

LONG DISTANCE WALKERS ASSOCIATION - BEDS BUCKS NORTHANTS GROUP
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2022 7.30 PM - BY ZOOM

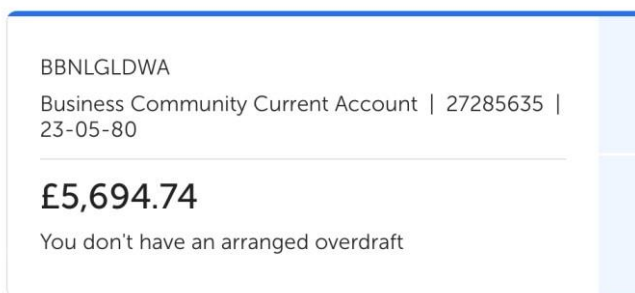
Present: Terry Brown (Chair), Gill Bunker (Secretary), Roy Carter, Norman Corrin, Peter Engledow (Treasurer), Mike Hyland, Mary Knight, Alan Leadbetter, Sara Waldron

1.	Apologies: Sarah Feal	ACTION
2.	Minutes of previous Committee Meeting (19th May 2022) and Matters Arising	
	Matters Arising:	
	Item 2(a) £60 donation to the Beds Walking Festival: This had been agreed via email and paid. Roy had led two walks for the Festival which had been well attended (19 on the Sunday, 22 on the Thursday). Thank you to Roy for raising the profile of LDWA/BBN.	
	Item 3(i) Holiday cover. Gill said this had worked well this year.	
	Item 5(c) Catering on LDWA Events: Alan will ask Karen if she has done the Level 1 Food Safety course.	Alan
	Gill has done the course and has spoken to Merrian about using the <i>Food Safety and Checkpoint Hygiene</i> document in the LDWA Toolkit and this being circulated to marshals before an event.	Gill
	The Minutes were approved as a true record.	
3.	Reports	
(a)	Chairman Terry Brown	
	<p>Since the last meeting it's been quite a busy summer with a lot happening! I've responded to general queries and information received from LDWA NEC as usual.</p> <p>I was pleased to be a marshal at BBN's Checkpoint 2 on the Trans Pennine 100mile challenge event and the BBN Pick and Mix challenge in May.</p> <p>To celebrate the LDWA 50th anniversary we put on a walks and social day, Midsummer Meanders, in June and organised a Grand Union Canal walk in July both of which were well attended and produced good feedback. There has been some progress on the Greensand Ridge Walk bench replacement project; I've collected one of the old oak bench seats and another one is available.</p> <p>As part of the BBN 40th Anniversary celebration planning team, I have helped shaped our programme of events for 2023.</p> <p>Due to being a way quite a lot over the summer I haven't made as much progress with the BBN challenge event risk assessment review as I would have liked.</p>	
	Terry added that she will be sharing with Sara the stock of badges, buffs and mugs to be taken to group walks.	
(b)	Secretary Gill Bunker	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday News circulated each week • Emails from NEC – circulated and responded to as necessary • LDWA 50th anniversary Recipe Book still awaited • I've done the Level 1 Food Safety Course – informative 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photos/brief words about MM and AGUOTC submitted for December Strider • I attended the LGO Zoom meeting 19th July. Mainly NEC updates and call for volunteers. My notes/Karen Pickersgill's <i>Notes & Action Points</i> circulated to committee. All dealt with. 	
(c)	Treasurer <i>Peter Engledow</i>	

TREASURERS REPORT – PETER ENGLEDDOW 30/09/2022

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE £5694.74
BALANCE AS AT 17/05/2022 £5322.50



INCOME TO 30/9/2022 since start of our year

BBN LDWA			
Receipt Summary Summary			
	Total Receipts		£ 5,787.49
		% of income	
	Membership	0.000	£ -
	Pick n Mix	17.531	£ 1,014.60
	SS 2021	27.014	£ 1,563.46
	Hannington Hike 2022	34.750	£ 2,011.18
	Miscellaneous	11.058	£ 640.00
	Merchandise	0.747	£ 43.25
	SS 2022	8.899	£ 515.00

