

**Minutes of West Yorkshire LDWA AGM held on
Saturday 1st October 2022 at 2:15pm at the Brown Cow, Bingley**

In Attendance

**Ralph Warman
Chris Burrell
Tim Rollett
Karen Pickersgill
Lesley Peel**

**Warren Yabsley
Margaret Bluer
Eddie Winslow
Judi Webster
Jonathan Robbins
Beverley Walker
Kev Cronshaw
Roger Mahony
Tom Wood
Trevor Wardman**

Apologies

**Randal Metzger
John Pickersgill
Iain Haigh
Sue Manley
Julia Warman
Madeleine Watson
Andy Hicks**

Before the meeting Ralph summarised that the AGM would be a reflection of what had happened in 2022, and thereafter looking forward to 2023

All the relevant reports had been made available to everyone to read in advance of the AGM, and are attached to these minutes.

Ralph thanked all members that had taken part and attended the new AGM format of a social walk followed by the AGM and refreshments.

- **Apologies for Absence**
 - Received – as per above
- **Minutes of Previous AGM – held in October 2021**
 - Passed as a true accurate record
 - Proposer – Tim
 - Seconder - Lesley
 - Matters Arising – All actions covered in the attached reports.
- **Chair's Report – Ralph Warman**

As we enter the autumnal time of the year, and in the LDWA's 50th anniversary year and approaching our AGM we can reflect on another extremely successful year for the Group. Our activities, events and social walks have made us the envy of other groups! This is down to our very hard working and experienced committee, walk leaders and members.

Our new Secretary, Chris Burrell has been a major positive addition to the Committee. His enthusiasm, eagerness, interest and commitment has, and continues to be, immense. Coupled with this we have 2 NEC members and 2 NEC officers on our group's Committee. This commitment by them has made us more aware of the importance of our need as a group to input, be involved and commit not just at local level but also at national level.

Notable events of the year

- The introduction of the West Yorkshire Wandering, a quarterly newsletter covering what is going on – Chris Burrell.
- Christmas Party – a new look to our Christmas celebrations was well received by all. An excellent social event – Lesley Peel, Sue Manley and Iain Haigh
- 50th year celebrations – Nidderdale Way – 23 & 24 April 2022- Julia Warman, Ralph Warman, Karen Pickersgill & Chris Burrell.
- Treasure Hunt in the Park – 22 May – Chris Burrell
- 50k Bingley Walk with meal & drinks at the Brown Cow
- Ulfkil Strider event – 2 July – Chris Burrell
- Weekend away – Smugglers Trod – 26 August – Lesley Peel & Sue Manley
- Gargrave event (after a 2-year absence due to Covid) – 10 September – Judi Webster & Ralph Warman
- Thursday walks – 16 consecutive autumn walks- Kevin Hudson
- TP100 – Marshals Event – Chris & Christine Burrell; Lesley Peel; Jane Parry; Karen & John Pickersgill; Julia & Ralph Warman
- TP100 – Main Event – Sue Manley, Iain Haigh, Judi Webster, Bryan Wiseman, Tom Wood, John Sparshatt, Randal Metzger, David Crompton, Frances Crosland, Roger Mahoney, Ian Dyer, Madeleine Watson (Kit Check)
- A packed-full social walks programme. Walk leaders and Julia Warman

Finally, a Big Thank You to all our Committee, Walk Leaders and Volunteers who contribute in their own way to ensuring another successful year for our Group.

• Secretary's Report – Chris Burrell

Well, what a year, getting back to some sort of normality after a couple of challenging years.

Karen Pickersgill stood down as Chair after three years in office to concentrate on her NEC Local Groups' role, and also stay on the Committee to support West Yorkshire LDWA.

Ralph Warman was elected to be the new Chair after undertaking all the other roles on the committee.

Chris Burrell was elected as Secretary.

Tom Wood was appointed Web Master, after Bryan Wiseman stood down from the committee after many years' services.

It was great to see the other members of the committee stood for re-election.

