

LONG DISTANCE WALKERS ASSOCIATION - BEDS BUCKS & NORTHANTS GROUP
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2025 (MICROSOFT TEAMS)

Present: **5** Francoise Bannister (Treasurer), Jim Blakelock, Dee Brockway, Terry Brown (Chair for this meeting), Roy Carter.

1.	Apologies: Sarah Feal, Gill Bunker, Chris Burns, Mike Hyland, Sara Waldron	ACTION
	We noted Chris's sad news and request to stand down from the Committee. We agreed this should be with immediate effect and to take her off the Group WhatsApp and everyone's BBN Committee email circulation lists and that a note of appreciation for her time on the Committee be sent to Chris – format still to be decided.	Gill All
2.	Minutes of the Previous Committee Meeting (5th June 2025)	
	The Minutes were accepted as a true record.	
	Matters Arising: All matters arising had been dealt with or were on the agenda for discussion during the meeting.	
3.	Reports	
(i)	Chair – Sarah Feal	
	Nothing to report	
(ii)	Secretary – Gill Bunker (04/09/2025)	
	• Tuesday News circulated regularly • NEC Emails circulated/responded to as necessary • New members Details sent to Dee each week • BBN membership as at 04/09/2025 Primary 521 + Associate 485 Total = 1,006 (04/09/25) 8 new Primary members since the last committee meeting on 5th June. There were no new primary members from 6th July until two (family) joined on 3rd September. Both have entered the Sundon Saunter. • Website kept updated. • Facebook 420 members, WhatsApp: 37 members (both as at 04/09/2025) • LDWA Toolkit – there don't appear to be any updates to circulate. • Don't Lose Your LDPs - email to Iain Connell 21st July confirming BBN will adopt the Cross Bucks Way. No acknowledgment yet. It is still showing on the website as <i>an old route which is not currently verifiable as a Long-Distance Path.</i> • LGO meeting 1st July - Email to Madeleine Watson 25th August about notes/minutes. No response yet. • New email system now in operation. • Plea for marshals put in TN. 6 responded. Jim B, Nick, Deb, Jim R, Graham D and Chris Bent. Their names passed to DFH for the Sundon Saunter; he is in touch with them and those who have helped previously.	

	This is my fifth year as Secretary. I am happy to do one more year if no-one else offers but that will definitely be the last year. All to note we need to look out for a new Secretary! Advertise in Tuesday News.	Gill																																																																																																																								
(iii)	Treasurer – Francoise Bannister																																																																																																																									
	Bank account balance (30/08/2025): £4,800.55 Balance at beginning of financial year (1/10/2024): £6,143.44 Summary The major activity since last committee meeting (June 5th) has been to process marshals' invoices, to redistribute among marshals the money received for manning a CP during Flower of Suffolk-100, and to support the finances for the NBH Trail. Donation to 'The Friends of Raymond' that provided us with a boat trip at the end of a walk, has been made. Financial decisions by Email/WhatsApp since 13rd Feb committee meeting. It has been agreed to donate £25 to The Friends of Raymond; It has been agreed to reimburse Terry for the drinks she paid for the walkers of the NBHT leg 3;																																																																																																																									
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		Wildlife Trust	(£50.00)			
		Stepney city farm	(£25.00)			
		Air Ambulance service	(£100.00)			
		Northants rescue service	(£100.00)			
		The Friends of Raymond	(£25.00)			
		Total	(£300.00)			
	Miscellaneous					
		Teresa Brown	(£7.99)	RE: Mug reward		
		The printworks	(£90.00)	RE: Triple certificates		
		Dave Yorston	(£70.80)	RE: Tally cards		
		Fakenham Prepress solution	(£57.60)	Email Address		
		Teresa Brown	(£44.75)	Drinks on NBHT3		
		Total	(£271.14)			
	No questions for Francoise on the Accounts					
(iv)	Challenge Walk Co-Ordinator - Mike Hyland					
	5th Sundon Saunter:- Event has gone live from 1st September for LDWA members then for all from 20th October. Entries so far from 4th Sept is 124 6th Hannington Hike:- On BBN and LDWA websites, was in August's Strider. On SI Entries ready to go live from the 1st December 2025 for LDWA members then for all from 2nd January 2026. 10th Pick and Mix:- Flyer is done, and is on websites (BBN and LDWA), will go in December's Strider. On SI Entries in demo mode, ready to go live on 1st March 2026 for LDWA members then for all from 1st April 2026					
	There weren't any comments on Mike's report					
(v)	Social Walks – Sara Waldron					
	Since the last committee meeting the group has completed the Jurassic Way which attracted a lot of interest & commitment from members who travelled the distances to take in the furthestmost sections. We had a very pleasing number of people walking all the sections. The North Beds Heritage trail has also been completed with very good uptake. Again, we've had 4 different leaders taking part. I have arranged the transport, which has been very easy with Bill's coaches. As well as people committing to do all the legs, we've had several people on each walk just there for the 1 section. There has been the usual problem with finding leaders for other walks. Suggestions gratefully received! No further action on the Rutland Round. I think we should wait to find out how much interest there is in doing this walk before committing ourselves by booking transport. I have had 2 ideas put forward by Chris Bent					

