

LONG DISTANCE WALKERS ASSOCIATION - BEDS BUCKS NORTHANTS GROUP
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING - THURSDAY 19TH MAY 2022
7.30 PM - BY ZOOM

Present: Terry Brown (Chair), Gill Bunker (Secretary), Roy Carter, Peter Engledow (Treasurer), Sarah Feal, Mike Hyland, Mary Knight, Alan Leadbetter

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| 1. | Apologies: Norman Corrin, Sara Waldron | |
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| 2. | Minutes of Previous Committee Meeting (27th January) | |
| | Matters Arising: | |
| (a) | Beds Walking Festival donation: Roy to ask BWF organiser how a BBN donation would be used, and also ask about <i>Inclusion & Diversity</i> aspects of the Festival. | Roy |
| (b) | LDWA use of Meetup: Terry said there had been no update, so Meetup had not been included on the Agenda. We will keep a watching brief. | Terry |
| (c) | Tally cards: The new tally cards had been used successfully on the Hannington Hike. | |
| | The Minutes were accepted as a true record. | |
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| 3. | Reports | |
| (a) | Chair - Terry Brown | |
| | Thankfully since the last meeting our activities are running more like normal as Covid restrictions have been fully lifted and the number of cases has fallen. As a result, there has been much less LDWA NEC email traffic to deal with. I have responded to email and other queries as necessary. I've finally got the three small BBN banners sorted with Metrosigns and I've received and responded to emails from members wishing to sign up for our Midsummer Meanders event on 18 June. | |
| | Terry added that she had responded to a request from the NEC for examples of how local groups were responding to <i>Inclusion & Diversity</i> . She had reported on the BBN/EH Easy Ambles, with input from Phil Hastings and approval by Essex & Herts. | |
| (b) | Secretary - Gill Bunker | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business pretty much as usual • Tuesday News circulated each week • Emails from NEC – circulated and responded to as necessary • LDWA 50th anniversary Recipe Book still awaited | |
| (c) | Treasurer - Peter Engledow | |
| | See report p.2-3. | |
| | (i) Peter confirmed under <i>Expenses</i> item SS2019 should read SS2021 | Peter |
| | (ii) The cost of the small banners is under Equipment | |
| | (iii) Alan will give Peter the HH receipts at the P&M | Alan |
| | (iv) Gill said £120 has been paid for the hire of the hall for the First Aid training. | Peter |

TREASURERS REPORT – PETER ENGEDOW 17/5/2022

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE £5322.50
BALANCE AS AT 21/12/2021 £6015.52

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Business Community Current Account | 27285635 | 23-05-80

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£5,322.50
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INCOME TO 17/5/2022 since start of our year

| BBN LDWA | | | |
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| Receipt Summary Summary | | | |
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| | Total Receipts | | £ 4,252.64 |
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| | | % of income | |
| | Membership | 0.000 | £ - |
| | Pick n Mix | 12.645 | £ 537.75 |
| | SS 2021 | 36.764 | £ 1,563.46 |
| | Hannington Hike 2022 | 47.293 | £ 2,011.18 |
| | Miscellaneous | 3.298 | £ 140.25 |
| | Merchandise | 0.000 | £ - |
| | Chiltern Kanter 2021 | 0.000 | £ - |

EXPENDITURE TO 17/5/2022

| BBN LDWA | | | |
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| Payment Summary | | | |
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| | Total Costs | | £ 5,231.96 |
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| | | % of cost | Total |
| | Merchandise | 0.000 | £ - |
| | Print Post | 0.128 | £ 6.70 |
| | Equipment | 3.126 | £ 163.54 |
| | Donations | 19.591 | £ 1,025.00 |
| | AGM | 7.282 | £ 381.00 |
| | Christmas Walk | 0.343 | £ 17.96 |
| | SS 2019 | 30.000 | £ 1,569.57 |
| | Hannington Hike 2022 | 24.105 | £ 1,261.16 |
| | Misc | 9.707 | £ 507.88 |
| | Chiltern Kanter 2023 | 1.481 | £ 77.50 |
| | Pick n Mix 2022 | 4.236 | £ 221.65 |
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SUMMARY

Payment to Greensand re benches has been made; £1000.00

Miscellaneous expenditure since 1/10/21. Bills coaches is for the Canal Walk, and Woburn Village Hall is for the Midsummer event.

| Date | Detail - Miscellaneous | Account | Amount |
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| 18/10/21 | Woburn Village Hall | | £130.00 |
| 25/10/21 | Local Groups Meet | | £45.00 |
| 30/11/21 | Zoom | | £143.88 |
| 03/03/22 | Bills Coaches | Canals | £59.00 |
| 05/05/22 | Woburn Village Hall | Midsum | £130.00 |
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Nothing too much else to report I am pleased to say.



