

C&D General Meeting

Monday 18th May 2026 (via Zoom)

Minutes

Present

Peter R (Chair), Paula M (Treasurer), Annette M, Lorna B, Emma G,, Isobelle B, Pearl B, Ken G, Steve M, Ian G (secy)

Apologies

Kieran R, Mary P, Tracy V, Rose W, Gill K

Minutes of General Meeting 29th Nov 2025

The Minutes were agreed as correct.

Election of new Chair

Unfortunately our previous chair David J Hooper had to resign for personal reasons.

To start the meeting Emma G was proposed by Paula B and seconded by Ian G to temporarily act as chair. Emma conducted the initial half of the meeting.

Peter Rowntree was nominated to the position of Chair by Paula M, seconded by Ian G, and elected unanimously.

Peter expressed his delight at becoming the new chair and took over for the latter half of the meeting.

Tor Bagging

C&D LDWA used to offer a service whereby dartmoor walkers could record on a spreadsheet the Dartmoor tors they had bagged. Once they had achieved 100, they could send the spreadsheet to Terry B who would provide them with a certificate (and a different certificate after they had reached 200). Terry no longer provides this service.

Pearl B volunteered to investigate resuscitating this service.

Update: the main LDWA site maintains a Hillwalker's register:

<https://ldwa.org.uk/hillwalkers/hillwalkers.php>

This register is subdivided into Wainwrights, Munros, Deweys etc. It does not have a category for Dartmoor tors. It may be preferable to extend the Hillwalkers Register to include Dartmoor tors rather than sticking with the existing spreadsheet solution.

First Aid Training

We will offer subsidised first aid training to any members who have marshalled or are about to marshall challenge events. Please contact:

treasurer.cornwallanddevon@ldwa.org.uk if you are interested.

2027 Jurassic 100

Emma G provided a report:

- Route is now firmly established. It has been split into 15 sections (A-O), the idea being that we will run social walks on these sections to check our route descriptions and to publicise the event well in advance with local residents. Note that some of these sections need to be checked in the dark.
- after the Hunnypot 100, we will be able to actively start publicising our event (website goes live; details added to Straider email Graham Smith, deadline 17 June 2026).
- parking is limited at the football ground but we expect to double capacity to ~250 vehicles by gaining permission from businesses in the nearby business park
- we have volunteer groups for all but one checkpoint

Overall, the 100 Committee feel that the project is now on schedule.

Meeting agreed to make a further transfer of £2,000.00 from group funds to the project as a float.

2026/27 Challenge Events

This year, we changed the format of our challenge to become 'cloverleaf itineraries' with village halls as bases at the centre of the cloverleaf, and each leaf being around 10 mi. with smaller limits on the number of participants. the advantage of this is that it greatly reduces:

- the up front planning and liaison resource (with national parks and local authorities for example)
- the number of marshals required on the day
- the number of catering staff required on the day

This approach was trialed on the Looping around Leusdon on Saturday, 25th April. An online survey of all participants showed overwhelmingly positive feedback. Pacers were successfully used for this event; that will now become our default recording system going forward.

Our ~400 members live in Cornwall, Devon and Somerset: 230 miles from end to end. This new model for our challenge events will mean that in future we will find it easier to run more challenge events and to do so closer to where our members actually live and walk.

Spaces are currently available for Belstone Bimbles.

Somerset not Levels 50 Qualifier (10/11 October) is full with a wait list of 20. In order to assist our members who wish to complete a 50 qualifier, we will offer places to Cornwall and Devon primary members for the marshals event (26/27 September)

We have several candidates for cloverleaf challenge events in 2027 and 2028 on Dartmoor. We also proposal for **Linkinhorne** (East Cornwall) and **Lostwithiel**.

West Cornwall, anyone?

Treasurers Report

We currently have a cash balance of approximately £10,400. Members are encouraged to get in touch with the Treasurer if they have any proposals for expenditure.

Any Other Business

100 Checkpoints

Annette Merchant has been contacted by the 2028 100 Team (Misstone in the High Peaks) to provide a checkpoint team. We are somewhat short of volunteers currently, however post the Jurassic 100 we should expect the number of volunteers to increase. So we are confident that we will be able to provide a checkpoint team for 2028.

GPX Training

Meeting recognised that there are a number of our members who would like to learn how to use GPX files.

GPX files might be used on smartwatches, on smartphones and on dedicated navigation devices such as garmins.

Wrt software, packages used include Garmin, OSMaaps, OutdoorActive, Strava, OSMand, CoMaps, Mapy etc.

Members taking part in challenge events wanting to use the opportunity to learn how to use GPX files to navigate on those events should contact the event organisers.

C&D Members Social Media Forum

Pearl proposed setting up a WhatsApp group for our current 400 members (our committee operates via a WhatsApp group and we also have a WhatsApp group for walk leaders).

The LDWA Toolkit offers instructions for setting up and good practise guidelines for Instagram (2015), MeetUp (2021), X/Twitter (undated), WhatsApp (2021).

Amongst other guidelines, the WhatsApp policy states that groups are usually 'self-moderating'; Paula to confirm with the National Executive that this Whatsapp policy document remains valid.

Meeting agreed any Whatsapp group would need need active administering (checking for inappropriate content on a daily basis and removing if necessary), and ensuring that all requests to join actually come from group members.

Chair proposed that this discussion be carried forward.

Hazel Bound

Meeting expressed its great sadness on the news of the death of Hazel Bound. Meeting commended the proposal that a round of applause be given at the start of the Hunnypot 100 in her memory.

There has been a suggestion that the Jurassic 100 be dedicated to the memory of Hazel Bound - discussion to be carried forward.

Meeting closed at 21:30

Next meeting date: tba.