

North Yorkshire LDWA – Annual General Meeting 2026

Held at Cold Kirby Village Hall

Sunday February 22 2026 at 2.00 pm

In attendance:

Primary members: Caroline & Roger Wandless, Malcolm & Sue Reid, Albert & Eva Bowes Sheila Robinson, Mary Fullerton, Jill King, Dave Jacques, Lynn Hathaway, Stephen Hall, Robert Cope, Dave Campbell, Christine Stopford, Sabeersha Basheerkutty.

Associate members: Madeleine Watson (W Yorks & Chair LDWA NEC), Janice Barker (S Pennines), Tim Rollett (W Yorks), Pam Manning (E Yorks)

The meeting commenced at 2.00 with a quorum of members

1. Apologies for absence: Andrea Hutchinson, Paul Shepherd
2. Minutes of the 2025 AGM: Approved. Proposed by Roger W and seconded by Steve H

Officers' reports had been posted on the Group website prior to the meeting and are included as an appendix to these minutes. The reports below include any additional comments or answers to questions raised.

3. Chair's report: Robert C declared that the Group had had on the whole, an excellent year, saving very good weather for the Kilburn Kanter followed by praiseworthy feedback. He thanked all the members who had supported the KK and other Challenge Events including the 100 and the contributions made by committee members at the group meetings. Mention was made of the permanent bench above Gormire Lake, erected courtesy of the Martyn Greaves fund. (see the photos on the Group website)
4. Treasurer's report: Steve H had completed his first year as treasurer without too many issues. The majority of funds come from the Kilburn Kanter event. It was not necessary to buy any more badges this year. The Christmas meal had been subsidised at a cost of £329.50.
5. Secretary's report: Christine S had nothing further to add to her circulated report except to express thanks to all the committee members for their support over the last year. We had invited the Chair of the National Committee and a West Yorkshire member, Madeleine Watson to attend the unveiling of the bench on the early walk prior to this meeting, so many thanks for her attendance.
6. Walk Secretary's report: Lynn H thanked all the walk leaders who had led over a variety of terrain, in varying weather conditions and on different days of the week. This included a small number of leaders from other local groups as well.

7. Walk Leader's expenses: To add an incentive to encourage people to lead walks, the expense claim was raised from £10.00 to £20.00 with the onus on the leader to put in a claim to the treasurer/walk secretary.
8. Data protection: Robert reminded all that GDPR must be followed. General Data Protection Regulation came into force in the UK in 2018 but the National Committee had reminded all groups particularly those who organise Challenge Events that the tally list must be deleted after 7 days, Results that only contain names and times are OK to keep ad infinitum but other KK info should be deleted after 7 years.
All committee members in post during 2025 confirmed they believed they were compliant with the LDWA Data Protection Policy. As the Group's Data Protection Representative, Robert would submit the annual declaration on behalf of the Committee in the next few days (done).
9. Election of Officers and General Committee members:

Position	Officer	Proposer	Seconder
Chair	Robert Cope	Christine S	Lynn H
Treasurer	Steve Hall	Caroline W	Dave J
Secretary	Christine Stopford	Lynn H	Robert C
Walks Secretary	Lynn Hathaway	Steve H	Christine S
Webmaster	Robert Cope	Roger W	Jill K
Minutes Secretary	Jill King	Robert C	Caroline W
Committee members			
Roger Wandless		Lynn H	Christine S
Dave Jacques		Lynn H	Christine S
Malcolm Reid		Lynn H	Christine S
Sue Reid		Lynn H	Christine S
Sabeersha Basheerkutty		Caroline W	Dave J
Plus Caroline & Roger to continue as 100 and other events co-ordinators and point of contact. Roger to continue to organise the Kilburn Kanter. The Finance sub - committee will be Steve with Roger and Robert			

10. Any Other Business: Dave J expressed thanks to all who attended the meeting and a special thanks to Christine for her catering expertise on the KK and to Caroline & team the same at the AGM.
Robert again reiterated that if at all possible the AGM should continue to be face to face.
11. Date of the next AGM: provisionally February 28 2027

The meeting closed at 2.30pm

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NORTH YORKSHIRE LDWA AGM 2026 CHAIR'S REPORT

At the end of my first year as Chair, I'm delighted to report that 2025 was another good year for the North Yorkshire Group.

Highlights included an average of one social walk per fortnight, yet another highly-praised Kilburn Kanter challenge event, support for the LDWA Flower of Suffolk 100 challenge together with a number of neighbouring group's challenge walks and culminating in an enjoyable and sociable get together for our Christmas lunch in Coxwold.

