a means for members to contact other members about lift shares or other activities.
- It provides a means for the club to contact all members to circulate the Newsletter; advice of other club activities such as slide evenings; AGMs and other meetings; walks program etc.
- It is used to validate requests to join the KFW Facebook Group.

We do not currently supply personal details of any of our members to our insurers. This will only occur in the case of a claim being made.

What if I don't want Kendal Fellwalkers to use my information?

You are entitled to refuse consent for us to use your personal information. KFW would then work with you to consider how we can handle your requests whilst ensuring that the reasons for using the information is not compromised.