



## **GM Ringway stage guardian guidance**

### **Walk the route**

- We would ask stage guardians to walk the route at least once a season although that can be split and shared between the guardians
- Check that the signage has not been damaged or removed and if it has, replace where possible.
- Take hammer, nails, roundels and stickers with you
- Take a pair of secateurs to cut back foliage covering signage and around stiles and gates. Also cut back any nettles or brambles that are hindering access on narrow footpaths
- Report any issues or possible improvements asap via the [info@gmringway.org](mailto:info@gmringway.org) so they can be addressed

### **Promote the route**

- Look for opportunities to place GM Ringway posters on community noticeboards, and posters and leaflets in libraries, shops, cafes, community centres, scout huts, church halls and medical centres. Seek permission from Friends groups or those responsible for running them.
- Share your GM Ringway adventures on your own social media channels and with your own social and professional networks.

### **Support stage or route events**

- From time to time we might be offered a stand at an event like Greater Manchester Walking Festival or there might be an opportunity to take a stall at a local event in a specific area such as a summer fete. It would be great to have a stage guardian presence at such events to hand out leaflets and tell local people about the trail.
- If you feel confident, lead a walk for a group, perhaps one you are connected with such as a church group, scout group or just a group of friends. Please note, at the moment we don't have public liability insurance so we do ask you lead the walk independently and not on behalf of GM Ringway.

### **Keep in touch**

- Communicate regularly with the other stage guardian/s on your route and with the group as a whole
- Join the Stage Guardian Whatsapp group
- Join the Stage Guardian Facebook group
- Participate in GMRA meetings if available