

HIGHWORTH & SWINDON WALKING CLUB
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MTG, HELD 6 JULY 2026, 2.30pm

Present: Andrew Snowden (AS, Chair), Sue Aitken (SA, Wednesday Walks Coordinator), Marilyn Todd (MT, Sunday Walks Coordinator), Don Webster (DW), Zoe Brown (ZB, Treasurer), Annie Willett (AW, Minutes Secretary)

Apologies: Pat Kenyon (PK, Membership Secretary)

1. Previous Minutes

First Aid kits ordered - AS
Minutes accepted.

2. Membership numbers and renewals

111 members joined
10 new members
6 haven't rejoined (yet)
3 pending
1 to pay
All cards have been sent out

3. Finance

£78.86 cash in hand
£1,493.29 bank balance

ZB continues checking membership with PK

4. Walk schedules

Wednesday

6 gaps still in the new programme
5 leaders still leading walks

Sunday

1 space still left in new programme

Both Coordinators needing more walk leaders

5. Footpaths

Peter Gallagher, N Wilts Ramblers is very good at referrals for incidents
W3W or Grid reference is needed to report problems
Gloucestershire have footpath wardens
OS Locate will give a grid reference

6. Highworth Booklet

DW now has the remaining booklets

7. Speed of Walking

There is a need to know where all group walkers are, there has been some feedback that some of the walks are undertaken at a pace which is too fast for comfort. It was also noted that careful distance estimates are needed to help people decide if a walk is appropriate for them.
Something to go in the next newsletter

8. Incident

There have been 2 incidents recently:

A walker became poorly while walking

One of the walkers tripped about 15 minutes into a walk. She was taken to hospital. Good first aid given and receiving ongoing medical supervision.
She thought the team responded well.

First Aid course refresh and explanation of how to use the equipment in the kits would be very useful and is to be planned.

Organise workshops to include:

- How to locate and report an incident inc reporting broken stiles etc
- How the team should respond
- How to sort a wound/injury out
- Open the first aid items
- Share experiences
- Open to the floor
- Heat, hypothermia, cuts and broken bones
- Feeling 'unwell'

2 workshops check out locations for Swindon and Highworth

- The Hop, Old Town -ZB
- The Kingsdown, Stratton -AW
- The Village Inn, Shaw - AS

Report back in the next couple of weeks.

9. AOB

None

The meeting closed at 4.28pm