

Minutes of Committee Meeting 18/6/26 - Guildford Health Walks

Venue: Bray Pub Shere, 12pm.

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

Apologies: Michele Roach, Martyn Parker, Kevin Jenkins

1. Minutes from last Committee Meeting on 10/3/26

Accepted. Outcomes of actions included in relevant sections below.

2. Treasurer's report (Nick)

Nick presented an updated set of Income and Expenditure accounts up to 16th June 2026. Only payments in this period have been Insurance and Printing/publicity. The two big fundraisers (St Marthas and Quiz) of the year are not yet shown in the accounts. So, the latest bank balance £1,216 is an understatement of the health of the financial position.

Given the healthy state of finances some discussion took place about how to use the funds which included cheaper quiz tickets, a volunteer event, merchandising (eg caps/hats). Refer to relevant sections for details.

Action Nick: To investigate merchandising options (eg caps/hats).

(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).

It was agreed that Nick, Andy and Annelize having access to the bank account is sufficient to ensure financial security and so Georgina and Roger need not pursue their internet banking access.

3. Regular 2-hour Saturday walk

It was agreed to continue with these as long as volunteers are available to lead them.

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.

Ellen Babbs led a walk on 25th April around Horsell Common with about 10 walkers. Annelize led a walk on 6th June around Albury Common taking in the Fircroft Summer Exhibition and Little London King William IV with 4 walkers.

Roger is leading a walk on 27th June from Albury Heath.

Georgina will manage the Saturday walk programme to ensure walks are available and evaluate their outcomes.

Action Georgina: To contact Volunteers to lead future Saturday walks.

Andy advised that Ash Mande has dropped off the radar so no further communications required With Ash.

4. Publicity (Michele)

Michele continues to post Jottings/Notes in R&A, VantagePoint and Pages publications. A volunteering article (Step Into Summer) appeared in June edition of R&A.

Postings are mainly pushing the Volunteering aspect of GHW at the moment as we are always on lookout for more.

Michele asked whether it would be worthwhile paying a fee for publications to guarantee an entry. The committee agreed that this isn't required at present as regularity of publications on a free basis is very good.

Medical prescribing was also discussed and it seems surprising we don't get more walkers through this route.

5. Volunteer Guidance/Training + New Volunteers/Safeguarding

The Spring 2026 update was issued to volunteers. It was agreed that the next update would be issued when there is sufficient material to report.

Julia Westcote has completed training and is leading at Boxgrove. Gavin Cook and Marcia Correia have not taken their training further. No more training in progress.

Two new volunteers came through the Better Impact system but neither pursued the matter.

Martyn has pursued three channels in order to advertise our scheme. He attended an event put on by the Volunteering Service last week at old Millmead House; he also gave an online presentation to prospective new volunteers on a webinar organised by the Volunteering Service; and he has made contact with Surrey University Students Service about opportunities for students to become volunteers for GHW - they seemed very grateful and seemed to think some students may be interested in the next academic year.

6. Incidents (Georgina)

Two reported, both were due to slipping on grass, one person incurred hand damage but they were genuine accidents and no learning points were identified.

7. Membership of GHW (Annelize)

174 walkers on DB, 32 walk leaders across the 5 groups.

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

Boxgrove – 40 walkers, Ave 15 per week (20 on away walks), 7/8 WLs

Worplesdon – 25 walkers, Ave 13 per week, 7 WLs (+ AK and RP)

Shalford – 60 walkers, Ave 27 per week Apr-Jun (Max 34 on 1 occasion), 8 WLs (Down to 7 in Q3)

Sherie – 44 walkers, Ave 14/16 per week. 9 active WLs

Whitmoor – 56 walkers, Ave 16 per week. 10 WLs.

Annelize continues to organise walks on Mondays at SheepLeas, Ripley and Newlands Corner as well as from Boxgrove shops, details on website.

Discussion took place around using some funds to run a Volunteer event as a thankyou and opportunity for volunteers from different groups to meet up. March/April next year suggested. The Guildford Institute suggested as a possible venue.

Action Georgina: To investigate options for using Guildford Institute as a venue.

8. Website

Roger has completed the GHW website in WordPress and it is now live.

Andy and Michele have completed training in Wordpress, are familiar with the GHW site and are now actively involved in maintenance and making changes as required. Roger is appreciative to have some support!

Action Roger: To add original website designer names to the WordPress site.

9. Fundraising and Funding

St Martha's: Georgina confirmed that the St Martha's fundraising event raised £385.

Some discussion took place about some strained relationships amongst volunteers on the day, Georgina is aware and will liaise with Helen C on learning points for the next event at St Martha's.

Action Georgina: To liaise with Helen Corbett on learning points and plans for the next event at St Martha's.

Quiz/AGM: To be held on Saturday 10th October, 4pm. Onslow Village Hall has been booked for the event. Martyn and Andy will be quiz masters as no-one else has come forward.

It was agreed that a cream tea would be offered again, Georgina to take the lead on this.

Action Andy: To check with Georgie's Kitchen if they can provide Scones for 60

Action Andy: To check with OV Village Hall on availability of Plates, Cups/Saucers, cutlery etc. Also parking capacity.

Action Annelize: To plan Raffle and prizes.

It was suggested that people working on the quiz should be given free entry and a lower ticket price for entrants than last year due to healthy financial state of accounts.

10. AOB

Roger advised that Linda/Peter Melville-Smith may contact Andy about joining Shalford walk in the future.

Nick advised that September is Financial Year End.

Nick advised that he is in process of setting up a Zettle/Paypal account to enable card payments eg raffle tickets.

Annelize confirmed that Guildford Walkfest will take place in September as follows:

Whitmoor – Friday 4th Sep, 11am

Shalford – Wednesday 9th Sep, 10am

Worplesdon – Tuesday 15th Sep, 10.45am

Sheepheas – Monday 21st Sep, 10.15am

Shere – Thursday 24th Sep, 10.15am

11. Date of next meetings

Committee Meeting – Friday 18th September 1pm, Jolly Farmer pub Whitmoor Common

AGM – Saturday 10th October 4pm (In conjunction with Quiz).