

# LDWA WEST LANCASHIRE GROUP

Committee Meeting  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August at 6.00pm

## Minutes

	<p><b>Apologies:</b> Andy, Richard, Jacqui, Jane and Glyn</p> <p><b>In attendance:</b> Neil, Ian, Karen, David, Mike.</p> <p>Standing items: The trig point at Darwen tower. Annual payment to the Ramblers Association. Donations to Bolton Mountain Rescue, Air Ambulance and Raynet.</p>
1	<p><b>Chairs Introduction.</b></p> <p>The previous minutes were agreed.</p>
2	<p><b>The Walking Programme</b></p> <p><u>Agenda</u></p> <p>Past Walks overview – any issues/lessons to be learnt?</p> <p>Current future Walk's programme</p> <p>What would we like to see in the future? Type/Frequency eg Thursday longer walks, Weekend Walks, Ad-hoc "Challenges", Keeping the old Challenge Walks alive?</p> <p>Discussion</p> <p>David discussed the attendance on walks which averages 15 on a Strider walk and 22 on a Tuesday walk. David continues to develop a programme for Strider walks. Jane is working on the Tuesday programme.</p> <p>There was a previous suggestion that other longer/challenging/out of area walks could be on a Thursday, when there was no long-distance walk taking place. At this meeting it was reported that nothing has happened. Neil asked whether there was an 'appetite' for these walks. A discussion took place with the conclusion that Neil was to send out the member questionnaires and then gauge the response.</p> <p>It was also previously suggested that some of the old challenge walks/other walks completed by the club could be revived, as there had been good attendance on some of these last year. The Across Bowland linear walk could be an idea for next spring. It was suggested that a 'Wainwright's club' could be formed. It was agreed that this could result from the survey. It was also suggested that if a leader could put on a more strenuous walk on a Tuesday, this would be an alternative choice for the members and reduce numbers on the Tuesday Social walk, which on occasions have been probably too large.</p> <p>Jeff had contacted Neil in regard to the old Kanter walks which used to be completed as an event. There was a discussion in regard to how these would be managed and whether they were up to date in regard to the grid references. Neil agreed to discuss this further with Jeff, who said he would be attending the Member's meeting afterwards.</p>

	<p>To ask Jeff, Doreen, Stan and Brian for ‘old’ routes. (still to action).</p> <p><b>Walk Register</b> No problems have been noted. LDWA’s Chair’s Newsletter suggested that a change of insurer had resulted in the register being completed as good practice, rather than an insurance requirement. Neil wished the completion of the register to continue.</p> <p><b>Notes for Leaders and Walkers</b> Karen has completed this and will send to all members. An issue has emerged on walks, where certain members, despite reminders and a clear protocol, continue to walk in front of the leader. One leader has stated that ‘this is rude, dis-spiriting and persistent, where those gallop ahead, miss the route and any interest along it. It is hoped that the walk notes will provide some clarification regarding the walk leaders responsibility and those on the walk.</p> <p><b>Long distance walks for 2020</b> Karen suggested the Pendle Witches Way for April/May Neil has almost finished the Lancashire Way Eastern Loop (115 mile loop in East Lancs), which he would be delighted to organise. Neil is walking the Lady Anne’s Way, which could be a possibility. Final decision to be made at the next meeting.</p>
3	<p><b>Finances</b> <u>Agenda</u> Accounts: Savings £4,107.33 Current account £2,682.58</p> <p>Glyn asked for a donation to be given in regard to the use of a car park used on a Tuesday walk. This will be used in the future. The committee agreed to this.</p> <p>Update about signatories, Neil has given the information to Lloyds.</p>
4	<p><b>Social Events</b> Discussion: It was agreed previously that the Pudding Plod should be subsidised, members to pay £10.00 and the club £5.00. Partners to pay the full amount. It was agreed to invite associate members who have led a walk. The date is agreed: 14<sup>th</sup> December. It was agreed to fund a hot pot supper at the next meeting, 14<sup>th</sup> October with a start time of 6.30. Speaker is Nick Burton, his talk is the Wainwright’s Way. It was agreed to fund the tea and cake walk in September.</p>
5	<p><b>Committee Meetings and Member Meetings</b></p> <p><b>Timetable</b> <b>Future Meetings:</b> 13<sup>th</sup> January, Ian to discuss the Amble, plus slide show on the Coast to Coast being walked by some of the Group and taster talks on the Long Distance walks being undertaken in 2020.</p>

	<p>9<sup>th</sup> March, visit to the Ambulance Service in Preston AGM is to be on the 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2020.</p> <p>No meeting in December due to Christmas social.</p>
6	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>Andy has requested that the club promotes a litter pick, particularly around car parks that we use. Members to be encouraged to take an appropriate bag on walks and collect litter.</p> <p>David asked whether any one from the committee was prepared to take on the Remembrance Day walk? There were no volunteers, so it was decided to not put this walk on the programme.</p> <p><b>Bulk emails</b> The club is to send emails to both primary and associate members.</p> <p>It was discussed that some committee members might benefit from attending LDWA meetings, ie AGM/Group Secretary's annual meeting. (outstanding from the last meeting).</p> <p>It was agreed to assist East Lancs on their Red Rose 50 event on the 14.9.2019. Rivington checkpoint from 9am – 3pm. The only equipment needed is the floor covering, everything else is provided by East Lancs. (outstanding from the last meeting).</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Ian, Karen, Robb and a request for other volunteers.</p> <p>Date of next committee meeting is the 14<sup>th</sup> October, 5.30pm to fit in with 6.30 hot pot.</p>