



As part of professional training as an Isle of Man Blue Badge Guide and as a Hill & Moorland Leader, Dr Andrew Foxon, owner of Go-Mann Adventures, is fully competent in effective and sensitive group management techniques on walking tours; in visitor attractions, sites & museums; and leading guided walks, hikes & skills courses in the Isle of Man countryside, hill and moorland.

In addition, Go-Mann Adventures will abide by the following guidance during the COVID-19 crisis.

Andrew Foxon will identify himself by the Guild of Manx Registered Tour Guides (GMRTG) badge or logo with his name on it and/or the Go-Mann Adventures badge or logo.

He will ensure they he is familiar with the most up-to-date public health guidelines for the Isle of Man and will adhere to these for the duration of the tour, walk or course. He will give you advanced notice before the guided tour, walk or course begins of how to be safe, enjoy the tour, walk or course, and have fun while maintaining Isle of Man Government public health advice. He will advise clients in advance of any requirements in terms of social distancing, the use of face coverings etc and support these requirements. Clients will be expected to provide their own face coverings and hand sanitisers if required.

Pre-booking is a requirement, and contact details will be taken for each household and retained for the specified period*. Part of the registration process requires the participants to ensure that they or other members of their household are not displaying any symptoms of COVID-19, waiting for the results of a COVID-19 test, in self-isolation following arrival on the Isle of Man or in a household where someone is in self-isolation following arrival on the Isle of Man.

Andrew will ensure that he and members of his household are not displaying any symptoms of COVID-19, waiting for the results of a COVID-19 test, in self-isolation following arrival on the Isle of Man or in a household where someone is in self-isolation following arrival on the Isle of Man. If this is the case, he will advise the clients and arrange a transfer or repayment as appropriate following discussion with the clients.

Andrew will maintain any Isle of Man Government-recommended social distancing between himself and clients at all times. On tours, walks and courses where the group includes different households, he will encourage and help clients to adopt appropriate social distancing between each other if and when required.

When guiding or leading groups from different households, he will follow Isle of Man Government guidance to determine the maximum possible group size and keep within that requirement.

If required, he will avoid shaking hands or any other physical contact with clients.

If required, he will not pass around any images, sheets, clipboards, pens, maps. If there are handling restrictions in place, any items of this type will be cleaned in advance, kept in a bag and only touched by individual clients. They will be returned to a bag, sanitised and left for the recommended period before being used again.

He will apply rigorous hygiene practices, including thoroughly cleaning and waiting for hands to dry before guiding, and use a personal hand sanitiser when this is not possible.

Should Isle of Man Government guidance require the wearing of a face covering, mask or visor he will comply with these protocols and any additional requirements of agents, coach companies and clients he works with, provided these do not contract Isle of Man Government guidance. Andrew reserves the right to wear a face covering and follow other good hygiene practices even if they are not currently required or recommended.

Andrew will know where public toilets/hand-washing facilities/hand sanitiser points are available.

Remote audio devices (such as Whisper, Vox and various apps) can be effective for social distancing on guided tours. Andrew will happily work with tour companies using these systems.

Andrew is an expert in the sites, countryside, refreshment stops and the other locations and venues he visits with clients. He will ensure he is fully aware of any site-specific Covid-19 requirements and comply with them.

He will be familiar with more crowded areas and will make best efforts to negotiate them, or if appropriate, avoid them. Where needed he will recommend walking single file and only stopping where others can pass at a safe distance.

Andrew will liaise with coach companies, private vehicle companies and drivers to check that vehicles have been thoroughly sanitised.

Should first aid be required, Andrew will follow the current protocols for first aid delivery as advised by the Isle of Man Department of Health and Social Care.

*This is to facilitate contact tracing and will use the Go-Mann Adventures Registration form. Full details are available on the form including a link to the Go-Mann Adventures privacy notice.

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