

Group: West Lancs
Meeting Type: Committee Meeting
Date: 08/01/2026
Time: 7.15 – 9.15
Location / Platform: Chairs Home Address
Chair: John Clark
Minute Taker: Gaynor Wilkinson



Attendees:

Anne Holden (Treasurer), Si Jones (Walk Secretary), Neil Harwood (Web Master), David Whittaker, Diane Gordon.

Apologies:

Ian Wardle, Steve Martin, Mike Motley,

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Welcome, Diane, to our committee and everyone, to the first committee meeting of 2026.
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2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

- All attendees approved the previous minute.
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3. Financial Statement – Anne Holden

West Lancs LDWA

Income and expenditure 2026 at 03/01/2026

	Income/Expenditure
£1,911.00	Amble income
£6.32	Interest
£0.00	Amble Expenses
£0.00	Donations
-£165.00	Christmas Meal
-£406.60	Social Events
-£6.20	Expenses
-£17.00	Bank Charges
-£ 54.45	Miscellaneous
£ 1,268.07	Profit/Loss on the year to date

Bfwd at 01/10/2025

£3,450.14	Lloyds current account
£4,224.77	Lloyds Savings Account
£0.00	Cash
£7,674.91	Total

Current Balances

£4,711.89	Lloyds Current Account
£ 4,231.09	Lloyds Savings account
£ 0.00	Cash
£8,942.98	Total

Significant items to date

Expenditure

Hotpots for AGM (£406.00)

Subsidy for Christmas Meal (£165.00)

Income

Amble 2026 entries (approx. £1911.00)

4. Walks Programme

2025 was a great progress.

Number of walks since AGM: 9

Shorter Social Walks: 2

Tuesday Social Walks: 5

Longer Weekend Walks: 2

Walkers Numbers

Shorter Social Walks: 22 Average 11 walkers per walk

Tuesday Social Walks: 71 Average 14 walkers per walk

Longer Weekend Walks: 16 Average 8 walkers per walk

Distances

Shorter Social Walks: 16.5 miles. Average 8.25 miles

Tuesday Social Walks: 54 miles average 10.8 miles

Longer Weekend Walks: 45.5 miles average 22.75 miles

As discussed at the previous meeting, joint walks with South Manchester are now arranged for May & July. Dates to follow. John Clarke and Si Jones will be in liaison with other groups to establish potential further joint walks to add to the 2026 walks program.

5. Main Agenda Items

Item	Discussion Summary	Action / Decision	Responsible	Deadline
1.	Advertising As discussed in previous meetings. Si Jones has designed sample leaflets and posters for the committee to view. Cost – 25 leaflets £19.99, 1000 - £48.14 1 poster £5.99, 30- £19.39.	Changes to wording and images agreed. An email to be sent to all members identifying suitable sites for advertising and distribution of leaflets	Si Jones to redraft and design for finalisation. When the final draft is agreed, Si will order a sample of a leaflet and poster.	ASAP before amble.

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	Prices to be finalised		Gaynor to copy and laminate posters.	
2.	Walk leaders Incentives Si Jones suggested: Every walk leader's name is entered into a drawer; one person at the end of the year will receive a gift voucher. To entice new walk leaders, their name will be added twice to the draw upon their first lead walk and subsequently one for every additional walk they lead as above.	The committee discussed and decided that incentives were not required at this stage but could be reviewed in the future. Hoping that the potential introduction of joint walks with our neighbouring groups may help with the issue of walk leader numbers.	Si to follow this up with walk leaders from other LDWA groups.	Next committee meeting.
3.	Short Walks Programme The future of the short walk programme was discussed.	The view is to continue with the short walk programme as it brings in new walkers.	Si Jones to monitor the numbers on the short walk programme.	Monitor numbers and attendees
4	Amble Report Ian Wardle's progress on the planning was shared with the group. Planning is going well with no problems highlighted to the committee. All volunteer positions are covered. Pre-ambled sweep has not brought up any problems. Ian France will take over as Equipment Officer and shadow Mike at this Amble.	The potential Subcommittee group for the Amble will be discussed after this year's Amble.	Ian Wardle	Before 2027 Amble.

4. Any Other Business (AOB)

- Feedback from Christmas Event 2025 - Use the venue again, menu perfect with great choices. Possible option of pre-walk to return and a date nearer to Christmas. Try for Sunday 13th.
- Treasures raised that she felt the cost of the Hot Pot provided at the Sea View Inn was expensive; should we look for another venue? Hot Pot Heaven provides hot pot deliveries. – To be raised at the next meeting
- Surplus Buffs from 2025 Amble to be sold at this year's Amble for £3.00.

- Business cards to be present at Rivington, Entwistle and Slipper Lowe at this year's Amble
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5. Date of Next Meeting

Post Amble Meeting (open for all), possibly Monday 9th March– No food - Check if Ian Wardle and the Sea View are available and Gaynor to ring to arrange.