EXPENDITURE TO 30/09/2022

BBN LDWA		
Payment Summary		
	Total Costs	£ 6,394.57
	% of cost	Total
Merchandise	0.000	£ -
Print Post	0.422	£ 26.98
Equipment	2.557	£ 163.54
Donations	16.968	£ 1,085.00
AGM	5.958	£ 381.00
Christmas Walk	0.281	£ 17.96
SS 2019	24.545	£ 1,569.57
Hannington Hike 2022	19.722	£ 1,261.16
Misc	15.590	£ 996.93
Chiltern Kanter 2023	1.212	£ 77.50
Pick n Mix 2022	12.744	£ 814.93

SUMMARY

Miscellaneous receipts during the year.

Date	Miscellaneous	Account	Amount
23/02/22	Bunker	Canal	£5.00
25/02/22	Read	Canal	£5.00
28/02/22	Waldron	Canal	£5.00
04/03/22	Davis	Canal	£5.00
11/03/22	Brockway	Canal	£10.00
14/03/22	Bannister	Canal	£5.00
16/03/22	Brown	Canal	£5.00
17/03/22	Bunker	First Aid	£30.00
21/03/22	Brockway	First Aid	£30.00
01/04/22	Cullen	Canal	£10.00
08/04/22	Thompson	Canal	£5.00
12/05/22	Howatt	Canal	£10.00
12/05/22	Busch	Canal	£5.00
24/05/22	Feal S	First Aid	£30.00
25/05/22	Francis C	Canal	£5.00
25/05/22	Porter	Canal	£5.00
01/06/22	Davies	First Aid	£30.00
01/06/22	Terry B	First Aid	£30.00
01/06/22	Leadbetter A	First Aid	£30.00
06/06/22	Lancaster M	First Aid	£30.00
13/06/22	Moody A	First Aid	£30.00
20/06/22	Sheffiel;d	First Aid	£30.00
06/07/22	Knight M	First Aid	£30.00
06/07/22	Knight M	Canal	£5.00
27/07/22	Woburn refund	Midsum Meanders	£150.00
25/07/22	Hamson	Canal	£5.00
01/08/22	Waldron	Canal	£10.00
09/09/22	Missing G	First Aid	£30.00
09/09/22	Bramley C	First Aid	£30.00
12/09/22	Corrin N	First Aid	£30.00
	Total		£640.00

Miscellaneous Expenses during the year.

Date	Detail - Miscellaneous	Account	Amount
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
19/05/22	Hall re First Aid	First Aid Course	£120.00
08/07/22	Gill exps	Midsum	£12.35
22/07/22	Bills Coaches	Canals	£236.00
17/08/22	Knight M	Mids Mean Exp	£105.32
17/08/22	Knight M	100 Exp	£15.38
	Total		£996.93

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overall, we remain reassuringly solvent Introducing some new software this end, cost nil to BBN Costs for events are likely to rise over the next period; do we charge enough? Just putting this out there. <p>Nothing too much else to report I am pleased to say.</p>	
	<p>Both Roy (Chiltern Kanter) and Alan (Hannington Hike) confirmed they had increased the entry fee for their next event:</p> <p>CK: from £7 (LDWA)/£10 (non-LDWA) to £9/£12.</p> <p>HH: from £8 (LDWA)/£12 (non-LDWA) to £10/£15.</p>	

(d)	Membership <i>Alan Leadbetter</i>	
	Membership as of 1st October stands at 916 consisting of 498 primary and 418 associate members.	
	New Member Welcome <i>Norman Corrin</i>	
	Since the last committee meeting in May 14 new members have joined. I've still to contact 3 from the email on the 2nd October. Their phones have gone to voicemail or numbers have been unobtainable. I'll sort this week This report covers for the membership year from October 2021 to September 2022.	