	1. BBN doing the Great Glen Way – He’s thinking of late May, early June. It would need to be agreed fairly soon as accommodation gets booked up quickly. I was thinking that if the committee agrees we could put out something asking if anyone’s interested. People would have to arrange their own transport & accommodation – with Chris coordinating it I guess 2. BBN doing the Round Manchester Walking Trail (155 miles). Chris is thinking this could be a project over say 3 years. The sections are easily accessible by public transport once you’re up in the area.	
	We discussed Chris Bent’s ideas under Item 7	
(vi)	New Members – Dee Brockway	
	An initial direct contact with new members continues, in my opinion to be a worthwhile thing to do. There have been relatively few new primary members in recent weeks but I expect that to change as the entry date for The Sundon Saunter approaches. Two specific observations from my calls: 3 members have joined as a direct result of talking to LDWA folk on our stand at the Outdoor Show. (Well done Norman!) There is, as we know, a ‘hole’ in walks around the LE16 area. A new member from Market Harborough could not find one within an hour’s drive.	
	We talked about the ‘hole’ and, taking into account the fact that Dee does promote neighbouring Groups and Gill’s recent emailed comments, we agreed not to pursue this any further with NEC or at the LG Meeting. It would be good to get a definitive map of the post codes that aren’t in Beds Bucks and Northants but assigned to BBN. The Local Group map on the website is too high level. Need to find out how we can get this.	?
(vii)	Equipment – Dave Findel-Hawkins	
	Some BBN equipment used at BBN checkpoint on E&H Golden 50. One sterile wipe used from first aid kit. Don’t think we need to replace it.	
	Terry said she would check the first aid kit contents for out-of-date items and replace before Nov’s SS, and that she would need some ‘sticky plastic’ carpet floor covering for CP1 on the Nov SS and was thinking of investing in some silicone cake cases as used by E&H.	Terry
(vii)	Walks Database - Terry Brown	
	I have put on all the gpx files made available to me since the last meeting.	
	Roy to send Terry his Torquay holiday gpx files to Terry and walk registers to Jim.	Roy
(ix)	Other Committee Members – Nothing to add.	
4	LDWA Matters	

	We noted, from the September NEC E-News, that Sarah Heal, N&S, had taken on the LDWA General Secretary role.	
(i)	Insurance Issues – Incident Reports - None	
(ii)	NEC/Local Groups Zoom Meeting (1/7/2025) - Jim Blakelock	
	My unofficial notes were distributed on 2nd July. The only item to note was that our proposal to discuss the Social Walks Guidelines at the LGO Weekend was accepted. Gill has chased but no official minutes have yet been received. After the meeting, South Wales group requested a copy of our concerns which was provided together with our suggested way forward. Next meeting is Tuesday 14th October, let Jim know if we want anything raised.	All
(iii)	GDPR and Annual Data Protection Return	
	This has been done.	
(iv)	Local Groups Weekend – 7th-9th November, Leamington Spa	
	Terry is attending for BBN and has contacted Dorset Group's Heather Giles, which has been acknowledged but no further information received yet. The latest NEC E-News mentioned completing a form but no form is available! Agenda will be circulated when available.	Terry
(v)	Don't lose your footpaths – Cross Bucks Way - Jim Blakelock	
	- Gill has informed Iain Connell that BBN will adopt the Cross Bucks Way - The route has been surveyed in two parts by a team consisting of Jim Blakelock, Sara Waldron, Trevor Jones and Ed Kendrick: - Part 1, Bicester to Winslow on Tuesday 26th August - Part 2, Winslow to Linslade on Tuesday 2nd September - The aim of the survey was to document the condition of the path and associated "furniture", e.g., stiles, gates, footbridges, and to note any diversions arising from HS2 and East/West rail link. 16 "items" have been logged with Bucks County Council where remedial work is required. - A gpx file of the current route has been produced. Summary information will be forwarded to Iain Connell to update the LDP database on the LDWA website.	Jim
	We agreed that this was great work, well done!	
	Sara had sent an email to Stratton Audley Parish Council thanking them for the good condition of their local paths and had received a nice reply.	
	We mentioned a possible BBN 'Donate a Gate', Jim has details of some on Cross Bucks Way – covered under Item 8(ii)	
5.	BBN CPs on LDWA Hundreds - Dave Findel-Hawkins	
	BBN have been allocated CP3. Weald Memorial Hall at 21.7 miles. Hot & cold drinks, cold food.	

