



The Long Distance Walkers Association Cumbria Local Group Secretary's Report 2026

The group has 169 primary members as of 26th September 2026, an overall increase of 11 since the last AGM. Fourteen members have joined since the last AGM. There were also 899 associate members of the Cumbria group.

Correspondence received or sent since last year's AGM

Most recent entries shown first

7th January

Received proposals for changes to the LDWA volunteer award scheme, for implementation by national AGM 2027

January - May

Various emails & letters relating to setup of new bank account.

21st April

Notification of a free food Safety/Allergy training course available online, plus Level 2 food hygiene certification available online (cost £12)

3rd May

Invitation for group involvement in the 2028 Millstone 100 (Peak District), and for volunteers to help with the breakfast stop in Castleton.

May - June

Emails regarding changes to local group emails. See main body of this report.

24th June

Reminder to only include images, maps etc on the group website that are owned by the LDWA or where permission for use has been given.

18th August

Group invited to nominate someone as main contact for developments associated with the new digital Idwa platform. Paul will perform this role.

16th September

Received request to check orphaned documents on our website. These are documents that have no link from the website. There are 92 such documents. List to be shared at the AGM

The Facebook page currently has 33 members (9 more than last year), linked to by the header image at the top of Cumbria LDWA web pages. Suggestions on how to improve this resource would be very welcome.

During 2026 the secretary was involved in a change of group bank account.

Changes to group email accounts

In May 2026 the old email accounts for the Cumbria Group chairman, secretary, treasurer and walks secretary, which had merely been links to each officer's private email address were replaced with three dedicated Microsoft email accounts.

This protects private email addresses when sending emails from those accounts. In common with other groups, the chairman's email address was retired as we had to give up one address. The secretary email address is now an enhanced "Business Basic" account which allows hosting of online meetings & sharing of group documents which may be of benefit to the group.

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Secretary