Reflecting on some of these highlights in a little more detail I am struck by the contribution of my fellow Committee members and would like to thank each of them for their willing involvement and commitment to these outwardly visible activities; as well as recognising the challenge walk organisation workload and essential back office administrative and financial support provided to ensure a well-managed, responsible and respected Group within the broader LDWA. Specifically:

- The days of walk leaders able and willing to lead more than a few walks no longer exist within the Group, so maintaining a programme of regular and interesting social walks has become progressively more challenging. We are, of course, grateful to each and every walk leader who gave up their time to plan, recce and lead a social walk for us last year resulting in a successful social walk programme.
- Our annual flagship Kilburn Kanter challenge event further exemplifies this commitment with the entire Committee involved in pre-event planning, catering and multiple tasks on a long day. Our thanks also to the many Primary and Associate members who assist on the day – your support is invaluable and greatly appreciated.
- As regards checkpoint support for challenge walks, host groups can rely on us to provide more than just volunteers but effectively a complete solution in some cases - almost as if it was our own challenge event. Either as a Group, or sometimes simply as individuals, Committee members supported the following LDWA challenge events for other groups in 2025:
Afoot in 2 Dales (two fully staffed checkpoints), Blubberhouses Moor, Filey Flier, Flower of Suffolk 100 (fully staffed checkpoint), One Foot in the Gargrave, Roundhay 50 (full staffed checkpoint), Rudolph's Romp and The Woldsman.

Finally, the Group successfully applied for funding from the LDWA's Martyn Greaves legacy fund to install a bench on the Cleveland Way close to the Sutton Bank Visitor Centre. This has been structured as a North Yorkshire LDWA donation to, and in collaboration with, the North York Moors National Park. At the time of presenting this report the walk which preceded this AGM will have visited the site as an informal inauguration of the bench. It is hoped that this initiative might result in some favourable publicity for the Group.

Looking forward to 2026 the Group expects to maintain focus on its primary activities, namely the social walk programme, the 37th Kilburn Kanter Challenge and support for neighbouring groups' challenge events and the LDWA's Honeypot 100.

In conclusion 2025 was another successful year for the North Yorkshire Group and we look forward to another year of great walking in one of the finest and most varied landscapes in the country. We would welcome some new faces to join us on the Committee to help shape the future direction and continued success of the Group.

Robert Cope
Chair

TREASURERS REPORT

Group funds held at the bank have increased over the year from £1,621.84 to £2,013.77 though we still need to pay Cold Kirby village hall for the checkpoint facilities on the Kilburn Kanter, a reserve of £78 has been made for this in line with previous years cost.

Kilburn Kanter Challenge Event again successfully delivered and returned another healthy surplus of £1,113.13 this year. This is despite a reduction in entry fees of nearly £100 this year due to a reduction in the number of non LDWA member entrants. This reduction of receipts was more than offset by there being no cost for badges this year and again catering costs were again kept to a minimum by Christine.

£1,260 was received from the Martyn Greaves fund to purchase a bench on the Cleveland Way near Sutton Bank.

Charge for the Lockup Storage increased by £10 this year to £160, shared with the Irregulars group.

Bank charges increased to £21 this year.

Receipts of £500 and £100 were received from the Flower of Suffolk 100 and the Roundhay 50 events respectively. These funds were shared out with the marshals who helped on these events.

The North Yorkshire Group Christmas meal at the Fauconberg in Coxwold was subsidised by the Group at a cost of £329.50.

Future Payments

- An annual rent of £160 is due in August 2026 for the equipment store, half of which is recouped by subletting space to the Irregulars LDWA group.
- North Yorkshire Group is still committed to cover the travel costs for attendance at the Local Groups weekend, also costs for 2 people to attend the National AGM weekend.
- Costs relating to staging the 2026 Kilburn Kanter.

Funds Flow for LDWA North Yorkshire Group

AGM February 2025 to AGM February 2026

CURRENT ACCOUNT

01-Feb-25	Opening Balance	£	1,621.84
FUNDS IN			
Events			
	Surplus from Flower of Suffolk 100	£	500.00
	Flower of Suffolk expenses reimbursed	£	14.48
	Surplus from Roundhay 50	£	100.00
	2025 Kilburn Kanter	£	2,709.23
	NY Xmas Meal Income	£	230.00
Merchandise			
	NY Garments (Online)		
	NY Garments (Petty Cash)		
Other Income			
	Acc Cashback	£	1.20
	Martyn Greaves Fund	£	1,260.00
	Lockup Rent from Irregulars	£	80.00
	Total Funds In	£	4,894.91
FUNDS OUT			
Capital Costs			
		£	-
Operational Costs			
	Lockup Rent (To Aug 2026)	£	160.00
	Local Group Weekend Costs	£	115.20
	Cold Kirby Village Hall (AGM)		
	AGM Catering	£	36.70
	LDWA AGM weekend costs	£	218.00
	Bank Charges	£	21.00
Misc			
	Bench	£	1,260.00
Events			
	2025 Kilburn kanter	£	1,518.10
	Roundhay 50 share out of surplus	£	100.00
	Share of Flower of Suffolk 100 Surplus	£	500.00
	Flower of Suffolk expenses	£	14.48
	2025 Christmas Meal	£	559.50
		£	-
	Total Funds Out	£	4,502.98
01-Feb-26	Closing Balance	£	2,013.77
	Cash in Hand	£	16.70
	Credit Notes		-£78.00
Total Club funds		£	1,952.47
(PTO for Cash in Hand Figures & Credit Notes)			

