

East Lancashire LDWA Group Meeting

Tuesday 14 July, 2026 at 7.30pm

Venue: Sea View Inn, 2 Preston Road, Whittle-le-Woods, Chorley, PR6 7HH

Present

Pauline Melia	Chair
Steve Clark	Secretary
Alma Walsh	Treasurer
Nick Halford	Walks Secretary
Hilary Scott	IT Secretary
Caz Tennant	Events Secretary
Viv Lee	Social Secretary
Dave Walsh	Ordinary Committee Member
Paul Banks	Ordinary Committee Member
Jeanette Banks	Ordinary Committee Member
Stephen Hindley	Ordinary Committee Member
Sue Boardman	EL member

Apologies

Gordon Stone	Ordinary Committee Member
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Minutes of last meeting

Caz and Jeanette have read the minutes and confirm that they are a correct record of the meeting.

Matters arising from last meeting

There were no matters arising from the last meeting.

Discharged Actions from previous meetings

ACTION Pauline to contact the Lakeland Group.

OUTCOME We have the Ambleside checkpoint on Spring in Lakeland

ACTION Steve C to contact the High Peak Group.

OUTCOME High Peak are not yet in a position to allocate checkpoints and are aware of our interest.

Brought forward actions

ACTION Caz suggested that she would investigate other possible sites to improve for the benefit of long distance walking.

UPDATE

United Utilities have completed the work of improving Gorse Gully. We await the invoice for this.

ACTION Caz undertook to provide an article and photos for Strider.

Chair and Secretary update

Pauline opened the meeting. The meeting thanked Hilary for Phil's birthday event. Caz was thanked for her work on the Two Crosses, also receiving a thank you present from the group.

Treasurer's report – Alma

Current Account Balance £230.52

Savings Account Balance £13250.05

Two Payments have been made in the last period, both in respect of the Two Crosses Party. £242.54 covering Party expenses on the day and £49.00 for organiser's gifts.

£4500.00 is still ring fenced in respect of the Martyn Greaves grant.

Payments received from the Ghyll head 2026 accommodation to date amount to £1840.00.

When taking the above into account, our net figure over the two accounts is £7140.57.

Thanks Alma

Events Secretary – Caz

Two Crosses event. Next year we are booked in for Sunday 14 March 2027. A discussion over entry fees was conducted. The meeting kept the entry fee to £15 for LDWA members and increased the fee by £2 to £22 for non-members. Event open to LDWA members a month prior to non-members.

Caz

Walk's Secretary Report – Nick

We have had some very enjoyable walks in the Summer walks programme with more still to come, but we do still have six dates unfilled, all of which can be seen on the Future Events tab of our website. If memory serves things are usually quieter in the summer as people have lots to do, holidays, gardening, child duties etc.

I shall shortly be advertising Autumn dates, and will repeat the Summer ones still vacant.

Nick

IT Secretary Report – Hilary

It's been a quiet couple of months. The website and Facebook have been kept up to date as far as possible. Thanks to all who have helped with this. I'm always happy to put pictures/reports online but am not at every walk/event. Unfortunately if no one who is there sends any pictures etc then the walk/event will not be recorded on the website.

Hilary

Social Secretary Update – Viv

Viv thanked Roger Jackson for leading two walks on the recent July Hawes trip away.

As for the social event for July 2027 a suggestion has been made for Appleby but others locations would be considered. Suggestions, please.

Feedback was received regarding the recent 100/ Two Crosses party, suggestion that it could have been focussed more on the two events.

NOTED Jeanette and Paul offered to host a future social event at their house.

Viv

Agenda Items

- a) **Viv. We need 3 new tables to replace the old green ones which are at the end of their life. DECISION** This was approved by the meeting.
- b) **Caz. Banditing: Proposed email to West Lancs.** Caz proposed a draft email, previously circulated to the committee, to West Lancs, to make them aware of the situation. We need to make a plan and action it and move on. **DECISION** The meeting approved the email.
- c) **Caz. Banditing: Proposed letter/article to Strider.** Again a previously circulated draft letter/article for Strider was discussed. **DECISION** The meeting approved the letter/article.
- d) **Caz. Refund options for The Two Crosses.** Brought to the meeting's attention. **DECISION** The meeting approved the middle option as presented in the agenda.

Feature	Option 2
Up to 1 week before	Refund (£3 fee on £15 / £4.40 on £22)
Changes (Up to 1 week before)	Sell + Transfer allowed

Final Week

No refunds, sales, or transfeer

e) **Nick.** Proposal to expand the size of the committee by two (current size is 12). This was discussed by the meeting and a proposal emerged for a 15 person committee. **DECISION** The proposal was voted on and approved by the meeting. **ACTION** Pauline to write to the NEC to seek leave to enact this change to the club's constitution by means of a vote at the next group meeting.

Any Other Business

A discussion emerged during the meeting regarding **a scheme to encourage and reward our walk leaders**. This followed on from a suggestion made by Nick at the previous group meeting. Various suggestions and ideas were discussed.

DECISION The meeting agreed the following:

- The scheme to last for a year and then be reviewed.
- To be in operation from November AGM to the following AGM.
- To be retrospective for this year.
- Walk leaders to receive a £25 gift voucher.
- Jeanette volunteered to operate the scheme.

Date and time of next meeting: Tuesday 1 September 2026, 7:30pm at the Sea View Inn, Whittle-le-Woods.