Following the AGM, the first event to take place, was a very interesting and informative First Aid Course put on for regular walks leaders. The fact that anything could happen whilst on a LDWA walk prompted West Yorkshire to hire the services of Daisy House Training. The members that attended came away with a little knowledge of what to do in case anyone had an accident whilst out walking.

The annual Christmas Meal was held at the Wheatley Arms, Ben Rhydding, and it was a great success. Many thanks to Lesley and Sue for organising [not forgetting Iain for being such a good sport].

2022 heralded the 50th Anniversary of the LDWA, with the majority of LDWA Groups doing something special to celebrate the occasion. The West Yorkshire committee came up with the following events to cater for all members to get involved.

- A joint walk with North Yorkshire Group, walking the Nidderdale Way over the weekend of the 23rd-24th April 22

- The Shibden Park Treasure Hunt - 22nd May 22
- 50K Anniversary Walk - 18th June 22
- The Ulfkil Stride Challenge - 2nd July 22

We had many positive comments from all the events and we are glad that those who got involved had a brilliant time.

Meanwhile, the annual LDWA 100 was held not too far away in South Yorkshire. The Trans-Pennine 100 attracted over 450 entries from across the country - 29 of these being West Yorkshire members - and West Yorkshire also hosted the very busy Holmbridge checkpoint along with the Lakeland Group. West Yorkshire also had a number of walkers on the marshals walk the month before, along with some members working on the checkpoints and sweeping. Many thanks to all who were involved, whether walking or helping on the event.

The West Yorkshire social walking calendar has been very busy over the last 12 months with few free weekends, and the Thursday walks being very popular. A massive thanks to all walk leaders, new and old.

On the social front, a weekend away in North Yorkshire was enjoyed over a very hot August bank holiday, with many taking on the Smugglers Trog Challenge.

Finance has never been my forte, but Tim has his finger on the pulse and the year-end balance sheet confirms this, with income coming in from the Ulfkil and Gargrave challenge events and some small donations from merchandise.

This year West Yorkshire held two Challenge events with The Ulfkil Stride, and One Foot in the Gargrave, which took place after a two-year absence, with a record entry. Next year, the Roundhay 50 is back over the weekend of the 18th and 19th February 2023. If you can keep the date free that would be very helpful as we will need as many volunteers as possible to put on this prestigious event.

We also held a number of history walks which, after a lot of research and mingling with the stars, was led by Kevin Hudson, and were enjoyed by all those who joined in.

The West Yorkshire Wandering Newsletter made an appearance in 2022, with many interesting accounts of challenges undertaken by West Yorkshire members, as well as including social and challenge events.

So, to finish, hopefully the above will have gone a long way to action most of the points flagged up in last year's AGM. If you have any comments or ideas that can be incorporated over the next 12 months, please come forward and make yourself known. These will be appreciated and taken on board by the Committee.

And this is the very last thing. A massive thanks to all those who have contributed to the West Yorkshire LDWA over the last 12 months and here's to another successful year.

- **Treasurer's/Financial Report – Tim Rollett**

we continued our celebrations with a drink and good food, plus lots more socialising. Everyone enjoyed our singsong and the excitement and suspense of the raffle.

More recently we had a group weekend to the North York Moors to complete the Smugglers Trod, a 26-mile challenge walk organised by Yorkshire Coast LDWA group. The weather was sunny and warm, the route and scenery superb and fabulous, friendly checkpoint staff.

- **Walk's Secretary Report – Julia Warman**

As always, I am happy to report that we have had an extremely busy and diverse programme over the last 12 months. Not only do we have many walk leaders from our own group, but also members from South Pennine and East Yorkshire leading for us. This year, we have also seen the introduction of 2 new walk leaders namely Roger Mahony and Hayden Vincent, which is great to see and encouraging for the future.

MONTH	MILES	PEOPLE ON WALK
January	86	92
February	41	42
March	43	37
April	96	65
May	128	44
June	64	42
July	74	34
August	67	43
September	122*	54
TOTALS:	721	453

*As at 23/9/22

We have supported other local groups whose programmes may not be as full as ours by offering to lead joint walks, whilst in their area and has proved popular. We have had joint walks with Calderdale, South Pennines and North Yorkshire.

For the beginning of 2023 we are also having a joint walk with Nidderdale.