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 - 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
03/07/2022	4	0	4	4 Primary	1	3	2	1
06/08/2022	3	1	2	3 Primary	0	3	1	2
03/09/2022	2	0	2	2 Primary	0	2	1	1
02/10/2022	5	0	2	5 Primary	2	3	1	2
Total so far this year	70	15	52		15	55	24	31

	Norman confirmed he has now contacted all the new members.	
(e)	Challenge Walk Co-Ordinator <i>Mike Hyland</i>	
	<p>Sundon Saunter :- Event is open and as of Sunday 2nd October there are 170 entries so far and the event opens for all from 23rd October</p> <p>Chiltern Kanter :- Flyer done and is on website (BBN and LDWA), is on SiEntries in demo mode and will be ready to go live from 1st December 2022</p> <p>Pick And Mix :- Plans are in motion, with a new venue and new routes, flyer is done and on website (BBN and LDWA) should be in the next Strider in December, will put on SiEntries within the next few months, to go live from 1st March 2023</p>	
	Mike said the entry for the Sundon Saunter as at today was 183 with a 250 limit,	
(f)	Social Walks <i>Sara Waldron</i>	
	Since the last meeting I have continued to try to fill the walks programme. Thursday walks are pretty good with most being full until the end of the year. Weekend walks are more problematic – there seem to be fewer folk willing to offer a weekend walk. This may reflect our member demographic.	
	<p>I have assisted in arranging the Midsummer Meanders and Grand Union of Three Counties events.</p> <p>I have taken part of the merchandise stock and take it to Thursday walks. So far I've given 2 mugs to new leaders and sold a BBN Cloth badge and a Buff.</p>	
	Sara said that the walks programme would not be listed in December Strider. Instead walkers will be directed to the website for up-to-date information.	
(g)	Merchandising <i>Peter Engledow</i>	
	The guys at Peco do not appear to have increased prices and all of our range remains available. I do not have any other data sorry.	
	It was agreed to keep a note of the number of BBN badges, buffs and mugs we have so they can be re-ordered if/when necessary. The list to be on the website.	Gill
(h)	Equipment <i>Lynn Yorston</i>	
	<p>No-one has informed me of any changes since my last report, but if anyone knows different, please let me know.</p> <p>We have had a chat with DFH regarding the storage of the BBN equipment. He finds that he now has extra space and is willing to take more of the goodies on a permanent basis. Also, as he lives in the centre of the catchment area for our group, it really does make sense for the majority of equipment to be held there in MK.</p> <p>Therefore, with the committee's permission, we shall start to relocate the goodies as convenient to us all. I shall keep the list up to date with what is at its new location.</p>	Lynn
	It was agreed that DFH would hold equipment as necessary.	DFH
	Updated Equipment List to go on website when the transfer completed.	Gill
	Marshals' t-shirts: Terry said we need more medium and large marshals' t-shirts. She suggested 10 of each. This was agreed. Terry will check the cost.	Terry

	Terry currently holds the marshals' t-shirts. Would it make more sense for DFH to keep them so they can be sent to new marshals with CP equipment?	Terry/DFH
(i)	Website & Social Media Gill Bunker	
	Website updated as needed. Mainly Challenge Event Info/Results and News; Members mostly put photos on FB now – I copy them over to the website. Facebook: 295 members. Well used. Mainly to share photos of group walks and challenge events. WhatsApp: 22 participants. Keeps us all in touch!	
(j)	Local Groups Rep Peter Engledow	
	Peter will be attending the LGRs' meeting in November. It was agreed the only item that we would like included on the Agenda was the payment of expenses and how other groups handle this. Peter will contact Karen Pickersgill.	Peter
	Peter's costs of the weekend will be paid. He hasn't heard anything further yet.	
(k)	Walks Database Sarah Feal	
	Sarah was not able to attend.	
	It was agreed we need to publicise this database again. Sara will remind leaders to forward their own GPX file to Sarah or ask if anyone on the walk could do this.	Sara