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| (d) | Membership - Alan Leadbetter | |
| | Alan said there were 866 members, 475 Primary and 391 Associate. | |
| | New Members – Norman Corrin | |
| | See <i>New Member Breakdown</i> p.10. Since the last committee meeting in January 18 new members have joined. I've managed to catch up on the members who joined in October last year. Some had been out walking, some hadn't, so it was handy chatting to them. For interest one of the members who joined in January is attempting the Centurion in Middlesbrough in August. One of the new members from October has taken in a Ukrainian family. When the boy (who is only 8) got into the car with his mother he said "Is this car going to be attacked with rockets as well?". His 18-year-old brother and his father are back in Ukraine. Heartbreaking. | |
| (e) | Challenge Walk Co-Ordinator - Mike Hyland | |
| | Pick & Mix: - All up and running, entries up to 106 as at today. Sundon Saunter: - Flyer on website and information in Strider, ready to go on to SiEntries in demo mode, then to go live from 1st September 2022 Chiltern Kanter: - Plans are in motion, flyer nearly done and will be ready for website, should be in next Strider in August, will put on SiEntries within the next few months, to go live from 1st December 2022. | |
| | Mike said the P&M closing date had been extended to 27th May. | |
| | Mike and Roy to liaise to finalise Chiltern Kanter flyer and August Strider entry. | Mike/Roy |
| (f) | Social Walks - Sara Waldron | |
| | Apologies for my absence from the meeting. I have continued to encourage leaders old and new to come forward. Mainly by personal arm twisting on walks and via the Tuesday News. I sent out a letter to all leaders who have not led since the Pandemic which brought in 1 walk. I'd be really grateful if anyone on the committee has any ideas for encouraging more offers. Thursday walks are taken till the end of June but there are a couple of gaps in the weekend programme I've helped sort out the Village Hall in Woburn for the Midsummer Meanders and the morning walks. | |
| | Mary said she thought every way of encouraging members to lead walks had already been tried, including presenting a mug or buff to new leaders and offering to help would-be leaders with planning and leading. Mary thought it would be a good idea to ask for future leaders at the start of a group walk. | |
| | Bedfordshire Walking Festival 2022: Roy already has one walk on the Festival/BBN programme: Thursday 15th September. He will also lead a walk on Sunday 11th September. | Roy/Sara |
| (g) | Merchandising - Peter Engledow | |
| | Peter said all merchandise sales are done via PECO. | |
| | Sarah had done an item for the TN praising the boot bag and Steve Clark has posted photos of his new hoodie. | |
| | The 5 items of old merchandise held by Dave Findel-Hawkins have all been sold. | |
| (h) | Equipment - Lynn Yorston | |
| | No-one has informed me of any changes since my last report, But if anyone knows different, please let me know. | |

