

MICHAEL WILSON / RAYMOND PORTER - KINGS GUIDE TO THE RIVER KENT & RIVER LEVEN ESTUARIES MORECAMBE BAY 2026

Risk Assessment and Insurance:

A risk assessment is provided below for information the responsibility for preparing the risk assessment for a bay event must take individual circumstances into account.

The Organiser should organise their own public liability insurance for their event and the Guide over Sands Trust takes no responsibility for the organisation of your event for individual persons or animals. Michael & Raymond do have public liability insurance.

Michael, Raymond and Joanne work endlessly to provide an ultimate experience, it is very important that all participants attend the briefing safely. Anyone who isn't at the briefing won't be able to attend the walk for safety. The Guides decision is final on the day.

Indicative Risk Assessment

Hazards identified	Persons at risk	Risk Factor (High / Med / Low) <i>Your decision</i>	Measures taken by the Guide (and Guide Over Sands Trust) to control the risk	Measures to be taken by participating organisations to control the risk
Bay crossing can be extremely dangerous due to changing conditions, quick sands, river and other channels	WALKERS	LOW	GUIDES PLAN AND CHECK THE ROUTE PRIOR TO THE WALK AND MARK OUT THE SAFEST ROUTE ACROSS.	GUIDE THOROUGHLY CHECKS THE SANDS AND MARKS OUT A SAFE ROUTE THE FRIDAY BEFORE THE WEEKEND WALKS.
Uneven and slippery ground Slips/trips/falls	WALKERS	LOW	WALKERS ARE ADVISED TO WEAR SUITABLE FOOTWEAR AND IT IS REQUIRED THAT	IN DEPTH DETAIL ON OUR WEBSITE AND INFORMATION IS GIVEN TO

			ALL WALKERS ARE PHYSICALLY FIT.	CHARITIES PRIOR TO A WALK.
Weather Dehydration, cold/hypothermia	WALKERS	LOW	WALKERS ARE ADVISED TO WEAR SUITABLE CLOTHING FOR AN OUTDOOR WALK IT IS NOT ADVISED FOR YOUNG BABIES OR CHILDREN TO COME ON THE WALK DUE TO WEATHER WHICH CAN CHANGE FAST.	AN IN DEPTH DESCRIPTION IS ON OUR WEBSITE AND ALL INFORMATION IS SENT OUT TO CHARITIES PRIOR TO THE WALK TAKING PLACE.
Illness or injury Participants needing medical attention during the event	WALKERS	LOW	WE HAVE EMERGENCY VEHICLES ON OUR WALKS DRIVEN BY EXPERIENCED DRIVERS WHOSE JOB IT IS TO WATCH WALKERS AND ASSIST IS A WALKER GOES LAME OR IS UNWELL.	IN THE GUIDES BRIEFING IT IS EXPLAINED IN DEPTH ABOUT OUR EMERGENCY PLAN AND WHAT ACTION IS TAKEN, PRIOR TO THE GUIDES BRIEFING THE GUIDES INFORM ALL CHARITY OFFICIALS ALSO OF OUR PLAN.
Stuck in the Sand Participants who are often not strong walkers and not physically fit to walk threw thick sand.	WALKERS	LOW - MEDIUM	THE GUIDE WILL ROUTE THE SAFEST ROUTE POSSIBLE, HOWEVER AS WALKERS ARE TOLD IN THE BRIEFING SAND CAN QUICKLY PADDLE UP WHEN LARGE NUMBERS WALK ACROSS THE SAME AREA. KEEP WALKERS MOVING AND THOSE TIRED	ANY PERSON THAT GETS STUCK WE HAVE OUR MARSHALL TEAM SPREAD OUT AND WE HAVE A STRONG BACK MARKER WHO IS ABLE TO SAFELY HELP PEOPLE OUT OF THE SANDS. THEY MUST SIT DOWN AND NOT PANIC WE

			AND NOT STRONG ENOUGH ON THEIR LEGS WE TAKE THE IMMEDIATE DECISION TO TAKE THEM ACROSS THE RIVER ON THE TRACTOR / QUAD, PEOPLE ONLY GET STUCK WHO ARE TIRED AND NOT NIMBLE ENOUGH TO WALK THREW THE SOFT SAND. BAREFOOT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED. DOGS MUST BE CARRIED OR ON A LEAD.	EASILY HELP THEM TO SAFETY.
Separation Participants separated from the main group of drivers.	WALKERS	LOW	EVERY WALK HAS A BACK MARKER WHO IS A MARSHALL FOR THE GUIDE OVER SANDS TRUST.	WHEN WALKING ACROSS THE SANDS WE STOP AND START THIS ENABLES ALL WALKERS TO WALK ACROSS THE SANDS AS ONE GROUP AND NOT SPREAD OUT TOO MUCH.
Moving Traffic and Trains Road traffic at start and end of walk.	WALKERS	NONE	NO RAILWAY OR ROADS TO CROSS ON WALK	WE CHANGED THE FINISH OF THE WALK TO GRANGE IN PARTICULAR DUE TO THE WORRY OF CROSSING THE LINE NOW NO LINE IS CROSSED OR ROAD. ALL WALKS END ON THE MARSH / PROM
Emergency Access to the bay	WALKERS		BEFORE WE CROSS THE RIVER KENT THE EMERGENCY EXIT FOR US AND MEETING POINT FOR AMBULANCE / EMERGENCY	TO ENSURE ALL WALKERS ARE FIT AND HEALTHY TO LIMIT TO RISK

			SERVICES TO USE WILL BE SILVERDALE SHORE - SILVERDALE AFTER WE HAVE CROSSED THE RIVER KENT THE EMERGENCY EXIT FOR US AND MEETING POINT FOR AMBULANCE / EMERGENCY SERVICES TO USE WILL BE CART LANE - GRANGE OVER SANDS TRACTOR ACCESS FOR THE BAY WALKS FROM GUIDES FARM CART LANE TO CROSS AT CART LANE CROSSING.	
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Michael Wilson / Raymond Porter, are the Kings Guide to the Kent & Leven estuary and are both highly experienced fishermen of the bay.

Therefore Michael & Raymond have extensive knowledge of the Bay and how it works.

Emergency accesses for the bay walks are checked on a regular basis prior to the walks. As well as level crossings working alongside Northern Rail.

The Guides decision is final, safety is their utmost priority.

The route taken will be the safest route deemed by the appointed guide across Morecambe Bay.

Only the Official Guide can deem the route and are the only persons able to cancel a walk -

ONLY THE ROYALLY APPOINTED GUIDE CAN CANCEL A WALK ON THE DAY ON THE GROUNDS OF SAFETY

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