

**LONG DISTANCE WALKERS ASSOCIATION - BEDS BUCKS NORTHANTS GROUP**  
**MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**HELD ON THURSDAY 30TH MAY 2019 AT**  
**BEECH HOUSE, WENTWORTH COURT, HARLINGTON LU5 6HZ**

**The meeting commenced at 7.45pm**

**Present:** Terry Brown (Chairman), Gill Bunker (Newsletter/Website), Roy Carter, Peter Engledow (Treasurer), Dave Findel-Hawkins (Membership), Mary Knight (Social Walks), Alan Leadbetter, Peter Simon (Secretary/Local Groups Rep), Sara Waldron

**ACTION**

1. **Apologies:** None

2. **Minutes and Matters Arising from Previous Meeting (21st February 2019)**

The Minutes were approved as a true record.

**Matters arising:**

Gill has not followed up a "standard reply" to help respond to new enquiries.  
Other matters arising to be covered during the meeting.

*Gill*

3. **Reports:**

(a) **Chairman: Terry Brown**

Since the last Committee meeting I have:

- Sent the full Group GDPR report to Chris Hedley, National LDWA GDPR lead.
- Responded to various email requests and queries as appropriate.

(b) **Secretary: Peter Simon**

Received and responded to e-mails.

Almost no phone enquiries.

Weekly news updates sent to subscriber members except for when there has been no news to report. Distribution was 656 as of 21 May, 15 higher than in the corresponding week of 2018. Thanks to Gill for covering for me when my Internet Service Provider (Virgin Media) had persistent technical problems in servicing my local area.

(c) **Treasurer: Peter Engledow (see report pages 9 &10)**

Peter said the date on his report is incorrect – it should be dated 29/5/2019.

He confirmed funds are stable with plenty of money in the accounts.

The Chiltern Kanter made a health surplus.

Alan will pass all the Hannington Hike receipts to Peter after the event.

Peter will give Terry a cheque for £25 – the donation to St Dunstons. Stepney for the use of their toilets on the Oranges & Lemons Again walk (1st September 2019).

*Peter E/  
Terry*

(d) **Social Walks: Weekend/Thursday: Mary Knight**

May to August 2019 Programme

- Weekend dates unfilled
  - 6/7 Jul
- Thursday dates unfilled
  - May 16th (Pop up walk led by Geoff Curnock)
  - Aug 8th
  - Aug 22nd

September to December 2019 Programme

- Weekend dates unfilled
    - 26/27 Oct (This is the weekend immediately after IoW Vectis Trail trip)
  - Thursday dates unfilled
    - Dec 26th (This is the Thursday immediately after Christmas)
- Issues for discussion:
- It remains my recommendation that unfilled dates should be entered in Strider as 'TBA' and that newsletter and updates make it clear that no one has yet come forward to lead a walk on these dates.
  - Providing Gill/Terry are in agreement walks can be entered onto the LDWA database after strider publication, publicised on Facebook and in updates.
  - No new walk leaders coming forward
  - If I don't personally ask individuals to lead walks there are very few volunteers, in spite of publicising dates widely and well in advance.
  - Is this discussed at LGR meetings?

Mary confirmed that the unfilled dates on the May to August calendar have now been filled (by Alan, Roy and Christine Bramley). She said she was struggling to get walk leaders - a major problem was the Strider deadline and the time ahead she was asking people to commit to lead. Some people, though, had no intention of ever leading a walk. BBN put on more walks than some other local groups and therefore more leaders are needed. Just a name against a date indicates a leader has taken the date, but walk details were not available in time for Strider. This information will be circulated nearer the date of the walk. If there is no leader at the deadline date Mary is putting **TBA Leader Needed** in Strider.

Mary will keep a check to make sure walk information for TBA walks is circulated in good time.

*Mary*

Dave said there is a possibility that group walks will not to be listed in Strider in the future. It was agreed that most people use the LDWA website to find walks.

Terry will mention the need for new leaders in her article for the Newsletter, including an offer to help would-be leaders with planning/recceing. Mary said she had done this several times previously but with no response.