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| | We have sent some photos to Gill regarding the equipment that we hold. She has put them on the webpage so that people have a better understanding of what equipment is on offer. | |
| | Terry will take a photo of the new small banners to go with the Equipment list on the website. Photo of the large banner at Hundred CP also to go on website. | Terry/Gill |
| | Sarah had followed up the insurance question raised at the last meeting and read out the response from John Elrick, LDWA Treasurer, to our query regarding equipment and insurance: <i>LDWA insurance would not cover the type of compensation claim you mention, i.e. where a LDWA item in a member's custody is stolen. However, if a stolen item was valuable or indispensable, the NEC would consider compensating the Local Group financially to allow it to be replaced. Similarly, if a member felt it necessary to declare an item of special value on their home insurance policy, the NEC would cover the cost of any uplift in the premium payable. I think photos of anything valuable or difficult to replace would be useful plus a description of what it is.</i> | |
| | No further action needed. | |
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| (i) | Website & Social Media - Gill Bunker | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website updated as needed. Mainly Challenge Event info and News; Photos copied from FB. Photos of group equipment added as supplied by the holders. • BBN Walks Database Sarah has taken this over • Facebook: 280 members. Well used. Mainly to share photos of group walks and our challenge events. • WhatsApp 18 participants. Has its moments! | |
| | Gill is keen to make sure we have back up in place as cover for holidays, computer issues, etc in case any urgent information needs to be circulated via bulk emails/FB. | Gill |
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| (j) | Local Groups Representative – Peter Engledow | |
| | Nothing heard yet about next meeting. | |
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| (k) | Walks Database - Sarah Feal | |
| | Sarah said she has a designated email address. Norman had sent some GPX files. | |
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| 4. | INSURANCE ISSUES – INCIDENT REPORTS | |
| | There have been no reportable incidents. | |
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| 5. | LDWA | |
| (a) | Safeguarding. | |
| | Terry said the Group Chair is responsible for safeguarding. She has emailed Karen Pickersgill (LDWA Groups) suggesting a Zoom meeting to discuss the policy/procedure and what to look out for. No response yet. Terry proposes to prepare a Note for members. Sarah said she would support Terry in this as this was part of her NHS training. Sarah knows of free online training resources. | Terry Sarah |
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| (b) | Inclusion & Diversity: | |
| | Terry said nothing further had been heard about this. She had sent an item to the NEC as mentioned in her report, but there had been no further feedback. We don't know if it was discussed at the AGM? | |

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| | Terry said she thought the Pick & Mix was a good example of an inclusive challenge event, with the various shorter distances offered. | |
| | It was agreed to put an item in next week's TN stressing what a good opportunity the P&M would be for someone who has not been on a challenge walk to use one of the shorter distances to get used to using a route description. To go on FB and Peter to put on Twitter. | Gill/TN Gill/FB Peter/ Twitter |
| | Sarah commented that the closing date for P&M entries on the BBN website had not been changed to 27th May. | Gill |
| | Terry stressed that the group should think of <i>Inclusion & Diversity</i> at all times when organising an event. | |
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| (c) | Catering on LDWA Events | |
| | The May NEC Newsletter includes an item from Sara Dyer, LDWA 100s Officer, regarding catering. Natasha's Law has come into force and whilst it is not thought this applies directly to individual groups, the LDWA do want all participants to be and feel as safe and welcome as possible and the catering section of the toolkit has been updated to include practical and commonsense suggestions for good practice on challenge events. The NEC has offered to pay for one or two people from each group to do the Level 1 Food Safety Certificate. | |
| | Mary said she would do the course. Alan will ask Karen if she would be interested. Mike said Sandra already has the Certificate. | Mary/Alan /Gill |
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| 6. | LDWA HUNDREDS – Mary Knight | |
| (a) | 2022 - The Trans-Pennine 100 hosted by Vermuyden, the South Yorkshire Group of the LDWA, will be taking place from Friday 3rd June until Sunday 5th June 2022. BBN will be looking after Checkpoint 2 at Penistone which is 12 miles along the route. We will be open on Friday 3rd June at 11.15am until 15.54pm. We currently have 14 marshals offering to help. All jobs have been allocated and all marshals contacted. | |
| | Mary said she had received feedback from Merrian after the Hundred Marshals' Walk and is happy with all the arrangements she has in place. She is anticipating walkers will come through very quickly. | |
| (b) | 2023 – Elephant Bear and Bull 100 based in Coventry, Warwickshire and Birmingham. The event will be hosted by a committee made up from a number of local groups. BBN have requested an early checkpoint. | |
| (c) | 2024 – The Speyside 100 , hosted by North of Scotland Group and based in Inverness/Moray area. BBN have requested a checkpoint at around the 20 mile point. | |
| (d) | 2025 – East Point 100 , hosted by Norfolk and Suffolk. Again BBN have requested a checkpoint at around the 20 mile point. | |
| (e) | 2026 – Hunnypot 100 , hosted by Kent | |
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| 7. | BBN Challenge Events | |
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| (a) | Hannington Hike (6th March 2022) – Alan Leadbetter | |
| | See Alan's report attached pages 11-13. | |
| | Alan said the event went well and he was pleased with the feedback. Asking the CP managers to supply the food for their CPs had worked well. A donation of £244 to the LDWA IT fund was agreed, being the non-LDWA levy on 61 participants. | Peter |