	As Mary has retired as CP lead we need to find a replacement quickly. I know other groups offered to run a checkpoint but were turned down as they had all been allocated. So, if we don't get a volunteer soon I suggest we inform Kent we are unable to run the checkpoint so they can get a replacement group. BBN have also been allocated CP3 on Jurassic 100. Again, if we don't have anyone prepared to act as CP lead I suggest we let Cornwall & Devon know sooner rather than later.	
	We need to advertise this co-ordinating role vacancy in Tuesday News asap but it would be helpful for information about the role and what it entails to be available. Need to speak to Mary/DFH about this asap.	Gill
	We agreed that it would be a shame if we couldn't run a BBN CP on 100's	
6.	Challenge Events	
(i)	Past Events – the 9th Pick & Mix 1/6/2025 was covered in the last meeting 5/6/2025	
	Future Events	
(ii)	5th Sundon Saunter 16th Nov 2025 (16th Nov), Dave Findel-Hawkins (Lead)	
	Routes descriptions for long and medium routes written. Short route has a problem with crop blocking Icknield Way bridleway which I had hoped to use. I may need to change the route yet again. Andrew Boulden is going to check the long route description in September. We have now identified our three checkpoints. The first will now use the covered garden area of the Red Lion pub in Sundon. Not ideal, but the only available option in the area. Terry has visited. They are requesting a donation to Keech Hospice by way of payment. Milton Bryan village hall paid for. Wilkinson Hall in Toddington will be paid once the bank details are provided. Visit to hall is being arranged. Request for volunteers has been positive as we have five new helpers. This will help fill the gaps left by some of our recent team not being available this year. Thanks to those that have replied to my emails. Shame that some don't bother.	
	Terry mentioned that DFH, Merrian, Gill. Mary and herself had a planning meeting on 2nd October	
(iii)	6th Hannington Hike 8th March 2026, Alan Leadbetter (Lead)	
	Will be using the same routes as last time. Going to walk them to check if all is ok next week 13th-19th not sure which days yet. If anyone would like to join me let me know and we can work out a day to walk. Entries open on 1st December. The Marshals' walk will be on 15th February. Sarah has offered to be a CP manager, but would need help and advice. I will ask Mary/Gill to have a word with Sarah about managing a checkpoint. I have Terry down for checkpoint manager, so will need one more. Will need about 20 marshals for the day, will start asking for marshals in November. This will probably be the last Hannington Hike from the OG'S Sports field, I am looking at changing the start to Wellingborough Town Rugby Club, in Cut Throat Lane Great Doddington, from 2028	

