Secretary's Report for 13th AGM Lakeland LDWA

This reports our activities since last year when we met at Newby Bridge for the AGM.
Since we met last year the group has provided:
13 Weekend Social Walks attended by a total of 179 people
14 Wednesday day or evening social walks of a shorter length
05 'Lakeland Does' visits as a team to Challenge Walks
05 Weekend or midweek trips away of two or more days.
We have had 13 different leaders contributing to these walks.
We have 1074 Members receiving our Bulk Emails
We finished off the First Aid Training with a course on Vallentine's day!

Lakeland Does - Robin inspired the group to tackle more challenges as a team and will report more on how these went. The challenge walks we attended included:
Cracoe Cracker Challenge Two Crosses
Pentland Hills Challenge Marsden Moors Meander Open to Offas

Weekends Away - We have provided weekends or midweek breaks away for 79 people. These trips included:
The John Muir Way from Linlithgow to Dunbar based at Edinburgh (18)
The Lakeland Way final two stages based in Ravenglass and Wasdale (14)
The Swale Way – Two central sections based at Reeth (17)
The Diamond Way – based in Blockley in the Cotswolds (14)
The Swale Way – Stages 1 – 3 based at Thirsk (16)

Weekend Social Walks

Mince Pie Walk – Dec - Dales Way from Burneside to Windermere – James Bellarby
Finished on Windermere Shoreline. Gordon suffered an injury which stopped him being able to complete the 100 but we are delighted he is back in action again now. **32 Attended**

That's Lyth Marshals Walk – January – Nicky Wood and Ian Scott
Same as usual, a dry day this year. **14 Attended**

Spring in Lakeland Marshals Way – March – Mark Hawker 4 Attended

Wainwright Wander – April – Ian Scott and Nicky Wood
9 Wainwrights from Ambleside **18 Attended**

Pennine Edges Explorer – May – Caroline Roy – 13 Attended
A brisk cool wind kept us moving up to High Cup Nick and over the Scars

Wainwright Wander Weekend – June – Ian Scott and Nicky Wood
Two walks offered over the weekend with 14 Hills completed from a base at Braithwaite. The hills took us over to Loweswater and Ennerdale **10/8 Attended**

Mallerstang Valley – Garsdale to Kirkby Stephen – July - Robert Nutton
A medium height walk due to the weather but very enjoyable. **10 Attended**

Silverdale Circuit – August – Lisa Spratling and Robin Sykes
A joint walk with West Lancs - a revival of an old challenge walk. **36 Attended**

Lune Valley Loops – September – Roz Smithson
A walk from Brookhouse taking in Caton Hill and the Lune Valley. **14 Attended**

Kendal Gathering 50th Anniversary Walk and Meal – September - Nicky Wood
A lovely meal to restore us afterwards at the Station Inn, Oxenholme. We revisited some old haunts in particular those of the old Spring into New Hutton event**. 21 Attended**

Joint Walk from Wheelton – October - John Clarke
A really nice walk with a mix of babbling brooks and canal walking and some moorland near Anglezark Event territory. 20 **Attended**

Kent 100 - We experienced the 'Honeyhot' event as it is now being called. Well done to five of our members for even setting out in that heat and a big well done to Robin for completing it. The rest of us did some walking on the Vanguard Way and lots of drinking fizzy pop at pubs.

Wednesday Walks
No long distance paths tackled this year – apart from Jo and Ann-Marie who have been off tackling the Coast to Coast on Wednesdays. But plenty of variety.
Lindale to Cartmel and Seattle – December – Joint walk with East Lancs -Ian Scott
Wray to Sawray – March – Nicky Wood
Sour Howes and Sallow – April – Nicky Wood and Ian Scott
Ayside, Bigland Tarn and Cartmel – April – Nicky Wood
Spring in Lakeland Section – May -Ambleside to Skelwith – Mark Hawker
Norber Erratics – June – Ian Dyer
Holehird Evening Walk – June – Tony Willey
Spring in Lakeland Section – July – Broughton to Coniston – Nicky Wood
Cartmel Evening Walk – July – Julie Collins
Scout Scar Rifleman's Evening Walk – August – Nicky Wood and Ian Scott
Spring in Lakeland Section – August – Coniston to Ambleside – Mark Hawker
Farlton Fell Evening Walk – September – Robin Sykes
Furness Haematitite Walk Parts 1 and 2 – October – Nicky Wood
I'll get us back to a long path next year.

Challenge Walks – we hosted the usual two.
That's Lyth stayed dry until literally the last walkers came in which was amazing. We have our 45th event coming up on 31 January. Entries filled in two days which is testament to what a brilliant job you all do.

Spring in Lakeland, The 24 mile route was again popular in 2026 and on the agenda you will see we are giving you an update on the exciting 24/50 taking place 10 11 April 2027.

A great year for Lakeland again, with nothing but bright skies on the horizon.