

## **Wiltshire LDWA May Newsletter**

### **From your chairman**

It's so good to be walking with you again after such a long outage. I've discovered that I can still do the distance and I enjoy it and your company just as much! Hoping to see you all out and about soon.

Bruce makes a plea for leaders and walks later in this newsletter. Now that things are easier, please let's get a full program for larger groups together for the summer, just like the old days. Some of you may still prefer to keep your distance – don't be afraid to contact the walk leaders and ask what can be done to spread out on their walks – I intend to offer a small subgroup when I lead.

We'll shortly have a new, co-opted treasurer. Phil Heneghan will replace Richard Hotchkiss. Richard has stayed on stoically since asking to step down and I thank him very much for all his hard work and support for us. Thanks, too, to Phil. Timing of swop depends on Barclays Bank!

There's a lot of stuff going on at national level. Worth reading Strider and looking at the website to get a feel for it. All a bit dry, I'm afraid, but please contact me if you want to know about it. Bruce and I have attended Zoom Groups meetings and I attended the Zoom AGM.

Finally, welcome to all new Wilts members. See you soon!

### **Wiltshire LDWA AGM**

Covid permitting we will be holding the AGM on 5th December this year. We are presently looking for a suitable location.

### **Anytime PDA**

To date (11th May) there have been 22 entries and the closing date is being extended from the end of May to the end of July. Dave Purdy has worked very hard setting up and running this event and we would like to thank him for his efforts.

### **PDA 2022**

Scout hut provisionally booked for 24th April. The hut is currently blocked booked by the government for COVID related activities until further notice but is expected to be free by next April. Phil Heneghan will take over arranging bookings from Richard when he becomes treasurer.

The committee hopes to decide in November how to run the PDA. We're optimistic that the Bath Beat will be on the 23rd.

### **Walks Programme**

The walks programme after the end of May is looking quite bare. Steve will welcome any offers to lead walks. These can be walks you have lead before or new walks.

There was a problem with the Walks Secretary's generic email address given in the bulk emails requesting walks. This issue has now been resolved and any emails sent to this address will be received.

### **Social Walks Booking**

After 30th May walkers will not be required to pre-book with the walk leader in order to join a Wilts walk. Walk leaders should be prepared to appoint a second leader in the unlikely event that more than 30 people turn up for a walk.

### **Scams**

Committee members have received LDWA-related email, phone calls and text message scams. Some of these include names and details of local and national committee members, recent walk leaders or school information and look genuine at first glance. Anyone receiving an unexpected communication claiming connection to LDWA and requesting personal details, bank details or money should assume it is a scam until proven genuine. Take particular care if the request says action or information is needed urgently.

### **Membership**

Some of our long time active members have dropped out over the last few years. We would encourage existing members to actively recruit new members from friends and family who may be interested in joining.

**Bruce Barclay**  
**Secretary Wiltshire LDWA**