CASH IN HAND

01-Feb-25	Opening Balance	£	16.70
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FUNDS IN

Total Funds In	£	-
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FUNDS OUT

Total Funds Out	£	-
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01-Feb-26	Closing Balance	£	16.70
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CREDIT NOTES

01-Feb-26	Cold Kirby VH - Kilburn Kanter	£	78.00
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Total	£	78.00
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KK 2025 Event Finances

SiEntries

Online Entries	£2,941.00
SiEntry Fees	£ 231.77
Sub Total	£2,709.23

Other Entries

Manual Entries	£ -
Entries on the Day	£ -
Sub Total	£ -

Other Income

Income from Marshals Walk	£ -
Donations from main walk	£ -
Donations for Scarborough & Ryedale MRT (Petty Cash Box)	
Sub Total	£ -

Total Income **£2,709.23**

Operational Costs

Manual Refunds	
NEC non member Levy	£ -
Kilburn Institute	£ 250.00
Cold Kirby Village Hall - Marshals & Main	£ 78.00
Hawnby Village Hall - Marshals & Main	£ 126.00
Boltby Village Hall	£ 70.00
500 Badges (3 years supply)	
Cleveland Raynet donation	£ 350.00
Travel Expense Donations to Marshals	£ 30.00
Donation for Scarborough & Ryedale MRT	
Sub Total	£ 904.00

Running Costs

Marshals Walk Catering	£ 46.49
Main Event Catering	£ 417.80
Kit Box Replenishment	£ 91.68
Thank You Gifts - CP's 1, 2 & 5	£ 21.75
Certificates	£ 45.60
Waterproof Paper for Tallies & Printing	£ 27.59
Printer Ink	£ 35.19
Emergency Phone Top Up	£ 6.00
Sub Total	£ 692.10

Total Costs **£ 1,596.10**

Surplus/Loss **£ 1,113.13**

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

The North Yorkshire group has enjoyed another year of walking in beautiful parts of Yorkshire, led by several enthusiastic and knowledgeable walk leaders, and I must echo the appreciation of the Walks Secretary for their time, energy and commitment in devising, checking out and leading such wonderful walks. We have also enjoyed joint walks with neighbouring groups, including West Yorkshire and Nidderdale.

Although total membership of the North Yorkshire group is large, the numbers on social walks remain relatively small, but even on occasions when only a handful of walkers have turned up, the walks are always enjoyed and appreciated.

As mentioned elsewhere, we made a successful application to the Martin Greaves memorial fund to enable the installation (with the co-operation of the North York Moors National Park Authority) of a wooden bench at Sutton Bank, very close to the route of our annual challenge event, the Kilburn Kanter. We hope many people will enjoy resting on it whilst enjoying the beautiful views – perhaps some may be prompted to find out more about the LDWA when they read the inscription!

Group members have helped out in various ways on a number of challenge events, including the '100', throughout the year – always appreciated by the participants.

We have a strong and experienced committee, members of which have a wealth of knowledge and experience gained over decades of leading and taking part in walks, and organising events; I would like to record my appreciation of the work and commitment of committee members. It would also be great to have some new members on the committee; it is not an onerous role – we meet usually four times a year, currently over zoom – so please do seriously consider if this is something you could contribute to the successful running of the group. We are accepting nominations before and at the AGM.

And a final thank you to anyone and everyone who has contributed in any way to the activities of the North Yorkshire group over the last year; we look forward to another great year of walking in 2026.

Christine Stopford

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WALK SECRETARY'S REPORT

2025 was another successful year in regard to an active social walks programme with 25 social walks put on by different walk leaders. Walks were again led in all areas of North Yorkshire, from Swaledale, Wharfedale, Lockton, Sutton Bank, Ampleforth, Helmsley, Tadcaster and Addingham, to name a few.

There was again quite a fluctuation in attendance at these social walks, with a trend of higher attendance in Autumn, Winter and Spring but declining in the Summer months. To try to encourage a higher attendance, we have put on joint walks with West Yorkshire, Nidderdale, and East Yorkshire. We also trialled a Thursday walk from Grewelthorpe, which was successful; we plan to put more Thursday walks on in 2026, but these are in addition to the Saturday walks, not a replacement.

Again we had the usual variations in weather conditions, notable, walking most of the route in snow, but brilliant sunshine, from Grewelthorpe in November, to strong winds, sunshine, rain and hail on the Swaledale Round from Reeth in August.

Again, we had a successful Kilburn Kanter Event; many thanks again to all the volunteers who marshal on check points, especially Sue, Malc and Tom who stoically man Sutton Bank check point, exposed to the elements at the top of Sutton Bank.

Many thanks to everyone who has led a walk last year, we couldn't continue as a group without your dedication, hard work and willingness to contribute to the walk programme.

Lynn Hathaway