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| | Peter confirmed that such money is sent to the LDWA identified specifically for the IT Fund, and is then ringfenced for that project. | |
| | Alan confirmed that the next Hannington Hike will take place in March 2024, with only two routes 15.5 and 26.5 miles, and three CPs. The route planning does not allow for a short route. | |
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| (b) | Pick & Mix 2022 (29th May) – Lynn and Dave Yorston | |
| | The 2022 event is well in hand for Sunday May 29th. We have enough volunteers for help on the day and everyone involved has had an email detailing what their duties will be. We just have to finalise the food and serving arrangements. So, other than last minute revisions, we are well set for the day. There will only be an 'anytime' marshals walk and those eligible already have details. | |
| | Event to be advertised on social media and in Tuesday News as per Item 6(b). | Gill/Peter |
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| (c) | Sundon Saunter 2022 (20th November) - David Sedgley | |
| | All 3 route descriptions are ready for checking by anyone who would like to. Let me know & I'll send latest version. Halls are all booked & I think I need to send details to Dave Y? The Rights of Way lady is currently working on the 4 dodgy stiles at Wingfield - contacting landowners in hope of changing to K-gates. I'm intending to lead walk of the short route on a Thursday late summer if desired Sara? | Gill/ D Sedgley |
| | Dave Yorston's report | |
| | As reported last time, I have agreed to carry on as treasurer for these events. I will still settle the hire bills and all costs involved in the running of the event and will produce the balance sheet for the group treasurer afterwards. We have fully liaised with the walk HQ and the extra parking site in Barton. However, regarding the checkpoints, I have only had confirmation and costs from the Harlington Scouts. Nothing has been sent to us from either of the other checkpoint sites that Dave Sedgley has reserved. However, Dave S has assured us that the sites are fully booked. Therefore, we await the invoices from them and will settle up as soon as we can. | |
| | The Sundon Saunter marshals' walk will be on 30th October. | |
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| (d) | Chiltern Kanter 2023 (5th March) - Roy Carter | |
| | The Chiltern Kanter is scheduled to occur on Sunday 5th March 2023 and the Flyer made ready by the end of May 2022 for publication in the August Strider. All 3 routes have been mapped out with the short route being 14 miles, the medium route being 19 miles and the long route is 26 miles. Some tailoring of the routes will need to be done for the LDWA Risk-Assessment Report to keep entrants safe and recces for the Question-Answer GPS Sheet to keep entrants on the straight and narrow. Pitstone Hall – Booked 06:30 – 19:00 and deposit paid Aldbury Hall – Booked 09:00 – 13:00 Wigginton Small Hall – Booked 10:00 – 17:00. Things to do: Pitstone Parking, Certificates, Badges – 250 already purchased, Van Hire, Food for all 3 Checkpoints and end of walk meal, Marshals' Walk Volunteers on the day. | |
| | Roy to decide whether the CP managers will be asked to provide the food for their CP. There are new routes, there will be a new certificate. The number of walkers is increased to 250. Cost £9 for LDWA members, £12 for non-members. | |
| | Roy and Mike will sort out the event flyer and confirm the walk details for August Strider. | Mike/Roy |

