

**LONG DISTANCE WALKERS ASSOCIATION  
DORSET GROUP  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
Durweston Village hall  
Sunday 19 November 2023 2.30PM



**Agenda**

1. Chair's welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. Approval of the minutes of the AGM 11 December 2022
4. Matters arising from the AGM 11 December 2022
5. Officers' reports
  - 5.1. Group Secretary (Maria Drummond)
  - 5.2. Walks Secretary (Tracey Lang)
  - 5.3. Events Secretary (Richard Lang)
  - 5.4. Treasurer's report (Ian Brown)

6. Adoption of Accounts
7. Appointment of the examiner of the accounts
8. Election of Committee

Nominations have been received as follows:

**Officers:**

Chair – Heather N Giles (Proposed: Geraldine White; Seconded: John Widowson)  
Group Secretary – Maria Drummond (Proposed: Robert Powell; Seconded: Keith Nicholls)  
Treasurer – Ian Brown (Proposed: Heather Giles; Seconded: Pete Stockley)  
Walks Secretary – Tracey Lang (Proposed: Robert Powell; Seconded: Steve Hunt)  
Events Secretary – Richard Lang (Proposed: Kathy Vickery; Seconded: Martin Callow)

**Other Committee Members:**

Paul Gibbs (Proposed: Maria Drummond; Seconded: Heather Giles)

9. Motions
  - 9.1. At the AGM every year, funds in excess of £10000 in the bank account will be donated to charity/charities, to be voted on by members at the AGM. Proposed by Maria Drummond. Seconded by Ian Brown. (see appendices)
  - 9.2. Annual social event in the summer paid for from group funds. Proposed by Ian Brown. Seconded by Tracey Lang.

10. Forthcoming Dorset Group challenge events

- 10.1. 2024 (10 & 24 March) The Cerne Giant
- 10.2. 2024 (Aug) The Dorset Duddle
- 10.3. 2025 (Spring) Duddle West

11. Social Walks program

12. Group trip to Dartmoor Feb 2024

13. Group support for events run by other groups in 2024 and beyond:

- 13.1. 2024 Speyside hosted by North of Scotland – Anne & Ian have offered to be volunteers
- 13.2. 2025 The East Point 100 hosted by Norfolk & Suffolk in 2025 – agreed at 2022 AGM to run a checkpoint after breakfast
- 13.3. 2026 Hunnypot 100 hosted by Kent
- 13.4. 2027 Jurassic Coast 100 hosted by Cornwall and Devon (propose that we run the checkpoint that is in Dorset!)

14. Feedback from local group representatives' weekend 2023

15. Recognition of contributions and achievements

16. Dates of 2024 committee meetings and AGM

- 16.1. Provisional date of first committee meeting Jan 2024

17. AOB

## Appendix 1

I would like to propose the John Thornton Young Achievers Foundation ([www.jtyaf.org](http://www.jtyaf.org)) as a charity to benefit from Dorset LDWA surplus funds. John Thornton was a young man from Ferndown who achieved much in his short life including, becoming a Lieutenant in the Royal Marines. Tragically he was killed in 2008 while serving in Afghanistan. The charity was set up by his parents in his memory. His parents are still the main administrators of the foundation, which they do, at no charge, from their home in Ferndown. It now has a board of volunteer trustees, from across business and a long list of ambassadors. Simon Weston OBE (of Falklands' War fame) is the patron. This means the charity has exceedingly low operating costs, so almost all money raised goes to helping young people.

The charity supports young people from a wide range of youth organisations across Dorset. Although not exclusively, much of this support is aimed at outdoor activities, which makes this charity an ideal one to be supported by the LDWA. The charity provides grants to individual youngsters who are undertaking activities with organisations including:

- DofE - Dorset
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- Dorset Guiding
- Dorset Scouts
- Bournemouth Sea Cadets
- Air Cadet Junior Leaders
- Dorset & Wilts Wing Air Training Corps
- Tall Ships Youth Trust
- The Coda Fiddle Orchestra
- And a number of Dorset Schools.

I feel this charity encompasses many of the sentiments expressed at the 2022 AGM about supporting young people to enjoy the outdoors. I have seen the charity support young people undertaking their Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, where the foundation will provide a small grant to allow the young person to purchase kit or pay expedition fees.

Colin Utting

## Appendix 2

St Albans Head (SAH) would be delighted to be put forward for a donation from Dorset LDWA surplus funds. My husband enjoyed participating in the Dorset Duddle a good many times.

Briefly, though we are there to look out to sea, 50% of what we do is keeping an eye on the coastal path. We help walkers that need directions regularly, runners and walkers that need water, we do not have mains water and have to carry all our water in, but we always have a supply of small bottles of water for walkers. We deal with climbers that get stuck. We have a defib and can easily get the required help needed. If an organisation lets us know they have a trail event passing the station, the duty watch always keeps an eye on them.

We are currently looking into the cost of putting heavy weight stainless or galvanised guttering all-round the station in order to collect water. Which would be used to flush a toilet. We also need to upgrade our hatch for giving out drinks and cake to the public on our open days. We are also looking into placing cameras in our blind spots along the coastal path, out to sea and cliffs .

We have no mains water connection. All our water has to be brought in by hand. Because we re use large bottles, H&S say we can not fill walkers bottles from these bottles. How we operate is that we purchase small 500ml bottles of water from macro and when asked for water we hand these out ask for a donation towards the cost in return. I would like to say we do not let people go in need and will give out a bottle if they have no cash with them.

Ann

Station Manager

NCI St Alban's Head - QAVS

*Eyes Along The Coast*