4.	Insurance Issues – Incident Reports Nothing to report.	
5.	LDWA	
(a)	Safeguarding	
	Terry has heard nothing about a Zoom meeting and will chase.	
(b)	Inclusion & Diversity	Terry
	Nothing further heard, but we felt we are doing our bit.	
(c)	LDWA Pubs & Beer Group (walks advertised/booked via Meetup)	
	Terry outlined the information we have received about this group, the criteria for walks that would be suitable, and how these walks would be advertised. It was agreed to put this information in the Tuesday News to see what response there is.	Gill/TN
6.	LDWA Hundreds Mary Knight	
(a)	2022 -Trans-Pennine 100 Mary said the CP went really well.	
	Future Hundreds	

(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 accepted the request to look after checkpoint 3, Alvechurch, 17.7 miles in.	
(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	

7.	BBN Challenge Events	
(a)	Pick & Mix 2022 (29th May 2022)	
	The weather was really lovely which allowed registration to be outside for most of the day. The team beat a hasty retreat when a shower bubbled up from nowhere during the late afternoon. A few walkers commented that they had encountered a good shower around the same time. We set up the refreshments so that only helpers would be indoors. The walkers came in to gather what they needed and then went back out onto the patio. This limited the use of plastic floor covering too. The routes had some major changes to accommodate HS2 works. The green route was heavily affected by haul roads and closed or diverted footpaths. We had a couple of under 18s on the event and the oldest walker was reported to be in his 90s. All credit to them for completing their chosen routes. Well done to 2 walkers who both covered the furthest distance of 31 miles in 4 loops. Everyone finished well within the 10-hour limit and we were ready, cleared up and gone by our 19.00 deadline. In total 109 walkers covered a total of 1934 miles in 227 loops.	

	Many thanks to all who helped us in advance and on the day. Merrian Lancaster, Dave Findel-Hawkins, Gordon Shaughnessy, Christine & Ian Burns, Karen Earwicker, Phil Vidler, Alan Leadbetter, Kim Reed, Tony Hill and Terry Brown. Further thanks to Missenden CofE School for allowing us to visit them again this year.	
	Future Events	
(b)	Sundon Saunter 2022 (20th November 2022) David Sedgley	
	Dave Yorston's report: Dave Sedgley is progressing with the organisation of this event. All CP & HQ sites have been settled and payment for everything is in hand.	

	<p>David Sedgley's report: Route descriptions for all routes almost finalized. I'm rechecking from CP 2 to beyond Eversholt this weekend. The 4 dodgy stiles in Wingfield are about to be changed to K-gates by CBC ROW dept. An overgrown path west of Harlington was cleared by my footpath group last month. There are a number of other minor issues I'm trying to sort. The route through Sundon Quarry has been mown and was easy to follow on my walk last week. But I'm intending to put red/white tape through it before marshals walk. Can Dave FH & others bring the usual kit to HQ on morning of event please?</p> <p>In addition 1) There was an impassible field just beyond A4012 (on way to Battlesden) - but the maize crop which went right up to fences has now been removed & it's fine. 2) A small field on 17 mile route which was fine when we walked it early in the year has now scrubbed up. It's off B530 just north of Fancott. I've been in touch with ROW officer & my footpath group will clear it in next couple of weeks - before the marshals' walk.</p>	
	It was agreed to set up a WhatsApp group for communications between HQ and the CPs.	Gill
(c)	Chiltern Kanter 2023 (5th March 2023) Roy Carter	
	Roy confirmed that all the halls are booked and the flyer is ready. The marshals' walk will be on Sunday 12th February.	
	Roy said he needs to make a decision on the route from Pitstone to the first CP and the route back to HQ from the last CP. He wants to include Pitstone windmill and the Ivinghoe Beacon (as these are on the badge and certificate) but is concerned about the road crossing after the windmill. It was suggested there be a marshal each side of the road to help walkers cross safely. It was agreed it would be perfectly acceptable to use the same route as the Chiltern Anytime Kanter.	
	Roy may use a different HQ for the next event.	
(d)	Pick & Mix 2023 (4th June 2023 tbc) Lynn & Dave Yorston	
	The 2023 event will be held on June 4th at a new location in Wendover. All plans are well in hand but a very close eye will be kept on the potential Coronation Day for our new King as the rumours are that it will be around that date. We already have four new routes and are working on the others. There is even wheelchair & buggy friendly interest route to encourage families to join us.	
(e)	Hannington Hike 2024 (6th March 2024) Alan Leadbetter	
	Planning is going well, only 2 routes 15.5 miles and 26.6 miles. Revising the start of both routes, taking out the loop on the long route to take the route to pass part of Pitsford Water and to include a checkpoint in Holcot, then back through Sywell. Short route has been walked and route description has been written and GPX file created. Will start on long route soon.	
	<p>Broken Stile</p> <p>When I recced the new long route of HH there was a broken stile, was wondering if we could contribute to either repair or replace it.</p>	
	As there is still plenty of time before the event Alan will contact the RoW people/the landowner to see if they will action this. A decision about a contribution can then be made at a later date.	Alan

