

East Lancashire LDWA Committee Meeting

Tuesday 20th February 2025 at 7.30pm

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

Present:

Pauline Melia	EL LDWA Chair
Jeanette Banks	EL LDWA Secretary
Alma Walsh	EL LDWA Treasurer
Nick Halford	EL LDWA Walks Secretary
Hilary Scott	EL LDWA IT 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
Steve Clarke	EL LDWA Ordinary Committee Member
Gordon Stone	EL LDWA Ordinary Committee Member
Sue Boardman	EL LDWA Ordinary Member
Phil Chapman	EL LDWA Ordinary Member

Apologies:

Roger Jackson	EL LDWA Ordinary Committee Member
Edwina Hill	EL LDWA Ordinary Member
Chris Greene	EL LDWA Ordinary Member

Minutes of last meeting:

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

Matters arising from last meeting:

ICE tags – Hilary has received 11 requests from East Lancs LDWA members for ICE tags.

Gas canisters and shelter for Two Crosses Challenge Event – referred to in the Treasurer's Report.

Chair and Secretary update:

Pauline remarked that EL has had a healthy walks schedule and a good number of walkers attending the walks in the period since the last meeting.

Pauline reminds members to vote for the LDWA NEC role nominees as per recent NEC communication if they wish. Closing date for votes is 23:59 on 5th March 2025.

Pauline reported that she has entered two recent challenge events – the West Lancs LDWA ‘Amble’ and the West Yorkshire ‘Roundhay 50’. Both were excellent events.

Treasurer’s report:

Alma provided the report as follows:

Current Account Balance £2042.38 Savings Account Balance £5251.18

The shelter & gas canister for checkpoint 6 'The Naughty Corner' has been purchased by Steve Oates at a cost of £228.00 & recompensed accordingly.

Payments of £728.86 in respect of food supplies for various checkpoints & £124.25 in respect of equipment for The Two Crosses has been paid to Viv Lee.

The running total of SI entries received to date for the Two Crosses 2025 event amounts to £3067.50.

Walk’s Secretary Report:

Nick provided the following report:

Walk dates for our Spring Programme have been advertised, with five dates still to fill, Sundays 2nd March and 6th April, and Wednesdays 12th March, 23rd April and 21st May 2025.

As ever, all walks booked so far, and dates requiring leaders, are on the website under the ‘Future Events’ tab.

Social Secretary Update:

Hazelwood House Keswick 28th February 2025. Sorry, fully booked.

Norfolk-Suffolk 100 Friday 28th May – Friday 30th May. 1 week self-catering at Alde Bay Farm, Aldeburgh. Sorry, fully booked.

Bridlington trip Tuesday 1st July 2025 for 3 nights. Book your own accommodation and let Viv Lee know. There will be 2 days walking, 1 day boat trip and 3 evening meals at local hostelrys. 14 have booked to date.

Real Ale Ramble. Neuadd Arms Hotel, Llanwrtyd Wells. Friday 21st Nov 2025 for 3 nights. Please book directly with the hotel (01591 610236) and let Viv Lee know for evening meals which will be taken in the hotel. 10 people booked to date.

Ghyll Head Outdoor Activity Centre, Bowness. 8th to 12th December 2025. Self catering. Sorry, fully booked.

New Year away. Monday 29th December 2025 to 2nd January 2026. Neuadd Arms Hotel, Llanwrtyd Wells. Please book directly with the hotel (01591 610236) and let Viv Lee know for evening meals which will be taken in the hotel. 11 people booked to date.

The Old Vicarage, Ambleside. Friday 18th January 2026 for 3 nights. Please book directly with the B&B (01539 433364) and let Viv Lee know for evening meal bookings. 2 days led walks. Swimming Pool, Sauna and Hot Tub on site.

Viv reported that she is having some difficulty in booking Peel Tower for the EL LDWA annual Father's Day (15th July 2025) opening for charity. She is continuing to try to book for this event.

Hilary Scott discussed a planned trip 16th -17th August with West Lance. Saturday - Flookburgh across Morecambe Bay to Chapel Island, led by official Kings guide, 4-6 miles (£15) and must have been pre-booked via Hilary (hilary.scott54@sky.com or 07743106583). Sunday – Walk around Walney Island. 16 miles. No need to reserve a place on this walk. Each walk is a stand-alone event. For those doing both walks, and wishing to stay over, there is plenty of accommodation in the area.

Events Secretary Caz reported the following:

*Two Crosses 2025 is now full. Full on 26th January. (2024, full on 25th January)
Waiting list already has 43 on it. An email will be sent out advising anyone that cannot make it to either transfer their place, or let us know and we can offer the place to someone else.*

No firing on Holcombe Moor this year.

Thank you to Nick and Steven Hindley for leading the Marshal's walks on Sunday 2nd February. Thanks to Nick for organising it all on my behalf.

All admin and permits for the event are in place.

Checkpoint equipment distribution planning in place.

Staffing rota in place and on the website. Subject to alterations as needed.

Soup requests have been sent out by Barbara

Saturday 8th - 10.30 at St Margaret's and 12.00 at Greenmount, for those setting up.

Jackie Boardman and Alma Walsh have food hygiene certificate to Level 3 and 2 respectively.

Any Other Business:

NORCOL: John Clarke, West Lancs LDWA Chair has forwarded an amended proposal for his NORCOL group (Northern Collective). Comments from EL ordinary members and EL Committee Members were shared and discussed. The opinion of the Committee is unchanged. The Committee feel that the LDWA model already supports and encourages members to join other groups' walks. This is something that is seen regularly with our own group and other groups. Pauline will contact John accordingly by email.

Martyn Greaves funding: Viv Lee and Caz Tennant have reviewed the Two Crosses Challenge Event route. Some paths and steps are in poor repair and so proposed that they make a further business case for funding from the Martyn Greaves legacy, held by the LDWA NEC. The repairs would be Phase 3 and Phase 4 of Redisher Wood paths' repairs and for repairs to the Batridge Barn steps at Entwistle Reservoir. EL LDWA Committee fully support their application for funding.

Local Groups Zoom Meeting. Nick was unable to join the planned NEC and Local Groups Zoom Meeting last week as he did not have the appropriate Zoom Link. He is happy to answer any questions regarding Meet Up, which has been very successful for East Lancs LDWA. Pauline will contact the NEC accordingly.

Meeting Closed at 8.45pm

Date and time of next meeting: Tuesday 8th April at 7.30pm at the Sea View Inn, Whittle-le-Woods