*Terry  
N/Letter*

Peter said the issue of needing more leaders had not been discussed at LGR meetings – he will ask for it to be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

*PeterS*

**(e) Merchandising**

**PECO:** Peter S confirmed he continues to monitor the PECO website to check the link is still active.

*PeterS*

**Mugs and Buffs:** There are still plenty in stock.

*Dave/Mary*

**(f) Equipment: Lynn Yorston**

No changes to report.

**(g) Website: Gill Bunker**

Continue to keep updated, add photos after group walks and events; thanks to Merrian and Dave for photos and maps of Thursday walks. Steve Clark usually puts a link to his photos on FB. Adrian Moody puts his photos on FB. BBN challenge walk information, route descriptions and results added as requested by event organisers. Programme August to December 2019 input for Strider.

**(h) Newsletter: Gill Bunker**

Summer Newsletter – deadline end of June – to include anything coming out of this meeting, plus anything other committee members want to include.  
Only one article to date. August to December walks programme will be included.  
Now only posted to the 20 members who have asked for a hard copy. Available to all online.

Terry to include the names of the Hadrian Hundred finishers and the names of the BBN helpers in her Chairman's item in the Newsletter. Gill to give info to Terry.  
Gill to get a report from a Hundred finisher for the Newsletter.

*Terry/  
Gill/  
N'letter*

**(i) Facebook: Gill Bunker**

159 members.  
Norman Corrin/Jackie Burnett put photos up during the Hundred – brilliant - great for those of us following the event from the comfort of the sofa!

**(j) Local Groups Representative: Peter Simon**

Nothing to report beyond what already appears in the 2018 AGM minutes.

**(k) Other Committee Members** Nothing additional to report.

**4. Insurance Issues (including Walks Register) - Incident Reports**

**Walks Register:** It was confirmed that completing the register at the start of group walks is working well. Merrian is doing this on Thursday walks.

Dave said he was scanning the registers and storing them on the website. He confirmed he had checked with NEC and there is no need to keep a paper copy of the register as well.

Weekend walks – Mary will email all walk leaders with a copy of the register in readiness for their walks.

*Mary*

**Thank you to Merrian** for being proactive in taking this on and getting people to sign the register on Thursdays. Terry said this was extremely helpful to the leader.

**Incident Reports:** There have been no reportable incidents

**5. LDWA**

**(a) Publicity/Press releases** Terry has not done this yet.

*Terry*

**(b) Other social media (excluding Facebook)**

**Instagram:** Gill has not progressed this. Sara will take it on.

*Sara*

**(c) Leaflets**

LDWA publicity leaflets distributed around the committee – to be put anywhere where walkers go.

*All*

Alan for Hannington Hike, Roy for Beds Walking Festival.

Dave said that on their recent holiday Merrian had left some at B&Bs and local information centres.

Peter E can obtain display units that would hold A5 size leaflets – with a view to taking them to outdoor shops.

*PeterE/  
Terry*

It was noted that the leaflets have the existing LDWA logo. It was also thought that a better idea would be to have an A4 size leaflet which could be folded.

Peter S suggested that BBN have a similar leaflet advertising the group. Mary asked why we need to promote the group, do we need more walkers?

**(d) Walks for Trail magazine**

Terry had previously circulated an email from David Holland (LDWA Publicity) asking for ideas for "Walk of the Month" to be offered to Trail magazine to promote the LDWA. Terry suggested using the Wendover Gap which is on the current BBN

programme as a group walk.

David Holland had forwarded a sample from the magazine which has a map and written route on one page. It was thought the Wendover Gap route description may be too long for this type of format. Initially, Terry will ask Dave Yorston if he thinks this format would work for the WG.

*Terry*

Nothing further has been heard from David Holland since his initial email in March so we are not sure how this project is proceeding.

(e) **Any other matters** - None

## 6. LDWA 100s

(a) **2020 100 - Y 100 Sir Fynwy**

BBN have been allocated CP 4 Abergavenny. Dave is the current contact, with Mary organising. Dave and Merrian are checking part of the Hundred route in August so will be able to have a look at the CP then, at least from the outside. Dave/Mary to do item for Newsletter asking for helpers.

