

Minutes of East Lancashire LDWA Meeting

Date: 13th August 2024

Venue: Doffcocker Inn, 780 Chorley Road, Bolton, BL1 5QD

1 Present:

Pauline Melia	Chair
Jeanette Banks	Secretary
Hilary Scott	IT Secretary
Nick Halford	Walks Secretary
Viv Lee	Social Secretary
Alma Walsh	Treasurer
Dave Walsh	Ordinary Committee Member
Roger Jackson	Ordinary Committee Member
Gordon Stone	Ordinary Committee Member
Paul Banks	Ordinary Committee Member
Paul Raine	East Lancs LDWA Member

Apologies:

Caroline Tennant Events Secretary

2 Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes were accepted as a true record of the last EL LDWA meeting by Alma Walsh and Paul Banks.

3 Matters arising:

Pauline will speak with Roger Jackson regarding his website email. He has been meeting with NEC and other group members and has drafted a specification regarding events. Pauline to send the response.

Pauline has contacted Anne Wade to advise the NEC that East Lancs will not be supporting breakfast stops at 100 events after the Norfolk and Suffolk 2025 100 event. Anne has acknowledged this and thanked Viv Lee for coordinating many years of East Lancs 100 breakfast checkpoints and for East Lancs LDWA support, as follows:

"Please thank Viv for her massive contribution over the years. It has not gone unnoticed and is very much appreciated (especially by 100 entrants, who have enjoyed magnificent breakfasts, sometimes magically appearing out of less-than-perfect kitchens!!)"

Melrose – there is still a twin room available at the Alfa holiday taking place in April 2025. Interested parties to contact Karen Wardle, West Lancs LDWA secretary.

LDWA members not paying to enter East Lancs Two Crosses Challenge Event. Pauline has contacted Madeleine Watson, NE Local Group Officer, to advise that some members have been attending local challenge events without making payment, and then consuming food and drink at checkpoints. There is no NEC guidance regarding this matter. Viv, Roger, Caz and Nick will meet prior to the SI Entries

being opened for the next event, to discuss how to inform participants that non-payment is not acceptable.

The red East Lancs logo T-shirts have been found.

An induction pan has been received with thanks from Alison Wadsworth in the form of a donation. There is now no need to replace the pan that went missing from storage.

Pauline has made the relevant changes to the EL Constitution and will send to the NEC.

4 Chair and Secretary's update:

Pauline wished Viv Lee a very Happy Birthday for tomorrow on behalf of the group.

Secretary had nothing to add.

5 Treasurer's update: Alma provided the report, as follows:

'Current Account Balance £508.55

Savings Account Balance £8081.48

Total cost to the club in respect of the Two Crosses Party amounted to £283.74.

£550.00 has been paid out to 11 of the Speyside 100 volunteers.

Payments received for the Ghyll Head 2024 accommodation to date amount to £1425.60 and £136 has carried over from Ghyll Head 2023.

£915.00 is still ring fenced in respect of the Martin Greaves Grant.

When taking all of the above into account our net figure over the two accounts is £6113.43'

Alma updated the committee regarding bank charges for the East Lancs LDWA account. Virgin Bank do not charge for the first 10 transactions in any month. Any additional transactions incur a charge. Most months do not have more than 10 transactions, so it is anticipated that fees to the bank will only occur on a couple of months per year.

6 Events Secretary's update:

Nothing to report

7 Walk Secretary's update:

WALK LEADERS REQUIRED

'The Summer walks programme is nearly over and has gone well. Dates for Autumn have been suggested, but take-up is slow at the moment. Please check the website Future Events page for unfilled dates, and on walks please look for opportunities to talk to those members that have not led walks before to encourage them to join in, maybe offering to 'buddy-up' if you can.

8 **Social Secretary's Update:** Viv Lee reported the following:

Patterdale Holiday. A number of members enjoyed the recent holiday trip to the Patterdale Hotel. Viv thanked Roger Jackson, Steven Gilleard and Paul Banks for leading walks.

Social update email will be sent out by EL secretary as per Viv's report.

The 2025 East Lancs LDWA 100 accommodation for the Norfolk and Suffolk 100 is now fully booked.

Hazelwood House, Keswick holiday 28th February 2025 is fully booked.

Ghyll Head accommodation is fully booked for 6th December 2024.

Peel Tower Holcombe Hill charity event to raise funds for MNDA and MS Trust will be planned for June 2025. Viv awaiting dates. Cake makers and helpers will be most appreciated.

9 **IT Secretary's update and Item 10 of the agenda:**

The committee discussed the future role of the East Lancs LDWA website in regards to past walk reports. Hilary has kept the website up to date for many years. She was able to encourage walk leaders to provide a short report for walks they had led. Recently there are shortfalls on walk reports and pictures for the website.

The agreement was that brief walk reports and at least a single group picture should continue to be added to the past walks page of the EL LDWA website. However, although a report will be encouraged, this will not be made mandatory as it could discourage future walk leaders from coming forward.

11 **Remainder of Martyn Greaves funding and Redisher Woods proposal.** Viv Lee has approached Blackburn with Darwen council regarding donations towards footpath repairs in the area. She has not been successful. She has approached Bury Council regarding using the remaining Martyn Greaves funds to be used for restoning the steps in Redisher Wood. Committee members approved the proposal.

12 **EL LDWA money contribution to Christmas Cracker meals.** The Committee members agreed that East Lancs LDWA will pay a £10 contribution to members Christmas Meal if they have assisted at either the Two Crosses event, the Speyside 100 or led a walk for East Lancs LDWA. The cost of the meal has not yet been confirmed by the venue. It is expected that there will be a small rise in cost on top of last year's price of £19.95.

13 **Any other Business:**

The Committee discussed the recent NEC communication received from Madeleine. The group welcomes the Local Group Bi-Monthly Meetings. Nick Halford will attend the first meeting. Pauline will attend the second meeting.

14 **Date, time and venue of next meeting:**

Next East Lancashire LDWA meeting – Tuesday 1st October, 2024 at 7pm

Annual General Meeting – Tuesday 5th November, 2024 at 7pm

15 **Meeting closed at 8.50pm**