

East Lancashire LDWA Two Crosses Challenge Walk report 2025

Caz Tennant

Thanks -

Firstly as it is the most important thing, thank you to everyone that volunteered in the preparations, the actual event and the aftermath of this year's Two Crosses.

I know I say it every year, but the event would not happen without our volunteers.

Entries -

297 on the starting list. (Wait list had 52, 11 invited, 7 accepted)

41 non starters, 14%, down from 18% in 2024, likely mainly due to great weather forecast. initially thought could have invited more of the waitlist, but glad I didn't, only just remained around the 250 limit for the UU and Natural England permits.

On the day we had 9 non finishers. 5 retired, 2 didn't register finishing and 2 timed out by marshals. 247 people completed the event.

Statistically, less women, less walkers and less LDWA members. Also more on the long route than normal, but again likely the good weather.

Finances -

Thanks to Alma for doing the finance report.

Total event profit - £1380.76

Lower than usual due to some investment purchases of equipment.

General -

Post event review held 29/03/25

Timing entrants out. Feedback from Barbara. Had to retire two late running entrants. Whilst they are told repeatedly before the event, we need to make sure that entrants are told when they start losing time that they may be retired. The 2 that had to be timed out seemed surprised when told, though I suspect this is more an issue with their understanding of the situation. It left Barbara in a very awkward position that I would like to avoid happening again.

Cut off times on clipboards for all marshals in future. If an entrant is losing time, we need to tell them they may be retired if they do not make up time, as per the cp closing times advertised.

Cut off. Feedback that entrants thought it too early. Moved earlier a few years ago as entrants slower over later sections. Also, still have late runners, which we wouldn't, if it was too early.

Landowners. Following a report from an entrant, entrants will be reminded before the event that they must follow the instructions of landowners and marshals. If they are asked to stop and wait, they must do so. The land owners livelihood is far more important than their finish time. This seemed to be an issue with runners rather than walkers.

Parking. Pub, apologised, their mistake in forgetting. Next year reconfirm and check booking levels. With the good turnout, also issues parking on the estate. Next year emphasise car share and lack of parking. Do we want to consider lower entrant numbers? Propose we start lower (250) and then invite from the waiting list when we confirm the final pub space numbers.

CP feedback has also raised requests - CP3 small tent CP2 stove and related equipment to replace water boiler.

As far as I am concerned, anything that marshals request that is useful to the club and makes the marshals lives easier, should be considered by the group. Obviously, we still run prices past the committee to cover ourselves and the group, but if anyone has any ideas or requests, please get in touch and we can discuss next meeting.

Cora. Thanks to Bury fire station for their fast and efficient rescue of Cora. Propose with groups agreement that we should make a donation to Fire service. Voted and agreed. £100 to be donated.

Gate Crashers. I received one report of a potential gate crusher. Or if we had more, they were far more discreet about it. We will monitor, but happy that we seem to have the situation under control.

2026 will be 40th Two Crosses. Booked in for Sunday 8th March 2026. Do we want to increase entry fee? See Alma's investigation and suggestions. 3 years at current price of £11/£16. The group voted and agreed to raise the prices to £15/£20.

Question to ponder for next meeting. Do we want to do anything special to mark the anniversary? Commemorative buff? Cake? Something for our marshals? Bring any ideas to the next meeting or email me.

Admin issues -

Manual and asset list are being updated and will be sent for website storage.

GDPR - paperwork destroyed/deleted as necessary.

7 club t-shirts missing. Anyone washing any or have them at home?