*Dave/  
Mary*

(b) **2021 100 - Trans Pennine** CP1 allocated. Dave is the contact.

*Dave*

(c) **2022 100 – Elephant, Bear and Bull** CP1 allocated. Dave is the contact.

*Dave*

(d) **Beyond 2022: Our involvement if any**

**2023 Scotland** – Moray Group, Inverness area. Dave will try and find out more about the route.

*Dave*

## 7. BBN Challenge Events

(a) **Chiltern Kanter- Sunday 3rd March 2019 – Norman Corrin**

A drizzly start to the day but otherwise manageable. The LDWA chairman David Morgan enjoyed the joke that Dave and Merrian came up with for Clue 2. After the furore over the logo I'm pleased that brought a smile to his face. All seemed to enjoy the day and the car parking arrangements at Pitstone Museum went well. They'd be very happy to have us back there in 2021.

### **Checkpoints**

Except for Wigginton Village Hall I've had the feedbacks from the caretakers at all of the checkpoints and they will be very happy for us to use their venues again in 2021

### **Routes**

All 3 routes amended slightly from 2017. We avoided using the BBN memorial bench as a clue and replaced it with a clue outside the pub. If you can't find a walker in a village hall or sitting on a bench you'll normally find him or her in an ale house so that seemed appropriate!

### **Catering**

I used the same menu as Mary Knight did in 2017 and that worked well. I've not had any reports of entrants suffering from malnutrition so they must have been happy. The increased number of entrants did mean that we ran out of some food stuff but I was able to make up any shortfalls from Tesco's or the local store. One entrant was not happy about the catering as she had stated on her entry form she had a medical condition which meant she was allergic to some food. It was her first LDWA event as well..... Merrian did check her form and checked on SI entries but the two didn't match. We think she might have confused her entry on our

event with another she'd entered.

**Entries:**

A record pre-entry of 288 for the event. 220 actually started. The highest number since I started organising the event. Figures for entries are below

Overall Totals			Long Route		Medium Route		Short Route	
entries	280	n/s%	161	n/s%	74	n/s%	45	n/s%
non-starters	60	21.4	39	17.7	13	17.5	8	24.2
starters	220		122		61		37	
retired	4		1		1		2	

**Finances:**

We made a healthy surplus of £781.83. Peter's checked my figures.

I'd be happy for the event to make a donation to the LDWA.

Instead of a donation to Air Ambulance how about a donation to the Northumbria Mountain Rescue team for their efforts on the memorable Hadrian 100 this weekend gone? They were certainly needed.

Finances	Income		Expenditure
Entries	2146.70		
Tea donations	0.00		
Total Income	2146.70	Expenditure on walk	1364.87
		Donation to Air Ambulance	
Total Expenditure	1364.87	Donation to LDWA	
Surplus	781.83	Total Expenditure	1364.87

**Marshals:**

The Marshals' Walk took place on Sunday 10th February. 5 people did the marshals' short route walk, Gill Bunker, John Davies, Roy Carter, Mike Hyland and me.

Alan Leadbetter and Karen did the short route previously. DFH and Merrian route checked the loop and other sections shortly afterwards. Thanks to all for their help. Who did which job is shown below. There were a few first time marshals so hope they weren't put off.

Entries & Route Designer: Mike Hyland

Start/Finish Booking In: Dave Findel-Hawkins, Merrian Lancaster, Mike Hyland and Roy Carter, Andy Carpenter

Car Parking at Pitstone Memorial Hall and Pitstone Museum: Alan Leadbetter, John Davies, Ian Sage and Gordon Shaughnessy

Checkpoint 1 Little Gaddesden Scout Hut: Dave & Lynn Yorston, Glyn Dimmock, Alan Leadbetter, John Davies and Ian Sage

Checkpoint 2 & 3 Wigginton Village Hall: Gill Bunker, Jackie Burnett, Beryl & Mike Bowley, Valerie Hayward and Sara Waldron

Meeters and Greeters at Pitstone: Glyn Dimmock, Gordon Shaughnessy, Ian Sage

Kitchen at Pitstone: Karen Earwicker, Sandra Hyland, Pat Sage, Lucy Tink and Alison Roberts

Writing Certificates: Helen Gardner

Certificate Design: Christine Pendlebury

I've thanked all by email and also sent cards.