	Alan confirmed there will be 3 CPs on the long route.	
(f)	Generic Risk Assessment for BBN events <i>Terry Brown</i>	
	Terry will progress this.	Terry
8.	BBN Group Events	
(i)	Celebrating the LDWA's 50th Anniversary	
(a)	Midsummer Meanders (<i>Saturday 18th June 2022</i>) <i>Sara Waldron</i>	
	Very successful event. Enjoyed by all. Sara had obtained a refund of our £100 deposit and £50 compensation in view of the state of the hall and the amount of cleaning that had to be done before the kitchen could be used.	
(b)	A Grand Union of Three Counties (<i>Saturday 30th July 2022</i>) <i>Gill Bunker</i>	
	23 walkers on the day, 13 completed the 27-mile walk, 10 did between 4½ and 18½ miles. 20 paid £5 for coach travel = £100. Total cost of coach was £295 so subsidy was £195.'34 seater coach booked – 20 booked on coach but only 15 on the day. Two late DNS (Covid/injury) plus 3 went direct to Stoke Bruerne due to the train strike. Feedback: The early start from Leighton Buzzard put some would-be walkers off.	
(ii)	Isle of Man Trip (<i>15th/19th August 2022</i>) <i>Roy Carter</i>	
	A very enjoyable trip. Roy to let Terry have a paragraph about the trip.	Roy
	Future Events	
(iii)	Celebrating BBN's 40th Anniversary 2023	
	Terry outlined the sub-committee's initial ideas: 1. Greensand Ridge in a Day Walking east to west. Main stop at Ampthill. Date: Saturday 10th June 2. Milton Keynes Boundary Walk 3 days 63 miles 3x day walks with minibus. Saturdays in March, April, May 3. Northampton Round 51 miles 6 loops as Thursday walks, one per month 4. Walks and Afternoon Tea/Cream Tea/Birthday Cake Date: Saturday 22nd July. Varied length walks, with different start times, all finishing by 2.30pm. Woburn Village Hall is available. 5. Group weekend based on a challenge walk DFH thinks the Marsden Moors event may be too strenuous for some members 6. Walk & Quiz – inviting neighbouring groups 7. River Ouse Cruise with Walk and Food 8. Tring Boundary Trail 28 miles (+ shorter option) Not part of 40th celebrations as mainly in Herts. To go on programme with invite to Essex Herts and Thames Valley. Saturday and/or Thursday	BBN40 Team
	These ideas, other suggestions and possible subsidies were discussed. The team will meet again before the AGM to firm up plans and dates.	

