



Wiltshire LDWA Committee Meeting

Thursday 26thth March 2026 @ 1900hrs

Minutes

In attendance: Clive Frankham, Sue Pavey, David Purdy, Lucy Robins, Janette Armstrong

1. Welcome (Clive)

The meeting was conducted online using Google Meet

2. Apologies for absence (Sue)

John French was invited but was unable to attend.

3. Minutes of previous meeting 29th January 2026

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

4. Matters arising

All actions were completed.

5. Reports

a. Chair **(Clive)** – see below

b. Secretary's report **(Sue)**

Nothing to report

c. Treasurer's report **(Dave)** – see below

Dave also indicated that this would be his last year in the role and that a request for a replacement should be added to the next newsletter. **(Clive)**

d. Walks Secretary's report **(Lucy)**

There are still gaps in the schedule especially in the summer and unfortunately Adrian has had to cancel a walk in May.

John French's walk to the stables has about 10 people currently signed up. Note that there has been no request for a payment to the stables yet.

Lucy has been approached regarding providing support for a charity walk for Julia's House in July, based around Avebury.

6. Any Other Business

a. Pewsey Downsaround 2026

- 194 entries so far. Janette expressed concern that there were 85 entrants for the 35 miles who may either drop out or revert to the 26 mile route. Entry will be closed on 14th April.
- John French is collecting the scanners from Surrey. They will Bluetooth to a phone – Surrey have devised this method. Checkpoints to be given instructions of how to use them. There are concerns regarding bad phone signals as to whether it will work. This will not apply to Pewsey or Avebury where WiFi is available. It was suggested that the phones purchased previously by the group should be used rather than using people's personal phones. There would be one per checkpoint which could be configured beforehand. These use a PAYE Sim. Note that phone chargers may be required. It is likely that a paper system will also need to be used. **Clive** to contact the checkpoint leads to ensure they understand the system beforehand. Also to ensure instructions and the "paper system" forms are added to the food boxes to be taken to the checkpoints. Clive's phone number to be added to the paperwork as the emergency number.
- Clive has dealt with one cancellation so far.
- Clive has produced a template for the certificate featuring the Oare summer house.
- Volunteers – Guy and Struan have pulled out. A "sweeper" is also desirable, plus someone, (possibly John French) to travel to checkpoints for any incidents or if checkpoints run out of food or water. **Clive** to send request in email.
- **Janette** will book the food delivery and will liaise with Clare regarding the use of a van for transportation. She also requested that an appeal for cakes should be sent out again in the March newsletter, and that it would be helpful to know what ingredients have been used for possible intolerances or allergies. **(Clive)**.
- **Clive** to liaise with Adrian about collecting equipment. Extra tables for the paperwork may not be required as Clive has ordered "Weather Writers" instead ie clipboards with covers.
- Clive has produced a map to be displayed in Pewsey.
- Clive and David have both suggested floor coverings for Pewsey and Avebury. **Clive** to contact Adrian and Graham to see if there is any left over from when the Avebury Social centre was used previously.

- It was agreed that a donation of £100 should be made to the Huish and Calstone churches **(Dave)**. He has their account details already and will also email them when the donation has been made.
- Once the entries are closed, **Clive** will email all entrants the final instructions for the event. Barcodes can then be created. Janette reminded us that string and scissors are required.

b. HunnyPot 100 in Kent

- Janette has four volunteers from Dorset, giving a total of 13. She will organise walks on Friday and on Saturday, which will be around the checkpoint .
- Clive has been contacted by some T-Shirt printers. A total of about 25 will be required, including those taking part and for volunteers – they should be contacted to provide size and whether a male or female one is required **(Janette)**. They should include both the Wiltshire and Dorset logos. Colours discussed included grey and blue.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting to be scheduled for July/August when the location and format of the AGM will be discussed. **(Sue)**

Sue Pavey

Secretary of the Wiltshire LDWA

Chairman's Report

Whilst my focus has been primarily on the organisation of the PDA, including fielding enquiries, I did have time to publish another couple of newsletters. **John French** has been a great help with various aspects of the PDA. He collected the scanners earlier today which the Surrey LDWA have loaned us for the event. Previous commitments and winter germs prevented me from attending any of our walks in February. I did attend **Paul Hopkins'** recent walk, and made sure I welcomed the two prospective members, i.e. **Neil** and **Richard**. They seemed very enthusiastic, with **Neil** in particular asking lots of questions. It was nice to see our walks programme in Strider when it landed on my doormat this morning. I see that **Andy** is up for a volunteer award. It's also nice to see that the average distance of our social walks this year is half a mile more than last year. The 'More Nagging & A Noggin' walk is filling up nicely. The simple payment arrangement has worked well.

Clive Frankham

Treasurer's Report

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Current funds in account £10,074.13

Since 29/1/26 (Last meeting)

Income

SiEntries (PDA) £807.00

Out goings - None

Bea has completed checking the accounts for the period 1/11/24 to 31/10/25.

I have already informed the LDWA treasurer that the accounts have been checked.

Dave Purdy