

1972      1973      1974      1975      1976      1977      1978      1979      1980      1981      1982

*January*  
LDWA Newsletter  
Number 1 published  
(duplicated A4)

*January*  
Informal meeting  
at Tanners Hatch  
YH to discuss  
future activities

*April* First AGM at  
Edale Village Hall

*May* First LDWA 100  
– The Downsman

Dick Crawshaw  
becomes first  
President

First local group  
formed: High Peak

North Yorks,  
Surrey, Kent,  
Essex & Herts  
Groups formed

*Newsletter*  
now printed  
and A5 size

First LDWA  
merchandise:  
T-shirts at £1.25

*November*  
LDWA Newsletter  
becomes *Strider*

First edition of  
*Long Distance  
Walkers Handbook*

Blatchford Down  
named in memory of  
Alan Blatchford,  
LDWA cofounder.

Pilgrims 100 –  
with 140 mile  
option

10 Hundreds  
Badge introduced

1983

1984

1985

1986

1987

1988

1989

1990

1991

1992

1993

First edition of  
*Guidelines for  
Events*

Family  
membership  
introduced

First 'News of  
Long Distance  
Paths' in *Strider*

The year of two  
Hundreds: Chiltern  
& Marchesman

LDWA gets a  
computer for the  
Membership  
Secretary!

Database and  
Register of  
LDPs  
established

Chris Steer  
becomes  
President

Colour cover and  
central pages  
become the norm  
for *Strider*

LDWA given  
Sports Council  
Governing Body  
status for Long  
Distance Walking

Limit of 500  
entrants on  
events introduced

Long Distance  
Paths Advisory  
Service  
launched

launched

1994

1995

1996

1997

1998

1999

2000

2001

2002

2003

2004

Steer's Field named in memory of Chris Steer, cofounder of the LDWA

Hillwalkers' Register established

Pitch Hill topograph unveiled in memory of our Founders

Sir John Johnson becomes LDWA President

Inaugural Founders Challenge

*Long Distance Paths Chart* published

LDWA becomes a Company Limited by Guarantee

Local Group Constitutions set up

LDWA website established

Foot and Mouth Disease restricts walking – no 100 this year

First local groups representatives meeting

*Strider* No 100 published

*Hillwalkers' Register Supplement* introduced

LDWA takes part in the Outdoors Show in Birmingham

2005

2006

2007

2008

2009

2010

2011

2012

New LDWA Website launched

Register of National Trail Walkers launched

20 Hundreds Badge introduced

Publication of *UK Trailwalker's Handbook*

Publication of Julie Welch's *Out on Your Feet*

Colour pages throughout *Strider*

LDWA Calendar introduced



**LDWA 40th ANNIVERSARY**

7,500 Members  
44 Local Groups  
1000 Group Walks per year  
190 Challenge Events per year