(iv) & (v)	Pick & Mix 2026 & 2027 – Dave & Lynn Yorston	
	The hall in Wendover is booked for May 31st 2026 A provisional booking is held for 6th June 2027 and 4th June 2028 We both plan to stand down after the 2026 event but really hope that we can hand over to a new team for the following years. Merrian has a 'plan of attack' for this event so anyone who would like details can contact either her or ourselves at any point. It would be great if a new team could be in place to shadow us from early next year	
	Future of Pick & Mix 2027 - From Merrian I've mentioned to a couple of people from Tring area that P&M 2026 will be the last one that Dave and Lynn organise, and asked them to think about whether they and their chums would be willing to take over. I haven't heard anything. Dave Y has sent me very comprehensive notes about the event covering food, equipment, helpers and planning, which will be invaluable to anyone considering taking on the organisation. Although I've done the paperwork and helped on "the desk" for the last few years, I will be stepping away from 2027. As Dave says, it would be good to find someone who can shadow us in 2026.	
	We need to advertise this in Tuesday News.	Gill
7.	BBN Group Walks/Events	
(i)	Publicity/Advertising Group Walks – Jim Blacklock	
	Dee Brockway and I have investigated the feasibility of placing some form of promotion in our local magazines. We have concluded that paid for advertising would not be worthwhile, and that very few magazines have dedicated sections relating to local clubs and activities that we could use. I have produced an A5 flyer for placement in local gyms, leisure centres and other noticeboards to promote our group. We have 250 copies available, so anyone can take a few to advertise us in their local area.	
	We agreed that flyers are great – thanks! We discussed the pros and cons of having a manned stand at local events, such as carnivals and fairs. We agreed that it made more sense to target events that were walking related – walking festivals etc. We do lead walks at Milton Keynes and Bedford walking festivals, are there any others in our area? We could use these as publicity opportunities. Could the NEC help with this? Perhaps raise at LGO meeting? Needs further thought.	All
(ii)	BBN Holiday – Torquay, 30th Aug – 3rd Sept, Roy Carter	
	The BBN holiday this year was centred in Torquay at the Metropole Hotel, not too far from the harbour and close to bus-stops which were used to transport us to and from the walks. Arrangements again were planned through Alfa Travel Self Drive holidays and members booked rooms through Alfa earlier in the year for 19 LDWA members. But, 2x new members couldn't obtain rooms through Alfa because they were late to the party and chose to reside at a nearby B&B. In which case I arranged for them to have dinner at the hotel in the evenings, enabling	

