

## **East Lancashire LDWA Group Meeting**

**Tuesday 3 March, 2026 at 7.35pm**

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

### **Present**

|                 |                           |
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| Pauline Melia   | Chair                     |
| Steve Clark     | Secretary                 |
| Alma Walsh      | Treasurer                 |
| Nick Halford    | Walks Secretary           |
| Hilary Scott    | 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                 |

### **Absentees**

|               |                                                |
|---------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Roger Jackson | EL member (apologies received)                 |
| Gordon Stone  | Ordinary Committee Member (apologies received) |

### **Minutes of last meeting**

Alma and Caz 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**

**Roger Jackson.** Shelters for CP3 on the Two Crosses Challenge Event.

**OUTCOME** Equipment obtained.

**Caz** to order the large woven badge for the Two Crosses 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary gift.

**OUTCOME** Badge ordered, and a sample was circulated.

**Caz** to contact UU to find out who has paid for the work and what the current situation is as to whether they are intending to do any more work in the area.

**OUTCOME** Caz reported that UU had not engaged with her on this matter and as we did not have a contract with UU it was safe to assume no further interest by UU on this matter.

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

**Alma** to process gift of £43 from the AGM raffle to Bolton MRT.

**OUTCOME** actioned.

**SteveC** to include the Hawes trip in the next bulk email was received.

**OUTCOME** actioned.

**Pauline** to respond to John Clark, West Lancs on our view that existing ways of joining other LDWA group walks were sufficient and the we did not wish to put joint walks on.

**OUTCOME** actioned.

### **Brought forward actions**

There are no brought forward actions.

### **Chair and Secretary update**

Pauline thanked the Two Crosses volunteers.

### **Treasurer's report**

Current Account Balance £2196.46

Savings Account Balance £10734.52

SI Entries payments received to date in respect of the Two Crosses 2026 amount to £3193.90.

£7500.00 was paid to Bury MBC as our contribution towards the cost of stoning up the steps in Redisher Woods from the Martyn Greaves legacy, leaving a balance of £4500.00.

A further £274.81 has been paid in respect of the Two Crosses food supplies.

£158.96 was paid out in respect of equipment for CP2 (gas stove, calor gas regulator & 2 camping kettles).

Monies collected from the AGM raffle of £43.00 have been paid to Bolton MRT.

When taking the above into account, our net figure over the two accounts is £8430.98.

Alma

### **Events Secretary**

- Entrant list currently 245. Number of individuals who have been registered on the system 370. 36 (14%) have cancelled.
- Waiting list approx. 120. 25 accepted invites, 30 ignored invites, 20 deleted themselves. 45 remain uninvited. LDWA have been prioritised.
- Not sure how no shows affected by entrants being able to cancel and let us know. I'm not going to overload the entrant list because if the no shows are reduced, we will end up in a pickle with parking and I am not putting that on our marshals.
- Refund issue, thanks to everyone that responded. After event will ponder some alternatives that are practical and bring for committee to ponder, digest and decide.
- Also, still to see what SI innovations are to come. Just bad luck that the initial changes haven't been as helpful as they initially appeared. Hopefully the next updates will resolve this. Also we will have more data on which to base decisions.
- Marshals walks have taken place. 18 mile route on a Sunday and the extension on a Wednesday. One diversion put in on the long route. RD and GPX updates and sent to entrants.
- Final details have been sent out to all entrants. Roger has staffing in hand and has been sending out details. Viv has the equipment in hand. Barbara has the soup volunteers organised.
- Homemade Jam and chutney will be available for sale at Greenmount. Remember to bring some cash/change on the day. Thank you to all our volunteers for all their help and support in the run up to the event. Thanks also to those on the committee who have given me extra support over the last couple of months.
- Final reminder for anyone collecting equipment or dropping soup on Saturday.
  - 12:30 St Margaret's
  - 14:00 Greenmount

Caz

### **Walk's Secretary Report**

Walk leaders have been coming forward for the Spring programme but there are still plenty of dates to fill, and we are particularly short of leaders for Sundays, so please get in contact if you can help.

Nick

### **IT Secretary Report**

The website and Facebook continue to be updated regularly. Thank you to the walk leaders and others who contribute.

Hilary

### **Social Secretary Update**

**21 June 2026 Peel Tower.** Open day and walk for MNDA and MS Trust. Awaiting confirmation from Bury council due to a structural survey being done on the tower.

**6 July 2026 Hawes in North Yorkshire.** Three night break. Need to book their own accommodation, then contact Viv for eating out options.

**21 November 2026 Real Ale Ramble.** For three nights. Neuadd Arms Hotel Tel. 01591 610236, Llanwrtyd Wells. Book direct with the hotel, then let Viv know for evening meals. 8 people booked to date.

**Sunday 13 December 2026 Christmas Cracker.** Walk and meal at Rivington Tea Rooms, price to be confirmed, 30 places available, book early to avoid disappointment. **Contact Viv on 01706 824407**

**7 - 11 December 2026 Ghyll Head.** Outdoor activity centre. 4 nights self catering. **Sorry event full.**

**29 December 2026 New Year Eve away.** Neuadd Arm Hotel – see above for contact details. Book direct with the hotel and let Viv know for evening meal. 10 people booked to date.

**22 – 25 January 2027 Old Vicarage Ambleside B & B.** Book direct with the B & B, then let Viv know for evening meals. Led walks on two days. Evening meal out x 3. Contact Viv re evening meals. This B & B has a swimming pool, hot tubs and sauna, so swimwear required.

Viv

### **Agenda Items**

**1) Children on walks.** Nick gave the background to this issue and a discussion followed. The meeting thought this matter should be submitted to the NEC to seek their view on the matter.  
**ACTION** Nick to contact the NEC with this item.

### **Any Other Business**

**2)** Nick brought the subject of dogs on walks to the meeting. The NEC had updated the existing policy on dogs on walks in light of recent changes in legislation. See the LDWA toolkit for further details.

### **Meeting closed**

**Date and time of next meeting:** Tuesday 12 May 2026, 7:30pm at the Sea View Inn, Whittle-le-Woods.