Planning of Year 1 2015:
- ✓ Concept came from Network members
- ✓ Working Group made up of Network members
- ✓ Came in under budget
- X Only 2 months to organise
- X First time through
- X Didn’t factor in lunch
- X Purpose or message was lost
- X Unable to secure music

Planning of ‘The Big Walk’ 2016:
- ✓ Walk 2 Concept supported by Network members
- ✓ Working Group also included volunteers
- ✓ A year to organise
- ✓ Experience from previous year to build on
- ✓ Factored in lunch
- ✓ More mindful of our message
- ✓ Secured music from two groups

Delivery of Year 1 2015:
- X Walked ‘uphill’ from the Minster
- ✓ Approx 120 individuals took part from 28 different organisations and groups
- ✓ Secured the support of x3 VIPs
- X No support from private sector;
- ✓ Mounted section participated

Delivery of ‘The Big Walk’ 2016:
- ✓ Walked ‘downhill’ from park
- ✓ 40% increase in individual participants
- ✓ 43% increase in organisations and groups represented
- ✓ Secured the support of 13 VIPs
- ✓ Secured support from Irwin Mitchell, Mears Group and UK Coffee Shop
- ✓ Music from two com groups
- ✓ Launch of ‘Cuppa and a natter’

Moving Forward Volunteers’ Week 2017:
- • Work to same format ‘The Big Walk’ possibly walk further and crack ‘pace’
- • Shorter event with fewer venues to manage? BUT Network keen to retain all components - openness to accepting responsibility for different parts of the event
- • Build on participation of local volunteers/local groups
- • Build on relationship with the private sector
- • Build on social media and both local and regional press coverage
- • Need to be ‘one voice’ and build on engaging the public in our collective message
The Big Walk 2016 in Pictures

#VolWalk2016

"Thank you so much for hosting our group on Thursday; for the picnic and walk. The picnic was lovely and we enjoyed the walk very much it certainly felt that we were being appreciated... thanks for organising the whole day, it went beautifully! A day to remember, happiness and sunshine all round!"

Rotherham Hospice volunteers

"...what a positive initiative it is for Rotherham, particularly in light of recent bad press and protest marches Rotherham has been subject to."

Safe@Last

"200 people took part"

"40 different organisations and groups represented"

"And we’re off!"

"Gathering ‘the troops’ for a group photo"

"7 articles, 1 short film, screens at Riverside, 2 shout outs on BBC Radio 2!"

"‘YS Community First Responders with ‘Billy the Bag’"

"Time to Talk about Volunteering"

"And we’re off!"

"Rotherham U3A Choir ‘Alive & Kicking’"

"Irwin Mitchell ‘buddies’ and Mears apprentice mascots return to VAR"