	us to be together to discuss the walk that day and arrangements for the next day. Also, I tried to get breakfast served earlier than 8:00am in order to catch buses, which failed on Sunday morning but was soon rectified by the hotel staff for the rest of the holiday. The hotel went out of their way to help us and we were all grateful they did. Everyone arrived at the hotel on Saturday for the afternoon walk around Torquay but the weather was against us all the way round. We first reached a high-point and trig at Daison Woods; then pass the twin churches at St.Marychurch before descending into Babbacombe under the cliff railway. The weather here wasn't so noticeably rainy because we were close to the cliffs and we had the excitement of stepping over and under many fallen trees with steep slopes between to navigate. Once back on the proper path we rested a while in a shelter on Walls Hill. With an eye on the time, we veered off route to pass Kents Cavern and headed to Torquay harbour and back to the hotel before 17:30 and evening dinner at 18:45. Just enough time to get ready. The next two days I'd planned to walk the John Musgrave Heritage Trail established in 2006, using buses to transport us around. After Sunday morning breakfast we caught a bus to Maidencombe and the inviting Thatched Tavern (too early) where the walk began. Climbing on through the Valley of the Rocks and into Watcombe to Great Hill the weather was better than forecast. But then the rain began to fall and stayed with us until Coffinswell where I'd planned a pub stop. The Linney wasn't that kind of pub (gastro), so we sheltered in the lovely and welcoming church nearby. The gods were on our side and the rain clouds cleared to bring us a very pleasant and warm afternoon walk through to the finish at Cockington. A lovely village setting. Some walked back to hotel from here since the bus was due in 30 minutes, whilst the rest of us had Devonshire tea or ice-cream or a pint at the pub. It was good some did walk back to the hotel because we filled the bus. Then got a running commentary from the driver about the scenery viewed through the windows of the bus. The second day of the John Musgrave Heritage Trail began by catching two buses to Marldon – one and then another. The weather forecast had threatened showers all-day but it was actually a lovely sunny day. We walked to Berry Pomeroy castle but didn't stop (it's haunted) and continued swiftly into Totnes to have lunch beside the River Dart. Then we followed the trail beside the river Dart and veered across to Ashprington to reach the Harbourn river. On the way we met Norman, Peter and Therese coming toward us (on their own walk) and we departed them with three less in our group? We were on a mission to reach the Greenway Ferry by 4pm rather than 5pm. Good job too because the last ferry was 16:45 and with limited space on the boat (12 passengers), we and the rest of joe public got across okay. We lost one more here with sickness (not the ferry ride) and Norman, Peter & Therese were on hand to take them and some rucksacks back to the hotel. We decided to depart the trail here since it was getting late and walked to Churston Station to catch a bus back to the hotel. It was a bit of a rush to shower and get down for the evening meal. The Tuesday walk was the South West Coast path from Paignton to Kingswear but it was raining heavily in the morning, so we decided to take buses to Kingswear and reverse the walk back since it was a long	
