

East Lancashire LDWA Committee Meeting

Tuesday 10th June 2025 at 7.30pm

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

Present:

Alma Walsh	EL LDWA Treasurer and Acting Chair
Jeanette Banks	EL LDWA Secretary
Nick Halford	EL LDWA Walks Secretary
Viv Lee	EL LDWA Social Secretary
Caz Tennant	EL LDWA Events Secretary
Dave Walsh	EL LDWA Ordinary Committee Member
Paul Banks	EL LDWA Ordinary Committee Member
Roger Jackson	EL LDWA Ordinary Committee Member
Steve Clarke	EL LDWA Ordinary Committee Member
Gordon Stone	EL LDWA Ordinary Committee Member

Apologies:

Pauline Melia	EL LDWA Chair
Hilary Scott	EL LDWA IT Secretary

Minutes of last meeting:

Alma and Nick have read the minutes and confirm that they are a correct record of the meeting.

Matters arising from last meeting:

NEC IT Tender: Nick, Hilary and Paul have received and read the tender for the NEC IT.

Martyn Greaves legacy application: Pauline forwarded a business case put together by Viv and Caz to the NEC to request funds from the Martyn Greaves legacy to repair badly damaged paths and steps on the EL Two Crosses Challenge Event route. Since the last meeting, the business case has been considered as two separate projects:

Redisher Wood path repair: Viv has received a promise of £2000 from Bury Council towards the repairs and is communicating with Manchester Ramblers. The LDWA committee meeting attendees unanimously agreed that East Lancs LDWA would provide £2000 funding for this project. Viv to amend the original business case to be forwarded again to the NEC and to include the additional £4000 promised funds towards this project.

Batridge Barn steps repair: Caz has communicated with United Utilities, who have agreed to fund 50% of the project costs (approximately £5,000). A second quotation for the work is awaited before Caz can rewrite the business case for this part of the EL LDWA Martyn Greaves legacy application.

Chair and Secretary update:

Alma expressed many thanks to all Marshals who helped out at the 100 breakfast checkpoint on the recent Norfolk and Suffolk 100 challenge event, and in challenging circumstances due to the limitations of the venue.

Many congratulations to all walkers taking part in the event.

Alma and all members of the committee wish Pauline and Hilary a speedy recovery.

Treasurer's report:

Alma provided and read her report as follows:

Current Account Balance £404.06 Savings Account £6112.62

Payments collected for the 2025 100 accommodation amounted to £4200.00. £4120.00 was paid for the accommodation, which left a surplus of £80.00. £50.00 was refunded to Viv Lee due to an overpayment of the deposit, and £30.00 was allocated to the general food kitty.

The only other payment made since the last meeting was £20.94 in respect of plastic jugs.

Our net figure over the two accounts is £6516.68.

Thanks Alma

Events Secretary Report:

Dates for the next EL LDWA Two Crosses Challenge Event have been agreed and submitted by Caz for the Strider magazine.

The 2026 event will be the 40th EL Two Crosses and Caz has received a couple of ideas to recognise the anniversary of the event – customised sit mats and customised beer bottles. These would be handed out to participants after the event. She will investigate the cost of these suggestions and bring her findings to the next meeting.

Roger Jackson is looking at shelters and other necessary equipment for Check Point 3 on the Two Crosses. The meeting agreed that he can spend approximately £200 on the required items.

Walk's Secretary Report:

Nick reported the following:

The summer walk's programme is going well but there are still some dates requiring leaders. Can members please check the dates on the EL LDWA website under future events.

IT Secretary Report:

Hilary sent the following IT report:

The website is as up to date as possible. We are missing a couple of walk reports but we do have pictures of those days available. Thank you to all walk leaders who have written about their day and those who send me photographs to use. It just wouldn't happen without you.

FaceBook continues to be updated. The 100 trip generated more followers and we now have 665 following the group. Photos from the 100 have been sent to Simon Pipe who is compiling the video and Flickr account.

Social Secretary Update:

Viv reiterated the thanks given by Alma to all Marshals helping out on the Norfolk and Suffolk 100 breakfast checkpoint.

The social calendar stands as it was reported at the last EL LDWA meeting. The trip to Bridlington is the next social event on 1st July 2025 for 3 nights.

100 and Two Crosses annual EL party at Dave and Alma's house on Saturday 28th June 2025. To date only a dozen or so people have confirmed their attendance. Jeanette will send out a reminder email to all members regarding the party.

Agenda Items:

1 Long lost LDPs – Caz has expressed an interest in investigating the 3 lost Long Distance Paths listed by the NEC Paths Officer that are located within the EL area in Crowthorn. Crowthorn Star; Crowthorn Crawl; and Crowthorn Rose. The path distances are 38, 27 and 39 miles in length. Caz will contact Iain Connell.

2 Removal of walks registers from the database: The NEC requires that walks registers are removed from the database after a period of 12 months. It was questioned whose responsibility this is.

The walks register states that the data will be removed after 12 months, yet the Toolkit on the LDWA website states 7 years. Nick would be happy to remove the information, but he does not have the access to do this and does not believe that any of EL committee members have the required access. Alma will contact Madeline to clarify the anomalies and seek guidance on how to action this.

Any Other Business:

Nick asked if funding could be made available to support members leading linear walks that require the use of minibuses or coaches. This would possibly cover a contribution from EL funds towards the cost of the travel. Following discussion, it was agreed that each case would be considered on its own merits. If someone wishes to lead a linear walk, they are to approach the committee for consideration.

Meeting Closed at 8.45pm

Date and time of next meeting: Tuesday 5th August at 7.30pm at the Sea View Inn, Whittle-le-Woods