

LDWA WEST LANCASHIRE GROUP

Committee and Group Meeting
22nd January at the Sea View 7.00pm

Notes

	<p>Apologies: David W, Andy W, Kate H, Andrea F and husband</p> <p>In attendance: John (Chair) Ann (Treasurer) Karen (Secretary) Neil and Steve (Walks Programme) Mike (Equipment) Ian (Web and Amble Organiser) Gaynor (Committee member) Guest and Speaker Hilary Scott, in total 23 members.</p>
1	<p>Introduction. John as the new Chair introduced the format for this evening's meeting. Hotpot to be served followed by Ian's brief summary of the reported footpath issue's on the Am. Walks programme (Neil) and financial summary (Ann).</p>
2	<p>Anglezarke Amble A member has put onto our Facebook comments about the bad state of some of the footpaths on the Amble route. Ian presented these comments with suggestions on how the issues commented on could be addressed by introducing diversions. After discussion it was agree that only one diversion should be introduced, and all entrants should be notified of this route alteration.</p>
3	<p>The Walks Programme Neil commented that the current programme was full until the 9th April. The statistics were as follows: Summary figures given are:</p> <p>13 walks since 1st November with two more scheduled for the remainder of the month giving 15 in three months. An average of 5 per month, which over winter and including the Christmas break is a decent number.</p> <p>3 weekend and 10 weekday walks. 6 Longer and 7 shorter.</p> <p>Longer – average mileage = 15 and on average 11 people attended.</p> <p>Shorter – average mileage 10 and on average 20 people attended.</p> <p>One member commented about the lack of 10 mile Tuesday walks? Neil responded that under his tenure as Chair he extended the walks from 9 – 13 miles on the programme. The programme reflected this change. Neil also stated that in the future, he would not be sending out the programme but it would be listed on the Web page. With the exception of any last minute changes, which would be sent out to Members.</p>

4	<p>Finances</p> <p>Ann presented her financial report. Notable expenditure had been on the Amble banners and the Pudding Plod subsidy. John C had secured some funding from the NEC for the tabards to be used on the Amble.</p> <p>The financial summary is as follows:</p> <p><u>West Lancs LDWA Finances as at 22nd January 2024</u></p> <p>Funds in bank £10,244.24.</p> <p>Significant Expenditure since 1st October 2023</p> <p>£442.15 Pudding Plod subsidy £205.85 AGM hotpots £135.00 West Lancs Banners £73.50 Ramblers Association £97.50 Gifts for retiring officers</p> <p>Amble 2024 Income to date: £3397.50 Amble 2024 Expend to date: £71.28</p>
5	<p>AOB carried forward.</p> <p>The Northern Peak sign in memory of Jeff Parr.</p> <p>Karen has made enquiries (again) with the organisation about a second memorial to be placed on the NandP sign at Charlie's Pole. Awaiting a decision.</p> <p>John and Gaynor explained that 17 had booked on the trip to Hadrian's Wall on the 28th and 29th August. The Twice brewed pub was fully booked but there was room on the 28 seater mini bus if anyone wished to stay near by in the BandB's.</p>
6	<p>Hilary's presentation on the work of the volunteers at Rivington was enjoyed by all.</p> <p>Meeting Closed</p>