

C&D General Meeting

Saturday 16th November 2024 (Face to Face)

Minutes

Present

Kim L (Chair), Hannah S (Treasurer), Ali R, Tim R, Hazel & Terry B, Annette M, Rose W, Gill K, Lorna B, David H, Julian P, Ken G, Pearl B, Isobelle B, Peter B, Linda M, Nick T, Ian G (secy)

Apologies

Emma G, Paul W, Eva A, Kieran R, Paula M, Steve & Julie D, Mary P, Viv & Roy K

Minutes of General Meeting 15th November 2023

The Minutes were agreed as correct. There were no matters arising.

Tony Grimes - In Memoriam

Tony Grimes was a long standing member of the C&D group, who died earlier this year. Meeting agreed to post an In Memoriam message on our website, and to notify all Members via email.

Walks Coordinators 2025

Lorna and Tim agreed to remain in their current roles as Walks Coordinators

Pearl offered to become Walks Coordinator for S&W Devon; meeting agreed unanimously.

2027 Jurassic 100

Julian P reported. The route has now been walked in full, and recorded as a series of GPX files. Checkpoint locations have been identified and where possible, booked.

There will be a face to face kickoff meeting at Bovey Tracey Library on Sunday 8th December 1400 - 1600

2025 Planned Challenge Events

The following dates & coordinators have been provisionally scheduled

- Sidmouth Saunter - Sunday 27th April - Ken G
- Bude Beast - Saturday 21st June - Julian P
- Chagford Challenge - 21st September - Paula M
- Potter round the Otter - date tbc - Kieran R

In 2026, we will likely start to alternate the Chagford Challenge with other Dartmoor start locations (eg Okehampton).

Potter in 2024 proved to be very popular with many entrants travelling significant distances. In 2025, we will increase the participant limit, and run the event in the opposite direction.

Equipment Store

Kieran has taken over management of the Equipment Store

Report from Local Groups' Zoom Calls

Tim has been attending the Local Groups zoom calls, run by Karen P. Tim pointed out that Leaders receiving their walks can get insurance cover by registering their walk beforehand. Members are also recommended to keep their ICE number accessible in their rucksac.

Bank Holiday Specials

Lorna is repeating the "three day Bank Holiday Special" in 2025, but based in Penzance, and in early May.

Reporting Public Right of Way Issues in the Dartmoor National Park (aka 'Bracken Bashing')

Out of our discussions re the Chagford Challenge with the Dartmoor National Park Authority, C&D LDWA members were requested to report issues with:

- vegetation (such as bracken overgrowth obstructing the route)
- missing or broken finger posts
- missing way markers
- broken furniture (bridges, stiles, steps)
- obstructions (locked gates)
- fallen trees

- flooded/eroded paths

Whilst Devon Highways have ultimate responsibility for the maintenance of all public rights of way in Devon, they have subcontracted all maintenance tasks in the park to the DNPA.

Members should report Dartmoor Park problems at:

<https://prow.dartmoor.gov.uk/standardmap.aspx>

(login required).

Any Other Business

Nominations for National Committee

Pearl highlighted the fact that there are many vacancies on the National Committee, and that all members of the LDWA should consider whether they would be willing to put themselves forward.

General Meetings

Hazel proposed that we schedule two General Meetings for March 2025 and July 2025.

There was unresolved discussion about the location for these meetings, and whether they should be face to face or online.

Kim stated that the committee will address these matters, and notify members via email

Meeting closed at 20:00