One of the joint walks, which for me was the highlight of the walks programme was the Nidderdale Way. 30 walkers one day, and 27 on the next with a total of 13 walking both days. We covered 57 miles over the 2 days and the feedback we received was fantastic. It would be good, for the future, to consider walking another (shorter) long distance path over a couple of days.

Our walks programme for 2023 is already starting to fill up – so thanks to everyone who leads a walk, back marks on a walk, welcomes new members to our walks – we all play our part in maintaining a very active social walks calendar.

- **LDWA NEC Report – Karen Pickersgill**

Strider Survey – a reminder that all members are encouraged to complete the short survey sent out by the NEC to have their say how the Strider Magazine should look in relation to content.

Volunteer Opportunities – there are a number of volunteering roles at National level, particularly in IT and Communications (the Social Media area in particular). If anyone is interested get in touch with Karen or Julia.

Pubs and Beer Group - this is the second of our national, special interest groups (first is the History Group). This has recently been formed. It's all about providing a great walk which incorporates good pubs and decent beer. If anyone would like to put on a walk in this area for the group, please let Karen or Julia know.

- **Election of Officers**

Chair – Position Vacant Nomination – Ralph Warman	Proposer – Chris Burrell Seconders – Tim Rollett
Secretary – Position Vacant Nomination – Chris Burrell	Proposer – Tom Wood Seconders – Karen Pickersgill
Treasurer Nomination – Tim Rollett	Proposer – Judi Webster Seconders – Lesley Peel
Walks Secretary Nomination – Julia Warman	Proposer – Tim Rollett Seconders – Karen Pickersgill
Social Secretary Nomination – Lesley Peel	Proposer – Ralph Warman Seconders – Karen Pickersgill
Webmaster Nomination – Tom Wood	Proposer – Chris Burrell Seconders – Ralph Warman
Ordinary Committee Member Nomination – Sue Manley	Proposer – Tim Rollett Seconders – Lesley Peel
Ordinary Committee Member Nomination – Iain Haigh	Proposer – Lesley Peel Seconders – Tim Rollett
Ordinary Committee Member Nomination – Karen Pickersgill	Proposer – Lesley Peel Seconders – Chris Burrell
Ordinary Committee Member Nomination – Roger Mahony	Proposer – Tim Rollett Seconders – Chris Burrell

Please note, in the absence of Julia Warman, Sue Manley, and Iain Haigh, all three were re-elected after confirming they would stand for another year.

Tom Wood and Roger Mahony put themselves forward for the roles of Webmaster and Ordinary Committee Members respectively and were voted onto the committee.

Ralph thanked both Tom and Roger for putting themselves forward and welcomed them to the committee.

- **AOB**

- Warren Yabsley asked if the future of the Strider Magazine was in danger of moving to the website. Ralph and Karen confirmed that Strider was here to stay for the time being.
- Ralph reminded all attendees of some important dates coming up and asked that volunteers come forward to support these events.
 - i. WY LDWA Christmas Party - 3rd Dec 22
 - ii. Roundhay 50 - 18th & 19th February 23. We will need as much help as possible from WY LDWA members.

- iii. EBB 100 - 27th 28th & 29th May 23. WY LDWA are going to man a check point on the LDWA flagship event next year, and again your help will be very welcome.
- iv. South Wales Exchange weekend - Sat-Sun 23rd & 24th September, based in Abergavenny and walks planned in the Brecon Beacons.
- Future Plans for 2023
 - i. Tim to look at organising the Lyke Wake Walk - 40 miles from Osmotherley to Ravenscar.
 - ii. Other possible walks to undertake are,
 - 1. Yorkshire Heritage Way, from Bradford Cathedral to Ripon Cathedral, covering 42 miles.
 - 2. Six Dales Trail, from Otley to Middleham covering 38 miles.
 - 3. Walk across Morecombe Bay.
- WY LDWA AGM Minuets to be sent to the Local Group Secretary. [Chris Burrell]
- WY LDWA AGM Accounts to be sent to the LDWA Treasurer John Elrick. [Tim Rollett]

Meeting ended at 3.15pm