**Badge and certificates:** The 20th Anniversary badges went well and I still have a few left if anyone wants one.

Sara said it had been lovely to receive the personal thank you card from Norman and she had really appreciated this.

It was agreed to make a donation of £100 to the Northumbria Mountain Rescue team who had assisted on the recent Hadrian Hundred.

A donation to the LDWA in respect of the additional entry fee levied on non-LDWA members was agreed in principle. Dave will check the entrants list to find number of non-members (£3 each). The money to be sent to the LDWA with a note that if possible we would like this allocated to the fund for the new website.

*PeterE*

*Dave/  
PeterE*

**(b) Hannington Hike – June 9th 2019 – Alan Leadbetter**

Had a low turnout for the marshals' walk with only the short route being checked on the day. Adrian Moody has checked the long route loop, Terry and Therese are checking the middle route (this might be done now).

Numbers are down on previous years, as at 30th May there are 96. Hopefully will get more in the next week.

Looking ahead to next year, at the moment looking at two dates 1st March or 22nd March, this will depend on availability of halls and I will be looking into this after my holiday.

Alan confirmed the HH has the £3 differential entry fee.

Currently there are 54 LDWA members (22 BBN) and 42 non-members.

**(c) Steppingley Step - November 17th 2019 – Dave Findel-Hawkins**

Dave said all was progressing well. Routes similar to 2016.

**(d) Pick & Mix 2020 – Lynn & Dave Yorston**

To be held next June – the date to be decided.

**(e) Chiltern Kanter 2021 – Roy Carter**

Roy said the car parking at Pitstone Museum this year had worked well and the Museum have confirmed this would be available for the next event.

Good feedback from all the halls currently used.

Not a lot to be done at present, but Roy will check with Norman how soon to book the various halls. The date will be the first weekend in March 2021, with entries opening approx 6 months beforehand.

**8. Equipment**

**(a) Marshals' T shirts**

Terry will take this over.

Information about the Norfolk & Suffolk design has been received from Chelle Armour via Merrian. The colour will be decided later, but we all liked the footprint design on the back. Peter E has a contact who might be able to help with design.

Dave to get a photo of the N&S T-shirt from Merrian and pass to Terry.

**(b) Other - Nothing**

*Terry/  
DFH  
Peter E*

**9. Donations/Projects**

**(a) Plaque For Sybil Davies**

It was agreed to add a plaque to the bench at Ivinghoe, similar to that for John Nickerson – so the cost should be similar. Gill to speak with sister Jackie about the wording. Terry to order the plaque. Gill and Ian will to affix it to the bench.

*Terry/Gill*

**(b) Beds Walking Festival**

It was agreed to donate £60 to the Beds Walking Festival. Mary asked if we knew what the money would be used for. Roy to check (discreetly) with Barry Ingram.

*PeterE/  
Roy*

**(d) Greensand Ridge Benches**

Roy has been in touch with Central Beds RoW officers. The procedure is that BBN supply the money and the Council erect the benches.

We are not sure if all of the benches need replacing or restoring.

Roy to take a photo of each of the benches. To be discussed at the next meeting when a decision can be made how to proceed.

*Roy*

Sara suggested using plastic composite benches as these would be more durable. This was thought to be an excellent idea. Terry asked that anyone seeing such a bench while out and about make a note of the manufacturer.

*All*

**10. Group Activities/Weekends/Social Events**

**(a) Isle of Wight** All OK

**(b) Challenge walk centred weekends**

This is an idea suggested by Merrian, and was thought to be worth trying. Roy said he would be happy to organise. Peter S said that popular challenge events fill up quickly. It would be a good idea to support one that was not so popular.

