NORTHUMBRIA GROUP LDWA CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2014

Firstly I would like to welcome everyone to the 2014 AGM of the Northumbria Group Long Distance Walkers Association which again has been another active year for the group with a varied choice of walks. I would like to thank our hosts, The Rose and Crown for providing an excellent setting for our AGM.

The 25th Durham Dales Challenge was another successful event once again due to Chris McDowell diligence ensuring that the event ran like clockwork, with all the volunteers all dressed in fancy dress with each checkpoint having a specific theme that made the DDC a truly unique event. I would like to thank the Teesdale and Weardale Mountain Rescue team and Raynet for their invaluable help and to Clare Jeffray and her mum in making the 25th anniversary cakes.

The group manned a checkpoint once again on a rain drenched Valleys 100 in South Wales by six volunteers from the group with help from four members from Cleveland LDWA which promotes the group image nationally within the LDWA, and well done to everyone from the group who completed a very challenging 100.

I would like to give a special thank you for the following committee members who have decided to hang up their walking boots, Diane Smith, Chris McDowell, Peter Morrill, Clare Jeffray and John Scott for all their hard work and dedication in carrying out of their normally thankless duties within the group that has seen the group prosper over the years. The group would struggle without the volunteers who continually give up their time in whatever capacity e.g. recceing and leading walks, helping on the DDC, once again many thanks for your support.

The group will be going through a transitional period in the near future and ask for everyone's patience and support in what we are trying to achieve for the Northumbria group's continual success.

I would like to finish my report and wish everybody a good walking year in 2015.

Adrian Romain Wade

Chairman

5th January 2015