# Minutes of Guildford Health Walks AGM 10th October 2026

**Venue:** Onslow Village Hall 3.30pm

**Attendees:**

Committee members - Andy Wilson (AW), Nick Trier (NT), Roger Philo (RP), Georgina Churchlow (GC), Kevin Jenkins (GP), Martyn Parker (MP), Michele Roach (MR)

Non-committee members: Brigitte Ahier, Julie Beattie, Karen Garcka, Ellen Babbs, Carmen Campos, Annie Judge, Noel Strong, Colin Selvin, Sue Loureiro, Rikky Vella, Roger Greaves, Jan Strong, Alicia Soubry, Lee Trenchard, Sue Pollard, Farhad Shahdoost, Soussan Shahdoost, Roz Adams, Sonia Bennett, Kaye Moseley, Melanie Naclerio, Liz Rutherford, Graham Rutherford, Keith Chesterton, Maureen Stanton, Linda Hack, Derek Hack, Alison Tett, Sue Yakes

Apologies: Annelize Kidd (AK)

## 1. Minutes from 2025 AGM

The minutes from last year's AGM on 4/11/25 were accepted with 2 abstentions (because the minutes were only issued once, just after the 2025 meeting). All actions completed.

**Action AW** (Secretary): To ensure minutes from 2026 AGM are issued to all members a week before the 2027 AGM.

## 2. Treasurer's Report

Refer attached report for detail. In summary for the year to 30/9/2026:

Income was less than expenditure this financial year but Nick advised that the Quiz income is not included in these accounts so the healthy financial position remains with funds available for a social event for volunteers, miscellaneous purchases to support volunteers (eg branded hats) and publicity as well as mandatory expenditure including Insurance and Website hosting.

Income items were individual donations and another successful fundraising event at St Marthas.

Current bank balance stands at £1,575 (decrease of £137 from last year).

Accounts accepted unanimously.

## 3. Update on Guildford Health Walks

GC provided a 'State of the Nation' report:

161 regular walkers attend across the five locations. We have 30 walk leaders in total although a few of these will only back/middle mark. This is a small drop on last year for both regular walkers and Leaders.

We are planning a Social for walk leaders in March next year to thank them for their support. We continually try to find new Leaders and it will be a priority over the next year. If any of you have any ideas or contacts to help us, please let us know.

As in 2025, we have held two fundraising events in 2026: a Tea at St Martha's for which we would like to thank Helen Corbett, and the quiz ably run by Andy, Martyn and Nick. As we are relatively well-funded now, we aim to keep our walks free of charge and will invest our money to support the walk leaders and for publicity.

Michelle Roach, who leads on publicity, has had a very successful year with widespread coverage in most, if not all, free magazines locally. This year we would like to add Parish newsletters to our circulation so, if you have any contacts with them, let me or Michelle know. Annelize Kidd continues to publicise GHW on social media.

GHW has attended various volunteer events this year which are good networking opportunities but it is felt have limited walker/volunteer recruitment impact.

GHW was represented again at Walkfest by all locations. However, the future of Walkfest is in doubt for a variety of reasons and we will watch with interest what develops with the change of the political landscape.

For all our walks, typical attendance is 15 walkers although Shalford continues to draw in averages in the 20s and, on occasions, as many as 34 participants.

Boxgrove has successfully changed the programme so walks go from places such as Sheepleas in West Horsley, Ripley and Newlands Corner. The venue for the week can be found on the Boxgrove page on our website which we would encourage you to visit.

We trialled monthly longer walks on a Saturday but decided these were not sufficiently supported to continue. Nick has organised a couple of evening meals at local restaurant/pubs, these have been well attended so we plan to continue with them.

There have been a small number of Incidents/near misses again this year. These are generally down to the inattention of walkers as well as genuine accidents which are not avoidable.

I would very much like to thank the walk leaders, my fellow committee members and all our walkers for making Guildford Health Walks a success. I can genuinely say we can all see the benefit it is to people particularly in forming and building social networks. Loneliness is widespread in this country and I feel that we are playing a small part in reducing it in Guildford.

## 4. Committee members

There are no changes to the committee this year and all were approved to continue in their roles as follows:

Chairperson: Georgina Churchlow
Treasurer: Nick Trier
Secretary: Andy Wilson
Boxgrove coordinator: Annelize Kidd
Worplesdon coordinator: Martyn Parker
Shalford coordinator: Andy Wilson
Shere Coordinator: Kevin Jenkins
Whitmoor coordinator: Roger Philo

Other Committee responsibilities:
AK: Data
GC: Incidents
MP: Volunteers, Safeguarding, Training
RP: Webmaster
MR: Publicity, Webmaster support
AW: Webmaster support

## 5 Website

The website has been rewritten in Wordpress by Roger Philo and is now much easier to maintain and add/change content. Michele Roach and Andy Wilson have attended a training course and are now supporting Roger in keeping the information on the website up to date.

## 6 Socials

End of year lunches organised by walk groups as follows:

Boxgrove Monday 30th November (Queens Head, E Clandon)
Worplesdon and Whitmoor – Friday 8th January (Olive Tree pub, Sutton Green)
Shalford – Wednesday 9th December (Seahorse pub, Shalford)
Shere – Thursday 7th January (William Bray pub, Shere)

## 7 AOB

No AOB Items.