

Minutes of Committee Meeting 12/12/25 - Guildford Health Walks

Venue: Jolly Farmer Pub, Whitmoor Common at 12.30pm.

Attendees: Annelize Kidd, Andy Wilson, Nick Trier, Roger Philo, Georgina Churchlow, Michele Roach

Apologies: Martyn Parker, Kevin Jenkins

1. Minutes from last Committee Meeting on 17/9/25

Accepted. Outcomes of actions included in relevant sections below.

2. Treasurers report (Nick)

Nick reported that there have been only two financial transactions on the bank account since the last meeting amounting to £219 (HiViz tabards and new WL folders) and hasn't produced an updated set of accounts. So, the latest bank balance stands at £1,493.

Michele has an outstanding invoice for leaflets to be reimbursed.

Action Michele – Send invoice to Nick for payment.

(The rule of thumb is to hold 6 months of running costs in the bank. Usual ongoing annual expenditure is about £350 made up of insurance £214, website £70 and leaflets £65 plus an allowance for training).

Nick, Andy and Annelize have internet banking access.

Action Georgina: To persevere with Natwest to get internet access with Nick's assistance.

3. Regular 2-hour Saturday walk

These are proving a success and will continue for foreseeable future.

Nick led a walk around Pirbright on October 18th, 7 walkers, about 2hours/4 miles.

Georgina led a walk on 22nd November around Brookwood cemetery, 7 walkers.

It was agreed that we would try to hold these walks on last Saturday of the month, about 2 hours/4 Miles and ideally accessible by public transport.

Martyn (24th January) and Andy (28th February), Helen Corbett (March), Ellen Babbs (April) and Lizzie Spall (May) have offered to lead walks in 2026.

4. Publicity (Michele)

Michele is now the Committee member responsible for Publicity. Michele will work with Annelize to Promote GHW on Nextdoor and Facebook. Also in local publications VantagePoint, Round&About, Stoughton/Burpham/Merrow pages.

It was agreed that recruiting new volunteers should be a priority and publicity should alternate between looking for Volunteers and Walkers.

Nick suggested that we should promote GHW and looking after outdoor public spaces to prospective new councillors for the new Single tier county council (West Surrey). Elections are in May 2026.

Action Nick: To work with Brigitte Ahier to establish a timeline for this and also consider 5 messages to promote.

5. Volunteer Guidance/Training Update/Refresher

Rather than doing a training refresher Martyn has produced a Guidance Update to be issued to Walk

Leaders on a quarterly basis covering latest learnings from incidents and sharing experiences across the 5 walk locations/groups. Martyn has produced the first version for review.

Action Andy: To issue Martyn's Guidance Update to committee members for review and subsequent issue to Walk Leaders.

After agreeing that we should formally state that we (leaders and walkers) follow the Countryside code (CC), a couple of actions remain to be completed.

Action Georgina: To add reference to the CC to walk leader cribsheet.

Action Martyn: To add to training material.

6. Incidents (Georgina)

None reported this period.

7. Membership of GHW

181 walkers on DB, 30 walk leaders across the 5 groups. Annelize feels we need 40 walk leaders in total and Boxgrove is the location in most need of new WLS.

The average/max numbers of walkers at each location is as follows:

Boxgrove – 18 ave

Worplesdon – 15 Ave

Shalford – 24 Ave (Max 32 on 2 occasions)

Shere – Ave 15/18 but more like 25 in summer

Whitmoor – Ave 15/20

It was recognized that Shere and Boxgrove are short of walk leaders. Martyn suggested contacting the University and Merrist Wood as to whether students would be interested in joining WHW as walk leaders.

Action Martyn – As above.

Annelize has been running Winter walks for Boxgrove walkers since October at SheepLeas and Ripley. These have proved a success. Details are available on the website.

8. Website

It was agreed that it would be useful to add a 'latest communications' page on the website.

Action Roger: To add this to website.

Roger is working on converting our website from HTML to WordPress which will make it much simpler to maintain.

Andy, Nick and Michele are interested in training in Wordpress and to act as backup to Roger in supporting the website.

Action Andy: To contact Wordpress trainers Awesometechtraining (Contact Rachel Clinton) to investigate options for booking training for Andy, Nick and Michele.

9. Fundraising and Funding

Georgina confirmed that we are booked into St Martha's fundraising event in May 2026, actual date to be advised by Helen Corbett. Also a quiz would be held in October/November 2026.

10. Volunteers/Training/Safeguarding

Martyn confirmed that Alison Smith is in training and will be supporting the Boxgrove walk.

11. AOB

Graham has purchased Large Wound bandages for Shere group.

Action Nick – To purchase 30 for other groups and distribute (one per WL).

It was agreed that we should aim to book a bespoke venue for AGM and maybe attach it to the Quiz event.

Action Annelize: To investigate venues.

12. Date of next meetings

Committee Meeting – Tuesday 10th March 2015 (Worplesdon Place)

AGM – Saturday 10th October (In conjunction with Quiz).