Dave will have a think about a challenge event next year that a weekend could be organised around; the weekend having a similar format to that of Roy's Hartington weekend.

*Dave/Roy*

**(c) Other**

A Summer Social along similar lines to the Essex Herts Family Day was agreed to be an excellent idea with 5 and 10 mile walks in the morning, lunch, 5 and 10 mile walks in the afternoon and tea and cake at the finish. To be organised for the summer of 2020, in a good walking area, e.g. Woburn. For family and friends.

*Terry/Mary/  
Gill/Sara*

Terry, Mary, Gill, Sara to liaise to organise.

**11 Ideas for the Walks Calendar**

**(a) Pop-up walks** - Discussed

**(b) Attracting more leaders** - Discussed

**(c) Consistent descriptions for popular start points**

Terry commented that sometimes the same start point can be described in a different way with a slightly different grid reference. Could this be standardised?

Sara has a list of car parks in the Ivel Valley area (IV circulate this to members).

Sara will circulate this to committee members only.

*Sara*

Mary feels strongly that BBN should not circulate starting places/car parks to members.

**(d) Other ideas** - Nothing

**12 2019 AGM Update**

Dave Sedgley had forwarded details of the AGM.

9 mile morning walk from Flit Valley Discovery Barn with parking at the Barn. Lunch at the White Hart (menu in Autumn newsletter/email). AGM 2pm in the Church Hall next to the pub.

Gill to put Notice of AGM in Newsletter.

*Gill/N'letter*

The final date for nominations to the committee is 28th October.

All present indicated they would be happy to stand again.  
It was agreed to give a £10 meal subsidy to members who stay for the AGM.  
AGM reports to be circulated in advance.  
It was confirmed that the reporting year is 1st October 2018 to 30th September 2019.

*PeterE*  
*All*

**13. AOB**

- (a) **Spare Striders** were distributed.
- (b) **The next committee meeting** will be held on Thursday 31st October 2019 7.45pm at 4 Balfe Mews, Old Park Farm, Milton Keynes MK7 8QR

The meeting closed at 9.50pm




## TREASURERS REPORT – PETER ENGLDOW 21/02/2019

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE £6812.25  
 BALANCE AS AT 21/2/2009 £6989.84

Hi THE BEDS, BUCKS & NORTHANTS LOCAL

My Accounts



**BBNLGLDWA** [edit](#)  
 23-05-80 27285635  
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Current Balance  
**£6,812.25**

Available Balance  
**£6,812.25**

### INCOME FOR YEAR TO DATE SUMMARISED AS FOLLOWS

<b>BBN LDWA</b>	
Receipt Summary Summary	1/10/2018 - 30/9/2019

<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>4,096.50</b>
	% of income		
Membership	0.000	£	-
Interest	0.000	£	-
SS 2019	0.000	£	-
Pick n Mix 2019	0.000	£	-
Hannington Hike 2019	10.369	£	424.76
Miscellaneous	0.854	£	35.00
Merchandise	3.911	£	160.20
Chiltern Kanter 2019	51.808	£	2,122.30
SS2018	33.058	£	1,354.24

EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR TO DATE SUMMARISED AS FOLLOWS

<b>BBN LDWA</b>	
Payment Summary	1/10/2018 - 30/9/2019

<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>£ 4,208.90</b>
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	% of cost	Total
Merchandise	0.000	£ -
Print Post	1.407	£ 59.22
Equipment	0.000	£ -
Donations	3.065	£ 129.00
AGM	7.841	£ 330.00
Christmas Walk	0.000	£ -
Pick n Mix 2018	1.125	£ 47.34
SS 2019	0.000	£ -
Hannington Hike 2019	16.210	£ 682.25
Misc	2.328	£ 35.00
Chiltern Kanter 2019	31.228	£ 1,314.37
SS2018	36.79631258	£ 1,548.72

SUMMARISED P/L FOR CHILTERN KANTER 2019

Income	£2122.30
Expenditure	£1314.37

SUMMARY

Overall the group finances remain stable.