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| | Dave F-H has confirmed that the LDWA AGM next year is on 11th /12th March, so there is no clash with Chiltern Kanter. | |
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| (e) | Triple Challenge – Alan Leadbetter | |
| | Alan has this in hand. Delete from Agenda. | Gill |
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| (f) | Generic Risk Assessments for BBN Challenge Events – Terry Brown | |
| | Terry has started work on this. Risk Assessments are needed for both the event and the route. She has previous HH and SS RAs. She likes the RAG (Red Amber Green) style, similar to the template in the LDWA toolkit which she says has been updated. | Terry |
| | Mary will forward the CP booklet for Penistone 100 CP which contains a RA. | Mary |
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| 8. | BBN Group Events | |
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| (a) | Isle of Man Trip (15th/19th August) - Roy Carter | |
| | Roy confirmed all going well, he has about 18 people booked, all staying in the same place. All routes are devised. | |
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| (b) | Celebrating LDWA 50th Anniversary | |
| (i) | Midsummer Meanders (Saturday 18th June) – Terry Brown | |
| | Terry confirmed the number of attendees is up to the mid-40s. Mary says she is happy with catering for this number, but will confirm if she needs help after the Hundred. | |
| | Continue to advertise. | Gill/Ali |
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| (ii) | A Grand Union of Three Counties (Saturday 30th July) - Gill Bunker | |
| | This has not proved as popular as we had hoped. 18 participants to date: 15 booked on coach, 3 making own arrangements. 1 possible Coach (Bill's Coaches) booked to depart Leighton Buzzard train station at 7.30 am and take walkers to Stoke Bruerne. Then walk back to LB. 34-seater booked. Total cost £236. Deposit of £59 paid. Balance to be paid by 22nd July. | |
| | Continue to advertise. | Gill |
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| (c) | Celebrating BBN's 40th Anniversary 2023 | |
| | Current ideas: | |
| | Greensand Ridge in a Day | |
| | Milton Keynes Boundary Walk 3 days | |
| | Northampton Round 51 miles | |
| | Aylesbury Ring | |
| | Cream Tea Walk – Terry suggested a walk followed by a DIY cream tea in a village hall | |
| | Group weekend based on a challenge walk (the previously planned Marsden Moors weekend had been cancelled) | |
| | A quiz – inviting neighbouring groups | |
| | A sub-committee formed – Terry. Mary, Gill. Ideas to put to the AGM. | Terry/ Mary/Gill |
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| 9. | Projects/Donations | |
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| (i) | Projects | |
| (a) | Greensand Ridge Benches - Roy Carter | |
| | <p>The status on the project to refresh 6 BBN benches on the Greensand Ridge Walk.</p> <p>Here they are ready to install once Jon Balaam from Greensand Country obtains site permission. The bench at Everton is possibly the 1st to be installed today. Not all the benches will be replaced, only the bad and missing benches and any new bench locations which Terry has suggested</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div> | |
| | Roy confirmed that the bench at Everton had been installed today. The plaque is still to be fixed. The bench has been re-sited on public land and is a little higher on the ridge than previously. | |
| | Terry confirmed that all the six original benches will be replaced. Any that are good enough to be salvaged will be offered to members. She said as well as replacing the original six benches, there would be two additional ones – hopefully at Segenhoe and Old Warden tunnel. | |
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| (b) | First Aid Course - Gill Bunker | |
| | <p>Led by Sue Clements.</p> <p>River Valley Centre, Emerson Valley, Milton Keynes booked 8.30 to 5.30; the course will be 9.30 to 5. Cost of hall £120. Paid. Merrian will bring a screen.</p> <p>10 attendees confirmed to date. The cost per person is £60. It was agreed at our last meeting to ask for a £30 contribution from each participant. I've not asked for this yet. Thought it would be simpler to email all participants at the same time.</p> <p>We also have to pay Sue's travel mileage costs.</p> <p>It has been confirmed to all invitees that there is absolutely no expectation that they will become event first aiders or indeed have any formal responsibilities. The idea is simply that the more folk who have some basic first aid knowledge the better it would be.</p> <p>I am assuming we will ask folk to bring their own snacks/lunch but I can take drinks, biscuits etc.</p> | |
| | A further 2/4 participants needed. | Gill |
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| (c) | Banners | |
| | The new smaller banners have been received. See Terry's report, p.1. | |
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| (ii) | Donations: | |

