



### **Reasons for affiliated churches to run events through the local RSCM Area committee**

1. **Insurance.** By registering an event with the RSCM it will be covered by the charity's public liability insurance. If an accident or incident occurs at an event not covered in this way, the organisers would be liable personally for this, possibly amounting to a four figure sum.
2. **Safeguarding.** The registration process of an event asks questions and provides a checklist for organisers which will ensure that all official RSCM procedures for the safe running of an event are in place. Without this, RSCM insurance is invalidated and liability reverts to the individual in charge. Much more important, policy is there to minimise risk and our primary concern is the wellbeing of people.
3. **Advertising.** By registering an event, this will appear on the RSCM's website and is searchable by distance, type of event and through search engines. It can also be sent out in area emails and newsletters to members, which is not permitted for non-RSCM events due to GDPR regulations.
4. **Staffing.** Leaders of all RSCM-approved events complete a self-declaration form (if they have not already done so). This information is not, by definition, in the public domain; ensuring all is well rests with the staff to ascertain, and again for reasons of confidentiality this cannot be shared.
5. **Advice.** RSCM staff are on hand to give advice in the planning and running of events. The regional co-ordinators are the first point of call and are always happy to help.

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