

Group: West Lancs
Meeting Type: Anglezarke Amble Review
Date: 18/03/2026
Time: 7.00 – 9.00
Location / Platform: Sea View
Chair: John Clark
Minute Taker: Gaynor Wilkinson



Attendees:

Si Jones (Walk Secretary), Ian Wardle (Challenge Walk Co-ordinator) & Karen Wardle, Mike Motley, Kate Motley, Ken & Jenny Wyles, John Evenden, Dave & Sheila Turner, Diane Gordan, John Flannaghan, Bob & Sue Keyburn, David Joyner & Ian France.

Apologies:

Andy Webster, David Whittaker, Ann Holden

1. Welcome and Introductions

Good evening, tonight is to debrief the Amble Walk

2. Main Agenda Items

Ian's Walk Report

https://ldwa.org.uk/lgt/downloads/WestLancashire/Amble/2026/2026_ANGLEZARK_AMBLE_REPORT.pdf

- Recovering the report, 3 injuries but injury reports have been sent off and no issues with them.
- The amble is a very popular event with many on the waiting list. Although one irritation Ian had from one of the entries. – No refunds are given to walkers/runners – Ian received an email asking for refund. We stood our ground and said no to passing on personal information or issuing a refund.
- Some repair work is required on the route. 41 helpers, check points well managed and mountain rescue were valuable.
- The tallies that were misplaced have been replaced.
- Belmont Point – see action plan
- Entwistle Barn – many people didn't pass through this checkpoint as these had changed to the short route. Next year the person who is checking them off should be on the path near the reservoir to check them off.
- Slipper Low – no issues
- Entwistle – no issues
- Rivington Hall – issues prior to the event due to a sudden death of the caretaker. Resolved and Rivington Tea rooms were welcoming and offered the use of the tea rooms although this was not required. Ian has a concern who will take over from the caretaker? Hopefully we will still be able to use Rivington Hall.
- The kitchen didn't have a cooker, but the soup was sauced from the Rivington Tea rooms.
- Ian is stepping down as Amble Walks Organiser after 20 years. Will be standing down at the AGM but will continue in 2027.
- Ian would like to thank all the 41 helpers especially to Mike & Kate who are stepping back as Equipment Officers. Ian France has agreed to take on the role.

Q&A's

- Should the short route go through the farm?
We need permission to go through this from the farmer. Therefore, should we move check point back to Charlie Pole - Action made to move from Belmont to Charlie Point.
- Many walkers/runners were not being checked off at Entwistle Check Point
Next year the person who is checking them off should be on the path near the reservoir to check them off.

- Whats App was mentioned as a way of communication.
We are in agreement to continue using RAYNET.
- Emergency numbers are not on the tallies,
Print of Emergency number ask entries to photograph it on the day.
- Should the short sweeps set of at 9.00?
Is this necessary as they set of at 9.00 after the runners usually.
- Why do we have 2 starting times?
The hall can get to busy and cannot hold all the therefore we schedule the entries start points.
- Does the hall set up need reorganising?
The entries turn up, get a tally (number) as this is easier at checkpoints rather than pre sending their numbers in the post. Next year 2 tables are together.
- Check point closing must be when they leave Slipper Low. What is the cut of time?
16.00 hours.
- Can the Tracker system be put into places?
No as we have no internet connection. Raynet give the sweeps trackers so these can be tracked.
- Regarding the number that don't turn up.
We haven't got the time and resources to replace them.
- Should we put the fees up?
Increase to £20 for non-members and keep at £12 for members.
- Do we get expenses for helping?
No

Amble Expenses 2026

https://d.docs.live.net/a523f6f14c033949/Desktop/LDWA/Ambles/Amble_Finance_2026.pdf

Amble Historical Finances

<https://d.docs.live.net/a523f6f14c033949/Desktop/LDWA/Ambles/AmbleHistoricalFinance2026.pdf>

3. Any Other Business (AOB)

Actions to be done	Who	Completed
A date needs to be arranged to check the equipment at Kate & Mikes,	Gaynor to make a Watt Sapp group to speak to Ian France, Kate, John and us.	WhatsApp group made, to discuss at next meeting
Send out an email to see if anyone has storage.	John to send out email	Ian France is building storage at his house.
Van required for Amble	Si can get a van. Need to check insurance/	Si has sourced a van, Ian can drive it on his insurance. Cost to loan to be agreed.
Sheila & Dave stepping down from Entwistle. New check point organisers required.	Gaynor to send out volunteer list in May	
Can we ask for a NEC bid for Martin Greaves for repairs on the Amble Route?	Footpath from White Coppice through the woods. Find out who owns the land it is. Photographs and quote then contact Martin Greaves Funding.	Need a volunteer to take this on.