

C&D General Meeting

Saturday 29th November 2025 (Face to Face)

Minutes

Present

Kim L (Chair), Hannah S (Treasurer), Annette M, Rose W, Gill K, Lorna B, Paula M, Chris L, Emma G, Carine S, Nick T, Isobelle B, Peter B, Rose W, Annette M, Linda M, Gill K, Brian L, Ian G (secy)

Apologies

Pearl B, Hazel B, Terry B, Paul W, Ali R, Kieran R, Ken G, Steve M, Mary P, Tracy V, Paul H, Tim C, David Hoo, David Hol, Tim

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The Minutes were agreed as correct.

Walks Coordinators 2025

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

Annette raised the issue that although we have a fairly extensive walks programme it was not being in Strider although our Challenge events were. The explanation for this was that quite often details of social Walks change at relatively short notice.

Secretary was actioned to request the Strider editor include in every issue alongside our Challenge Walks programme "Cornwall & Devon offer an active walks programme throughout the year - please see website for details" together with the website URL.

Kim reminded the meeting that we are always looking for new walks leaders and that training will be provided.

2027 Jurassic 100

Ken Grose (Jurassic 100 secy) provided a report:

"Since our first meeting back on 8/12/24 at Bovey Tracey our principal task has been to find a headquarters. The thinking was that this should be in Exmouth - the start of the Jurassic Coast. Since then we have had a number of disappointments and, as a result, we had to cast the net further. The lack of a Headquarters has been a real hindrance to further planning. Without a base you have no 'Checkpoint 1' or Breakfast stop.

I am pleased to say that, finally, we have found somewhere that is prepared to host both the Marshals' and the main event: Axminster Football Club. In our initial conversations we spoke about hiring the club for 70 hours from Friday afternoon to Monday afternoon for the cost of £1400.

The Hall that would hold registration is not massive and we may need to hire a marquee for ease of socialising and for breakfast bags. Parking is limited and we will need some more spaces from somewhere. People will know that the town can be reached by rail.

Currently we are back to looking at venues in Exmouth (around 55 miles in) for the breakfast stop.

Emma (G) is already some way into finalising the new route westwards. Carine (S) has helped to design our logo. Tim (R) is pulling together a team of sweepers. Others are working on different aspects. With this base secured I am hopeful we can move on at pace now."

Emma G spoke further:

- there has been a very long search for a HQ with suitable resources nearby, and reasonably priced
- to avoid night time clifftop walking, the walk will now take place in a clockwise direction rather than anticlockwise as before
- Kieran has had to step back (hopefully temporarily)
- notwithstanding these obstacles, members of the committee have readily taken up the additional workload

Overall, the 100 committee feel that the project is only slightly behind schedule.

Emma also pointed out that Anne Wade, the National Hundreds organiser, has extensively edited the toolkit document 'How to Organise a Hundred'. It used to be about 90 pages long - it's now been reduced to about seven pages of essentially bullet points:

<https://ldwa.org.uk/library/toolkit.php>

2025 Planned Challenge Events

As previously discussed, we will hold only three challenge events in 2025.

The following dates & coordinators have been scheduled

- Looping around Leusdon Loop - Saturday 25th April - Paula M
- Belstone Bimble (provisional) - June - Paula M
- 50 qualifier - October (provisional) - organiser (provisional)

Event organisers have fed back that it is becoming increasingly difficult to events with over 100 participants (say), largely due to additional burdensome conditions being imposed by statutory bodies. It's also harder to find village halls at a reasonable price, parking etc. Large events also require more volunteers.

An additional factor to take into consideration here is that the 400 or so members of the Cornwall and Devon are spread out over a considerable distance (230 mi East to West).

Accordingly, for 2026 at least, we're going to change our approach:

- we will aim for smaller Challenge Events (say, maximum 50 entrants, possibly Members Only)
- we will try for 'cloverleaf itineraries' with the base at the centre of the cloverleaf, and each leaf being around 10 mi
- we will try to distribute them geographically (for example: Exmoor/Blackdown Hills/Quantocks/Dartmoor/Bodmin Moor/West Cornwall) so that all our members will benefit

Bank Holiday Specials

All three of our 3 Day Events (aka Bank Holiday Specials) have been really successful. We'd like to run more. Suggestions from members for base locations welcome.

Member Training (First Aid; Navigation)

Meeting actioned Secretary to identify some courses we could offer to volunteer members (esp walk leaders) to improve their first aid skills. This was felt to be an excellent use of bank balance.

We will continue to offer subsidised navigation courses to our members (the first will be based at Pork Hill near Tavistock)

Any Other Business

100 Checkpoint Organiser

Annette Merchant has taken over this role.

Annette spoke to the situation with respect to the 2026 Hunnypot 100 (Meopham, Kent).

Normally, we would expect 14 volunteers from Cornwall and Devon to make the trip. This year however we are currently standing at 7 volunteers.

Meeting agreed that Annette would provide a brief description about what volunteers can expect, and we will send that out with the next newsletter.

We might also choose to merge our resources with volunteers from another group.

Meeting closed at 19:30