

Thames Valley LDWA Secretary Report 2025

2025 was a fairly uneventful year. The highlight was our third running of the Marlow Donkey in October. The event was full and went well : thanks to all the marshals who volunteered their services. The event is already booked for October 4th next year and David is hard at work at a series of route options, including a 50km route for our 50th anniversary year. Several members are hard at work at organizing events for 2026 for this anniversary, special thanks here to Anushka and Linda. These start with an anniversary walk from Maidenhead (where the first walk was held) on February 22nd.

The general state of the group has not changed significantly over the year. I attended the LDWA Local Groups weekend in November and it was clear our problems, particularly finding volunteers, are commonly shared with other groups. It is easiest it seems to get volunteers to marshal on challenge walks, much more difficult to get walk leaders and almost impossible to get new committee members, which we badly need.

On that score, my 5 year term has now expired and the constitution dictates I should stand down, not that I would wish to continue with all my current responsibilities, including the Marlow Donkey. With that in mind, we have split the Secretary job in two, and Alison Attard will hopefully be elected at this meeting to the Secretary (Meetings) role. We still need to fill the second role as Secretary (External and Communications).

A big thank you for all her hard work and efficiency to Sarah, who steps down as treasurer, and whose report follows.

Duncan Macgregor, Secretary

Thames Valley LDWA Treasurer Report 2024/25

In summary the total cash balance decreased by £176 year on year. The *decrease in funds* was planned and was driven by a successful Marlow Donkey offset in the main by the subsidisation of a number of social events the walks tea & cake and the 2023 Christmas lunch.

The overall benefit of the Marlow Donkey challenge event was £672, this was an increase over the 2024 event due to the planned increase in participant numbers. This successful challenge event format is planned to be continued and is the source of income for the group.

Overall, the Groups financial position remains good and means that we have reserves in place to ensure we are financially stable and also enables us to subsidise social events.

I would like to thank Ron Doole for his independent review of the accounts.

Sarah Easingwood-Wilson, Treasurer

Cashbook: 1.11.2024 - 31.10.2025

Summary	31.10.22	31.10.23	31.10.24	31.10.25
Reserve Account Balance	£2,432.52	£2,459.19	£2,495.08	£2,524.63
Business Account Balance	£4,845.60	£6,011.50	£6,214.61	£6,009.52
Cash in Hand	-	-	-	-
Total	£7,278.12	£8,470.69	£8,709.69	£8,534.15
Increase / (Decrease)	£532.71	£1,192.57	£239.00	(£175.54)

Movement for the Year

Cash inflow	£2,145.35
Cash outflow	(£2,350.44)
Add reserve interest	£29.55
Total	(£175.54)

Business Account Cashflow		Cash Inflow	Cash Outflow	Net Cashflow
Marlow Donkey 2025		£1,671.00	£998.53	£672.47
Christmas Lunch 2024		£170.00	£524.75	(£354.75)
Walks tea & cake		-	£254.00	(£254.00)
AGM 2025	Hall hire & food costs	-	£118.69	(£118.69)
100 event support	Costs incurred were reimbursed by the 100 event organisers	£304.35	£304.35	-
Committee Meetings	Hall hire	-	£63.13	(£63.13)
50th Anniversary	Deposit paid	-	£45.00	(£45.00)
Other		-	£41.99	(£41.99)
Total		£2,145.35	£2,350.44	(£205.09)

Walks Co-ordinators Report 2025

We are still managed to offer at least one walk most Sundays thanks to a heroic effort by a few and also thanks to some members stepping up to lead some walks.

We were only able to offer 11 Sundays with both a longer and shorter walk out of 46 longer walks and 15 shorter walks.

The average attendance was 9 people on the longer walks and 10 people shorter walks (the shorter walk numbers were boosted occasion when there was not a longer walk or there was a combined tea walk)

Unfortunately we were not able to offer any mid week Wednesday walks this year and the number of shorter walks had a big reduction from 2024, though the number of longer walks have increased slightly.

We have a sizeable number of past Oxon20 walks which have descriptions and GPX files on our web site, and many of our previous walks have GPX files available in the LDWA Walks Database. So please consider helping out in 2026.

Also a monthly email Newsletter was started and sent out to all members to promote the social walks available from Thames Valley, as well as local challenge events, and including social and challenge walk reports and pictures, as well as any other news. Please help supply content for the newsletter by sending in social or challenge walk reports and pictures. To tv.walks@ldwa.org.uk

Andrew Beck