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| | Donations since the last committee meeting: | |
| | £1,000 Greensand Trust – installation of the new benches | |
| | £25 Stepney City Farm, use of their facilities on the Oranges & Lemons walk | |
| | £244 Hannington Hike non-members levy to LDWA IT Fund | |
| | Possible £60 to Beds Walking Festival | |
| | These donations to be reported to members in TN once a decision has been made about the Beds Walking Festival donation. Members to be asked for ideas for future donations. It was noted that the BBN 40th anniversary celebrations next year may require some funding. | Roy/Gill |
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| 10. | AGM – Alan Leadbetter’s report: | |
| | Northill Village Hall booked 27th November 12.00 to 17.00. The Crown booked for 25 places at 12.30. The morning walk has been walked out and I plan to start the walk on the day at 8.45. Plan to visit the pub in August to see about the menu. | Alan |
| | It was agreed that AGM attendees would receive a £10 contribution towards the cost of their meal as in previous years, | Peter |
| | Alan is looking at a venue in Northants for the 2023 AGM. | Alan |
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| | Committee Positions | |
| | Both Terry (Chair) and Peter (Treasurer) will have reached the end of their 5-year term in office and will be standing down at the AGM. Alan also indicated that he would be standing down. | |
| | Terry and Peter will do a summary of the Chair and Treasurer roles, which will /hen be advertised. | Terry/ Peter/Gill |
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| 11. | AOB None | |
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| 12. | Date of Next Committee Meeting: Thursday 6th October 2022 at 7.30 by Zoom | |
| | (Provisional date in the absence of two members) | Gill |

Item 3(d) New Member Breakdown

| Date of email | Number of members Joined | Opted out of Local Group Emails | Number of Members contacted | Membership type - Class | Membership type - Family | Membership type -Individual Total | Membership type | |
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| | | | | | | | -Individual - Female | Membership type Individual - Male |
| 01/11/2021 | 19 | 9 | 10 | 19 Primary | 6 | 13 | 6 | 7 |
| 09/12/2021 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 6 Primary | 3 | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| 04/01/2022 | 13 | 3 | 10 | 13 Primary | 0 | 13 | 4 | 9 |
| 07/02/2022 | 9 | 0 | 9 | 9 Primary | 3 | 6 | 4 | 2 |
| 12/03/2022 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 6 Primary | 0 | 6 | 4 | 2 |
| 05/04/2022 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 Primary | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| 07/05/2022 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 Primary | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Total so far this year | 56 | 14 | 42 | | 12 | 44 | 18 | 25 |

Item 7 (a) Hannington Hike 2022 Report

The same routes as the last Hannington Hike (2020) were used. It was decided to open the entries to LDWA member for the first month.

The marshals' walk took place on 13/02/2022 with seven marshals walking the short route, the other routes were checked during the following weeks. On the day of the event it was found that there was a slight mistake on the long and middle routes. I had them turning left when it should have been turn right at the point where all routes joined up near the end.(did not lose anyone so it was not too bad).

249 people entered with 215 starting they chosen routes, with only 3 people retiring.

I would like to thank all the marshals without whom these events would not be able to take place:

David Findel-Hawkins, Merrian Lancaster, Karen Earwicker, Liz Sheffield, Andrew Gilberston, Lynn Yorston, Gill Bunker, Phil Vidler, Dave Yorston, Anne Addison, Sarah Feal, Rachel Martin, Mary Knight, Terry Brown, Mike Hyland, Chris Burns, Frank Hodgson and Gordon Shaughnessy.

Thank you to Gill and Mary for managing the checkpoints. Mary made some lovely flapjacks and rocky road which went down well at the Hannington checkpoint, also the bread pudding at the Broughton checkpoint went down well (thank you to Jane Bayes for making it).

The next Hannington Hike will take place in March 2024. There will only be two routes 15.5 and 26.5 miles. The 26.5 miles route will take a short trip around part of Pitsford Reservoir.

Comments:

*I just wanted to thank you for a fantastic day at the Hannington Hike. It was absolutely superb in every way. I really appreciate all of the work that went into this event - thanks so much. **Gavin Hall***

*Hannington Hike 2022 you were a blast, a muddy blast. Thank you to all of the organisers/volunteers for looking after us. The trail and weather conditions were tough! This is my 3rd LDWA event now and I love them, better stocked and more welcoming than most races you pay 10x the price for. **Del Dunworth***

*Today's Hannington Hike gave us every season over the 27 miles we plodded over her course.....lovely crew, lovely trail mates, lovely spring lambs, lovely friendly horses greeting us at stilesnot so lovely sticky claggy mud! Thank you for another stellar event and what a glorious surprise to see some familiar faces along the way. **Sara Fabien***