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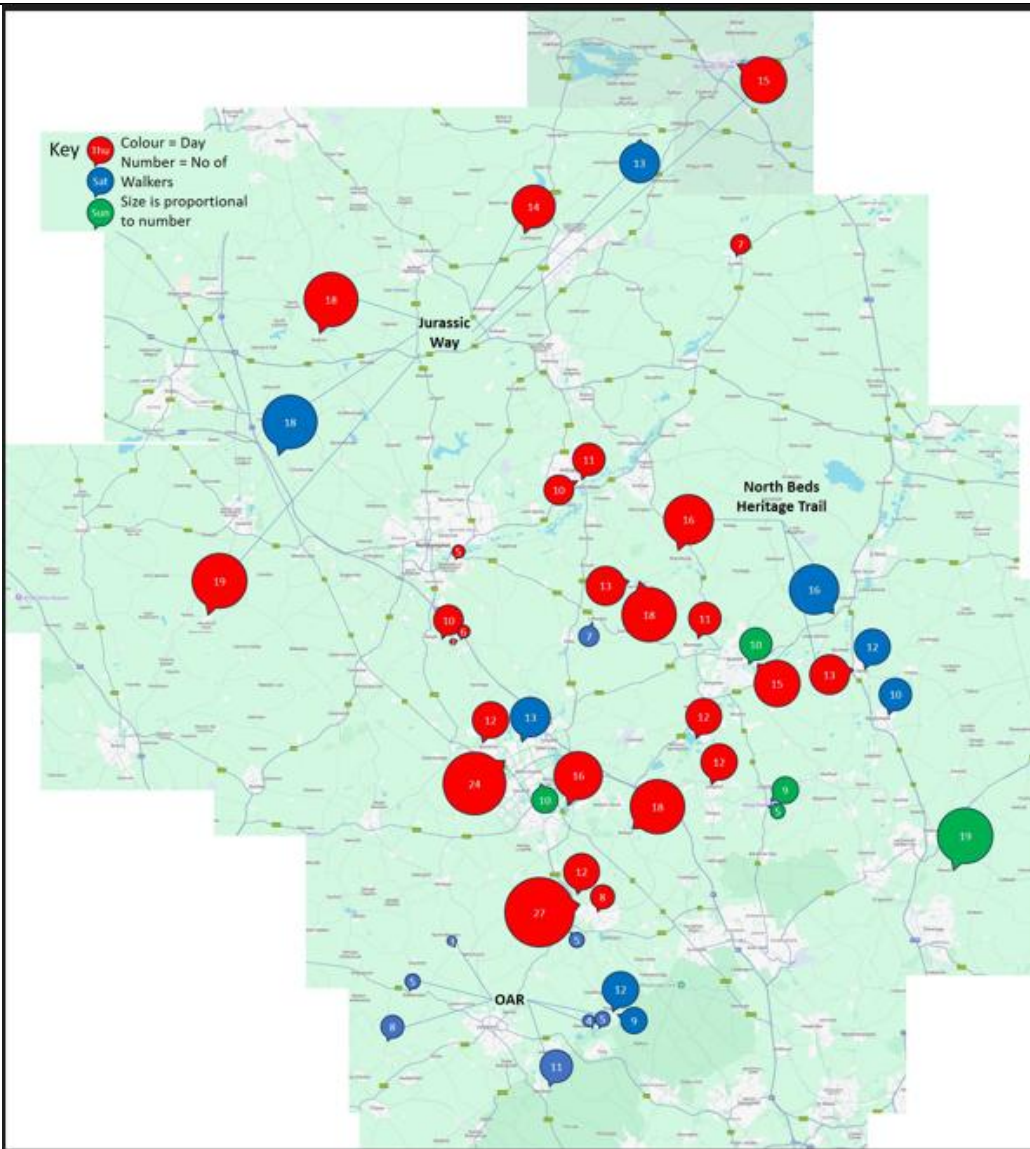
	bus journey. That worked out very well and meant we started the walk late at 11am with the weather improving. The going was a tough coastal walk to the lookout station at Inner Froward Point where we took a rest and chatted to the warden. For me, the walk became even tougher onward towards Coleton Fishacre because of an Achilles injury. However, we continued along the SWCP until Man Sands and because of the time took the easier way through Higher Brixham to get to the bus station at Brixham Square and a bus back to the hotel. A wise decision considering the time. The plan on the last day (Wednesday) was to walk onto Haytor from the Dartmoor Visitors Centre but looking at the rain and dark skies outside with thunderstorms in the forecast we decided to abandon that plan. Therefore, with some wanting an easier drive home and some wanting to walk, together with my injury to lead a walk effectively, we collectively decided to abandon a walk and make headway ourselves. A disappointing end to the holiday but the right decision. We all had a great time. Can I thank everyone on the BBN holiday for making it so enjoyable to lead.	
(iii)	2026 Trip – Roy Carter	
	Next year's BBN holiday has been organised from Wednesday 19th August to Sunday 23rd August 2026 at the Royal Hotel in Weymouth. We already have 19x LDWA members on the holiday and the deposits paid to book their rooms. Others may be able to join the party later this year when Alfa Travel assess room availability at the hotel from their Coach holiday bookings.	
(iv)	Possible group exchange trip – Pendle area, Terry Brown	
	I've spoken to Frank Jackson about a BBN trip up North, nothing concrete as yet. He's happy to help organise something in principle but he has lots of questions and would like to meet to discuss. Diane Baldwin would also be happy to help, she knows the area and the local groups very well, she advises that West Yorkshire Group might be a better fit with us in terms of distance and speed!	
	We discussed Chris Bent's suggestions for offering of the Great Glen Way and The Manchester Walking Trail (see Sara's report item 3(v)). We agreed that, if Chris was prepared to organise and lead these trips, there would be no reason why they couldn't be run under the BBN banner. Need to contact Chris to let him know. Interestingly, the Manchester Trail covers part of the South Pennine and Peak District Area so could be a solution for Frank's suggestions and could offer an opportunity to liaise with the South Pennine, West Yorkshire or Lancashire Groups. Terry has agreed to meet up with Frank in October, hopefully with Jim, to try and answer his questions.	Sara?
	Attendance on Group Walks – Jim Blakelock	
	I am maintaining a spreadsheet of basic information regarding walk dates, locations, distance, walk leaders and numbers attending. I have also produced an annotated map showing some of this information. These are included with this report for information.	

