

## Capital Challenge 2022 Report

This year's event was nearly fully booked, with 197 people registered for the walk and 177 showing up on the day. Eight people retired during the walk, leaving 169 completers.

Finish times ranged from 5 hours and 48 minutes to 11 hours and 10 minutes.

**Total receipts** were £3,385.00.

**Total expenses** were £2,093.95, including donations of £50 each to Bliss (The Scoop's nominated charity) and St Edward's Church, £200 to The Thames Path, and £250 to the NEC's IT maintenance fund.

**Net income** was £1,291.05.

### Some stats on the 197 people who registered for the event:

All were registered as UK residents. Twenty-nine (15%) did not register as LDWA members. Of the 168 who registered under an LDWA group, these were the numbers per group (7 were undeclared):

Anytime Anywhere	2	Mersyside	1
Beds, Bucks & Northants	8	Norfolk & Suffolk	12
Bristol & West	4	South Pennine	1
Cornwall & Devon	1	South Wales	15
Cumbria	1	Surrey	8
Dorset	2	Sussex	12
East Lancashire	6	Thames Valley	11
East Yorkshire	1	The Irregulars	2
Essex & Herts	19	Wessex	4
Heart of England	12	West Lancashire	3
Kent	9	Wiltshire	7
London	19	Yorkshire Coast	1

Ages ranged from 22 to 78 years, clustered thus:

20-29 years	9	4.5%
30-39 years	8	4.0%
40-49 years	26	13.2%
50-59 years	73	37.1%
60-69 years	62	31.5%
70-79 years	19	9.6%

### Feedback

Marshals throughout the walk reported good feedback and said walkers seemed generally cheery despite a few blisters and some sore knees. Post-event feedback via email and Facebook has been supportive.

## **Planning for 2023**

Marie Heracleous has taken on the role of organiser for this event and reports as follows:

1. The Capital Challenge 2023 has now sold out and has a healthy waiting list
2. Susanne Waldschmidt has recceed the walk and has produced a draft walk description
3. 4 checkpoints have been booked, all have toilets - (1 still tbc)
4. Lambeth have confirmed we can walk through their parks, and the common, and have a checkpoint at the windmill
5. I am still waiting to hear from the royal parks that we are ok with the route
6. The finances are looking healthy and will lead to a good profit if all works to plan
7. The focus now is on recruiting volunteers for the event – we need a further 5 volunteers. The Marshals walk is already in diary.

Marie Heracleous

Organiser, Capital Challenge 2023