



Wiltshire LDWA Committee Meeting

Thursday 29th January 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)

None

3. Minutes of previous meeting 29th July 2025

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

It was noted that there is a lot of money in the account and that consideration should be given to spending the money eg a BBQ.

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

There are gaps in the schedule but a good long list at present. More people are required to organise walks.

The email addresses are required for everyone who put their names down for leading walks for Lucy to contact them. **Clive** to send list to Lucy.

For walks where a cost is required eg a minibus, it is suggested that a bigger contribution is made by members with perhaps a drink paid for by the LDWA on the walk.

It has been agreed that John French's walk on Good Friday to visit the stables in Lambourne should go ahead with some of the cost covered again, with a £5 deposit.

6. Any Other Business

a. Report from Local Groups Meeting on 13th January (**Clive**)

- Data protection returns to be returned by 31st January (See Toolkit). **Sue** to check what is required as we are not aware of this.
- Send AGM minutes to the LDWA Treasurer. **Sue** has already done this.
- Following feedback from groups, the guidelines for new walk leaders and completing the Social Walks Registration Form are being looked at again.
- The report from the Local Groups' Weekend can be shared with our members.
- https://ldwa.org.uk/website/downloads/toolkit/Toolkit_-_Meetup.docx
- The feedback from the Local Groups' Weekend was that 'it was full of good ideas, with lots of energy' ... somewhat more upbeat than I was led to believe.
- LDWA AGM ... Clive would like to attend from 13th to 15th March with expenses paid. **Clive** to investigate whether the event will be streamed rather than attending in person.

b. Pewsey Downsaround 2026

- Clive has produced a spreadsheet of tasks.
- **Sue** to confirm that the Pewsey Scout Hut is booked. Also to notify the churches for checkpoints 2 and 4 – St Mary's, Calstone and St Nicholas, Huish. The Social Centre in Avebury was booked early last year to ensure we could have the booking rather than using the chapel again.
- John French and Struan McDonald will be at HQ, with Clive and John French phones being the emergency numbers. **Clive** to give Janette the phone numbers for checkpoint paperwork and route descriptions.
- Another person will be required who can travel to checkpoints for any incidents or if checkpoints run out of food or water. (**Clive**)
- **Clive** to get access to SiEntries for list of entrants.
- The possibility of PDA T-Shirts was discussed. This requires organising for a minimum order and sizes. Payment would be direct into the bank account and not via Stripe. (**Clive**)
- **Dave** to send account details, to forward to John French (**Clive**)
- Help will be required to collect things from Adrian's barn. (**Clive**)
- There is usually a map displayed at Pewsey of the route (**Clive**)
- Floor covering is required at Avebury. Consideration should be given to the width to ensure it can be transported easily. (**Clive**)

- Publicity is being discussed with John French and Simon Clarke. It should be emphasised that the PDA is a challenge event and self-sufficiency is necessary.
- Tracking software is being investigated.

c. HunnyPot 100 in Kent

Janette is to organise the rota with Heather from Dorset. T-shirts will need to be ordered.

d. Merger with Bristol and West

The outcome of Bristol and West has still not been confirmed. It is understood that some members have moved to South Wales. **Clive** to contact Heart of England group to check their intentions on leading walks in Bristol/South Gloucester.

e. Strider listings (deadline 10th February)

It was agreed that walk listings should appear in Strider. **Lucy** to tick the box when posting walks to ensure this happens. **Sue** to send updated wording for our entry to indicate that listings may not be complete and to check the website for updates.

f. Meetup

It was agreed that subsidised walks would not appear eg the Lambourne Stables walk.

g. Newsletters

Forthcoming newsletter should indicate we need more walk leaders. Also a request for cakes to be donated for the PDA. The Wessex group have organised a holiday on which there is availability for any of our members to be included. **(Clive)**

h. Walks registers

Registration for social walks – at the very least a photo should be taken of all attendees.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting to be scheduled for March **(Sue)**

Sue Pavey

Secretary of the Wiltshire LDWA

Chairman's Report

I've had a busy first couple of months. While I waited to be given access to the website, etc ..., I've produced the attached planner (mainly for my own benefit), and focussed on the arrangements for the Pewsey Downsaround (PDA). The list of volunteers from the AGM was added to names Janette already had, and a resource plan has been developed (attached). As we get closer to the event itself, I expect the plan to change. Janette has notified those involved. I've also produced a list of activities that need to be completed prior to the event, or on the day. I'm working closely with John French. Both of us will be at PDA HQ throughout the event.

I've attended 3 group walks, chatting to as many (new) members as possible. I've also had to complete my first accident report. Lorraine slipped on my walk and fractured her wrist. I've contacted her a few times since the incident, and am pleased to report she is recovering well. The main thing I learned from her accident was to keep the wrist raised. Perhaps more worrying was Adrian's tumble on Simon's recent walk.

The future walks programme is looking good at the moment. Excluding Andy's 50-mile walk, the average distance currently exceeds 18 miles. I hope the latter will rise as we begin to make full use of daylight hours. Simon's recent walk included an optional pub stop, and proved very popular. Even the few who didn't stay for the second loop, enjoyed the social aspect of his walk. Let's try to keep the momentum going as best we can, please Lucy.

I 'attended' the online LDWA Local Groups' (LG) meeting on 13th January. Apart from the fact there is still a vacancy for a national LG Coordinator, it was a very upbeat meeting. Feedback from November's LG Weekend suggested that too was a very positive and energised event, which wasn't the impression I got from our AGM.

I've sent out the first newsletter, which was well received. I'm hoping that this will become a joint venture in future, with each of you contributing content. I've already begun to draft the February edition. I've also tidied up and updated our website.

Clive Frankham

Treasurer's Report

Wiltshire LDWA 20/1/26

Current funds in account £9,267.13

Since 1/11/25

Income

SiEntries £122.50

Stripe (AGM) £496.01

Out goings

MeetUp £88.52

AGM Venue £1400.50

Bea is currently checking the accounts for the period 1/11/24 to 31/10/25.

I have already submitted the accounts to the LDWA unchecked.

Dave Purdy