Numbers on BBN Social Walks from March 2024									
Date	Name	Leader	Location	Code	Distance	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Sat Mar 16 2024	Day 1 Outer Avelbury Ring	Freder Jones	Melksham	MP23	3.0				
Thu Mar 21 2024	Milton Keynes Watery Walk	Sara Waldron	Milton Keynes	MC2	3.4	18			
Thu Apr 04 2024	3 Counties Tread	Joe Lifford	Harpenden	MA23	3.5.5	18			
Sat Apr 13 2024	Day 2 Outer Avelbury Ring	Freder Jones	Melksham	MP23	3.0				
Thu Apr 18 2024	Amorbil Amble	Sara Waldron	Amorbil	MA29	3.5.5	32			
Sun Apr 28 2024	Spring Strolls from Silage	Dee Brockway	Glouce	MA29	3.9				9
Thu May 02 2024	Summer Lays & Nene Valley	Steve Clark	Wellingborough	NN2	3.5.5	31			
Sat May 25 2024	Day 3 Outer Avelbury Ring	Freder Jones	Melksham	MP23	3.0				
Sun Jun 9 2024	Spot The Benches	Francisco Bernabe	Wotton	SC7	3.0			39	
Thu Jun 27 2024	The Westwicks Jackson	Steve Clark	Northampton	NN1	3.4.5	8			
Sun Jul 7 2024	Bedford Chase Valley Way	Theresa Jettin	Bedford	MA22	3.0				30
Sat Jul 13 2024	Day 4 Outer Avelbury Ring	Freder Jones	Melksham	MP28	3.4.5				
Sat Jul 20 2024	Norm's Curious Trot	Norman Corrie	Princes	LU7	3.2.5			32	
Thu Jul 25 2024	Ranmore Ramble	Jim Blakeback	Leighton Buzzard	LU7	3.5.5	8			
Sat Aug 3 2024	Greenland Ridge/Kingsfisher Way	Francisco Bernabe	Glouce	SC19	3.2			32	
Thu Aug 8 2024	Knoblock Way & Grafton Way	Dee Brockway	Wotton	MA14	3.0	32			
Sat Aug 17 2024	Day 5 Outer Avelbury Ring	Freder Jones	Melksham	MP16	3.0				
Thu Aug 22 2024	Haddon Vale Timberland	Sara Waldron	Haddon	MA43	3.4	32			
Thu Sep 5 2024	Jim R's Walk	Jim Robinson	Peterborough	PE8	3.5	7			
Sat Sep 7 2024	Day 6 Outer Avelbury Ring	Freder Jones	Melksham	MP23	3.0				
Thu Sep 19 2024	Brimble	Steve Waldron	Wotton	MA23	3.5.5	31			
Thu Oct 17 2024	Weirdie Around Northamptonshire	Steve Clark	Wellingborough	NN2	3.5.5	30			
Thu Nov 14 2024	North To Strawberry Hill	Steve Clark	Harpenden	MA23	3.6	31			
Sun Dec 8 2024	Santa's Walk	Sarah	Milton Keynes	MC2	3.3				
Thu Dec 12 2024	Terry's Christmas Cracker	Terry Brown	Leighton Buzzard	LU7	3.5.5	22			30
Sat Dec 28 2024	Twicken Walk	Alan Leadbetter	Slough	SC18	8			30	
Sat Jan 18 2025	Norman's Winter Curious Trot	Norman Corrie	Princes	LU7	3.2.5			9	
Thu Jan 23 2025	Woods Hole	Howard & Howard	Milton Keynes	MA14	3.5.5	29			
Sat Jan 25 2025	Charnes & Lemons	Leanne	London	3.0				20	
Thu Feb 13 2025	Around Woburn	Liz Sheffield	Woburn	MK12	3.4	18			
Sat Feb 22 2025	Monday Walk	Gill Barker	London	3.7				37	
Thu Feb 27 2025	Jurassic Way 1	Sara Waldron	Wellingborough	NN14	3.0	19			
Sat Mar 8 2025	Jurassic Way 2	Scott Cuckoo, Sara Waldron	Wotton	NN1	3.0			30	
Thu Mar 27 2025	If You Go Down To The Woods Today	Liz Sheffield	Slough/Slough	NN2	3.5.5	30			
Thu Apr 10 2025	Jurassic Way 3	Di Baldwin/Sara Waldron	Wotton	NN6	3.3	30			
Thu Apr 24 2025	Back to Strawberry Hill/Spring Chorus	Steve Clark	Harpenden	MA23	3.4	31			
Sun May 4 2025	Spring Strolls from Silage	Dee Brockway	Glouce	MA29	3.9				9
Thu May 8 2025	Jurassic Way 4	Steve Clark/Sara Waldron	Wotton	LE35	3.7	34			
Sat May 10 2025	A May Meander MK Parks Trust Walking Festival	Gill Barker	Milton Keynes	MA14	3.5			33	
Sat May 17 2025	Swanbourne Stroll	Jim Blakeback	Wotton	LU7	3.9			9	
Thu May 29 2025	Great Ouse Valley Walk East	Theresa Jettin	Bedford	MA24	3.0			30	
Thu Jun 5 2025	Roundabout	Steve Clark	Glouce	NN2	3.0			8	
Sat Jun 7 2025	Jurassic Way 5	Graham Dolby	Harpenden	LE35	3.8			33	
Thu Jun 19 2025	Jurassic Way 6	Roy Carter	Slough	PS9	3.5	30			
Thu Jun 26 2025	Around Salway Again	Steve Clark	Glouce	NN2	3.0			2	
Sat Jul 19 2025	A Mid-Summer Amble	Alan Leadbetter	Leighton Buzzard	MA26	3.5			7	
Thu Jul 24 2025	Ranmore Ramble	Jim Blakeback	Leighton Buzzard	MA17	3.4.5			32	
Thu Jul 31 2025	North Beds Heritage Trail (Part 1)	Chris Bert	Glouce	SC19	26.5	31			
Sat Aug 9 2025	North Beds Heritage Trail (Part 2)	Roy Carter	Slough	MA24	3.0			30	
Thu Jul 23 2025	North Beds Heritage Trail (Part 3)	Ferry Brown	Slough	MA24	3.9	30			
Sat 5 Sep 2025	North Beds Heritage Trail (Part 4)	Sara Waldron	Bedford	MA20	3.2				