(iv)	Roy's next trip <i>Roy Carter</i>	
	Roy is thinking the end of August for next year's trip.	Roy
9.	Financial Matters/Projects/Donations	
(i)	Adoption of a formal procedure for members to claim expenses	
	Terry had prepared some notes and points to consider. She outlined these. A formal procedure was agreed to be a good idea in principle – particularly for travel costs.	
	Peter will look at the figures and how it might work for BBN, and find out what other groups are doing at the LGR meeting in November.	Peter
(ii)	Projects Update	
(a)	Greensand Ridge Benches <i>Terry Brown/Roy Carter</i>	
	Roy read out an update from Jon Balaam (Greensand Trust) on the status of the project. 6x original BBN benches + 3 new others.	
	<u>Heath Wood</u> – installed. Teresa – we have the top piece at Rushmere saved for you. <u>Rushmere</u> – not yet installed, will be during October <u>Houghton Conquest</u> – installed <u>Clophill</u> – considered to be in ok condition so not to be replaced at this stage. <u>Northill</u> (Home Wood) – to be installed in October. Delay due to confusion over land ownership – clarified, and landowner is sponsoring. <u>Everton</u> – installed <u>Locations for the 2 additional ones</u> plus one originally suggested for Clophill: Haynes – JB to contact Haynes P3 Amphill Park – in discussion with ATC, may be issue with sponsorship of benches not normally being permitted. To meet ATC 5/10. Sandy – JB to contact STC.	
	Norman would like one of the old benches.	Terry/
(b)	First Aid Course (<i>Saturday 29th October 2022</i>) <i>Gill Bunker</i>	
	Led by Sue Clements, taking place at The River Valley Centre, Emerson Valley, Milton Keynes Cost of hall £120. Paid. Fully booked with 14 attendees. Everyone who expressed interest has a place, Attendees are contributing £30 towards the cost, which is now £63 per person. We also have to pay Sue's travel mileage costs which she has confirmed will be 102 miles @ 40p per mile. I make the total cost £1042.80, less a contribution of £420 from attendees, leaving a balance of £622.80 from group funds. Sue will invoice the group after the course has taken place. 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.	

(iii)	Greensand Country Landscape Partnership Terry Brown It was agreed not to proceed with this. Terry will contact them.	Terry
	It was agreed, however, that a donation could be made for a future project if it met both the objectives of the LDWA and BBN's criteria for donations.	
(iv)	Donations No further suggestions from the membership. It was agreed to ask at the AGM.	AGM
10.	AGM Sunday 27th November 2022, 2.30pm Alan Leadbetter Walk will start from Northill Village Hall at 8.45am (please note the early start), and include a short break half way round. Have booked 24 places for the meal at The Crown in Northill which is just across the road from the hall, meal to start at 12.30pm. I have agreed at deal for 2 course meal £26.00 or 3 course meal £30.00. Alan needs everyone's choices by 20th November (Sundon Saunter) so he can take them to The Crown on Monday 21st. A £10 subsidy to BBN members who attend the AGM had previously been agreed Peter and will be paid at the end of the meeting.	will
	Committee Positions Alan and Norman had previously indicated they would be stepping down at the AGM. Alan will continue to organise the Hannington Hike and the 2023 AGM. Both Terry as Chair and Peter as Treasurer have served 5 years. Terry said she would be happy to do an extra year because she thought it would be a bit unfair for a new person to take on the 40th anniversary programme, Similarly Peter would be happy to hand over to someone else, but if no one is forthcoming he will do another year, All other committee members indicated they would stand for re-election.	
	Everyone to think about possible new committee members.	All
	2023 AGM – Alan Leadbetter Great Doddington Memorial Hall (cost £150), with a meal at The Stag's Head. Alan The walk includes Summer Leys Nature Reserve.	
11.	AOB: None	
	12. Date of next committee meeting Provisionally arranged for Thursday 19th January at 7.30 via Zoom	