*Thanks for another well organised and supported event. Muddy and tough but great to be outdoors. And a big thank you for my jam sandwich. **Lesley Wes Bernard***

*A big thank you to all helpers today at the Hannington Hike we had a lovely day. **Joanne Shore***

*Thank you so much to all the lovely marshals and volunteers for looking after everyone doing the Hannington Hike today, especially for the friendly welcome at each checkpoint, the tasty treats (special mention to the lovely lady who actually made all that amazing rocky road and delicious flapjacks), the hot and cold drinks and the super clean facilities. I'm sure everyone will agree we are so very grateful to you all. Middle distance for my son and I today but probably ran up a few extra miles trying to dodge the wet, squelchy, sticky and deep mud and clay ~ which tried several times to steal my shoes! **Justine Cullen***

Another fantastic day out, mud, water, the odd shower, sunshine and amazing checkpoints

and Marshals who make the day possible. Well done BB&N great event should be renamed Hannington Hike mud fest! **Jonathan Venning**

Fantastic 27:47 mile Hannington Hike today. We had blue skies, dark skies, sunshine & a bit of drizzle & plenty of slippery/slidey MUD which made the going tough in parts & gave you 'moon boots'. Special thanks must go to the organisers & marshals who all worked really hard to give us all a very enjoyable days walk & provided us with ample & delicious food at the checkpoints. If you haven't walked this event before, then please do so next time - you won't be disappointed. **Pam Manning**

The Hannington Hike. What a great day. Muddy, rain stayed away apart for little bits and the going was tough due to the mud. Great food **Steve Clark**

Thank You to all involved in organising the Hannington Hike Refreshment at beginning, end and also during the event were superb. A very muddy event but also extremely enjoyable. My friend Julie joined me from the East Yorkshire LDWA group and we had a great day out. **Di Baldwin**

Can I make a request that the Hannington hike is renamed the Hannington tough mudder. As usual great organisation and thanks to all the volunteers. I have aches in places I've not had aches in a long while. Great day despite the mud and the occasional soaking. Not many photos as spent most of the time trying to stand up, sometimes unsuccessfully. **John Monksfield**

Event Details

| | 14 | 18 | 27 |
|---------------------|----|----|-----|
| expected | 40 | 53 | 151 |
| non-starters | 8 | 3 | 18 |
| starters | 32 | 50 | 133 |
| retired | 1 | 2 | 0 |

| | Walk | Run |
|---------------|------|-----|
| Male | 95 | 37 |
| Female | 82 | 35 |

| | Walk | Run |
|-----------------|------|-----|
| 27 miles | 110 | 59 |
| 18 miles | 38 | 4 |
| 14 miles | 29 | 6 |

| Age | 20-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50-59 | 60-69 | 70-89 |
|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | 5 | 16 | 49 | 91 | 63 | 21 |

The average age of entrant was 57

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| Anytime Anywhere | 8 | Kent | 2 | Staffordshire | 1 |
| Beds, Bucks & Northants | 85 | Lincolnshire | 5 | Surrey | 1 |
| Bristol | 2 | London | 3 | Sussex | 2 |
| East Lancashire | 1 | Norfolk and Suffolk | 15 | Thames Valley | 9 |
| East Yorkshire | 2 | North Yorkshire | 3 | Wessex | 2 |
| Essex and Herts | 19 | Sherwood | 7 | | |

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|-------------------------|----|-------------------------|---|--------------------|----|
| Heart of England | 13 | South Manchester | 1 | | |
| High Peak | 1 | South Pennine | 2 | | |
| Irregulars | 2 | South Wales | 2 | Non-Members | 61 |

Accounts

| INCOME | | OUT GOING | |
|-----------|----------|--------------|----------|
| SiEntries | 252.00 | Halls | 471.00 |
| SiEntries | 414.00 | Badges | 266.34 |
| SiEntries | 519.00 | Certificates | 66.00 |
| SiEntries | 171.00 | Food | 322.81 |
| SiEntries | 655.18 | Van+ Fuel | 135.01 |
| | 2,011.18 | | 1,261.16 |

Surplus £750.02 - £241= £509.02

As there were 61 non-members on the event £241 will be donated to the LDWA for the website development.

Corrected at the meeting to £244