Day	Number of walks	Avg Dist	Avg Walkers
Thu	18	35.4	33
Sat	19	36.3	33
Sun	9	37.0	33

Walk Leaders (since Nov)		Number of Walks
Leader		
Alan Leadbetter		2
Chris Bert		2
Dee Brockway		2
Di Baldwin/Sara Waldron		2
Gill Barker		2
Graham Dolby		2
Jim Blakeback		2
Liz Sheffield		2
McGee & McGehee		2
Norman Corrie		2
Roy Carter		2
Santa		2
Sara Waldron		2
Steve Clark		8
Steve Clark/Sara Waldron		2
Terry Brown		2
Theresa Jettin		1
Grand Total		29

INSERT NEW ROWS ABOVE THIS LINE FOR FORMULAS TO BE AUTOMATICALLY UPDATED



	We agreed that his was useful information and worthwhile to carry on with. <i>Suggest that these docs are put on the website and links to the originals included?</i>	
	Post meeting note: Jim's spreadsheet and map are now on the website https://ldwa.org.uk/BedsBucksAndNorthants/W/10377/recently-completed-walks.html	
	North Chiltern Trail – Jim Blakelock	
	This has been checked out – it's a figure of 8 giving two walks of about 21 miles, it's suggested for next year's programme sometime between early summer and late June. It should be easy to organise. Dee and Terry have offered to help recce.	Jim. Dee & Terry
8.	Financial Matters & Donations	
(i)	Greensand Ridge Benches Update Terry Brown	
	Some progress but we're not there yet! Greensand Trust are trying to get sponsors for future maintenance etc and are still waiting for responses from local parish councils for the two remaining to be installed - Clophill and Millbrook. I didn't get another update before the meeting. I will keep chasing!	Terry
(ii)	Financial Matters/Projects/Donations	
	Ed Kendrick suggested North Bucks Donate a Gate, we agreed to make this donation if it was one of the Cross Bucks Way gates identified in the recce work. Jim to confirm location. Post meeting note a standard pedestrian gate is £350 and a kissing gate is £500; these prices include installation and a plaque. Donate a gate We need to agree which gate and amount.	
(iii)	Chiltern Kanter 25th Anniversary give away Terry Brown	
	We had a discussion about which is the actual 25th Year! Terry had investigated costs of Sporks – best price was 250 @ £2.02 each + VAT = £605. Another option could be a metal pin badge 250 would be about £230. We have plenty of time to decide what, if anything, to do.	
9.	AGM 2025, 2026 and 2027 Alan Leadbetter	
(i)	2025: Toddington. November 30th Morning Walk: Have finally sorted out a walk of 8.2 miles, walk to start at 9am from the Griffin Pub Venue: The Griffin Pub booked for 24 at 12.30, will ask at the being of September for menu. We will be pre-ordering the meal. I will take the meal bookings as previous. Meeting to be in the same room as meal. 2026: Yardley Hasting, November 29th Morning Walk: Have sorted out a walk and will need to check it out. Meeting Venue: Yardley Hasting Memorial Hall, Hall booked from 12.00 until 16.00 Cost of hall £62	

	Meal Venue: Rose and Crown, Yardley Hasting. Booked for 24, at 12.30, this will be a choice of two courses (mains and dessert) as we will need to be out by 2.30. 2027: looking at Aston Clinton, November 27th	
	We agreed that AGM attendees will receive £15 towards the cost of their meal. Francoise will bring the cash on the day.	Francoise
	Trevor Jones had suggested that members could bring any unwanted walking related items – guide books etc and make a donation – (<i>to which charity?</i>). We agreed this was OK. Need to publicise with AGM comms in Tuesday News.	Gill
(ii)	2026 Committee	
	The five meeting attendees are all happy to stand again, Jim is happy to take over as Social Walks Secretary. Gill will organise a nomination form for completion by 28 days before the AGM.	Gill
10	AOB - none	
11	Date of next meeting if needed before the AGM. A date wasn't set.	