

## Dereham WaW Committee Meeting: 14 August 2025

<b>1</b>	<b>Minutes and matters arising from the meeting on 22 April 2025</b>																								
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1.2	<p><u>Matters arising</u> not elsewhere on the agenda:</p> <p>1.2 'Neatherd money' Availability of money was mentioned to NWT on 14 June. Other ideas for disposal of the money have been put forward, such as a contribution to a boardwalk for the area of the Neatherd that gets very wet. This would be very expensive, however, as the drainage issue needs to be solved first. Parish Partnership time is coming up soon. We will check when it is best to put forward proposals.</p>																								
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2.1	The statistics for June and July were reported on, which show that the Short Walks booklet and Programme Flyer are what people mainly download.																								
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3.2	<u>Budget 2025</u> : Full year expenditure - £400 approx. Paid: WaW sub (Jan £110), about Dereham (Jan £12), APM (May £35), Website (Apr £30), insurance (May £99). Expected: Lloyds Bank (£5 to 6 monthly = £66). Due: HODs (Sep £0), AGT (Sep/Oct £40).																								
3.3	<u>Payments</u> : Reimbursement of £17 paid for NWT officer's meal and drink on 14 June and £40 for two registrations for the WaW AGT – all agreed. Also noted the £181.57 for printing 1000 Quiz leaflets (copies brought to the meeting).																								
<b>4</b>	<b>Publicity</b>																								
4.1	<u>Contact list</u> : the list currently stands at 224 emails, plus two to phone and one to send a text to.																								

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4.2	<u>Logos</u> : Topping up plan in process.			
4.3	<u>Publications</u> : Leaflets, <i>Short Walks</i> booklets, <i>Town Trail</i> leaflets and <i>Circular walk</i> leaflets were being distributed as opportunity arose. The Town Trail text has been revised and will be used for a reprint when current stocks are nearing exhaustion. We have supplied booklets and leaflets to Yaxham Waters following a request there.			
4.4	<u>Social Media</u> : we have continued to provide a Facebook presence.			
4.5	<u>aboutDereham</u> : A DWaW committee member is acting as contact to receive and forward information. Recent material has been circulated.			
4.6	<u>Summer Fayre 16 August</u> : No takers.			
4.7	<u>HODs Dereham Leaflets</u> will be available soon, we have asked for a small supply, no cost to DWaW			
4.8	<u>Town Quiz</u> : we have had 1000 printed and it will be uploaded to the website. It will be distributed to the library, Baptist Church (who put on a lot of children's activities), MNR, Yaxham Waters, and BBCM. aD will have a link to it and there will be Facebook pieces about it. We will write up something to go into the NEC WaW Newsletter and also a piece for the local press. It could also be offered to schools and youth clubs.			
4.9	<u>Publicity holders</u> : it was agreed to purchase some more cardboard holders for our material, but to ask DTC first if they have any spare, as they provided us with some initially.			
<b>5</b>	<b>Future work and plans</b>			
5.1	Destination signage: not progressed.			
5.2	We have been invited to organise a DWaW Christmas tree for the Christmas tree festival at St Nicholas Church this year. It was agreed that we will accept the invitation, and start thinking of designs for tree hangings.			
<b>6</b>	<b>Events programme</b>			
	<b>Debrief</b>			
6.1	<u>Short Walks</u>	2 May	12 walkers	donations £8.00
		6 Jun	17 walkers	donations £15.00
		4 Jul	13 walkers	donations £15.77
		1 Aug	10 walkers	donations £5.00
	<u>Easy Tues walks</u>	13 May	11 walkers	donations £9.20
		10 Jun	9 walkers	donations £8.00
		8 Jul	11 walkers	donations £10.40
	<u>Full walk</u>	26 Apr	17 walkers	donations £5.00 (APM)
		21 May	12 walkers	donations £8.61 (bus walk)
		14 Jun	26 walkers	donations £0.00 (£46.92 to NWT)
		23 Jul	24 walkers	donations £1.50 (£311 to MNR)

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6.2	<p><b>For review - Planned Events</b></p> <p>Short walks, first Fridays, 10:15: *5 Sep (GR), 3 Oct (N), 7 Nov (GR), 5 Dec (CS): CS = Church Street; GR = Greenfields Road; N = Neatherd</p> <p><i>* please note, date changed to 12 Sept</i></p> <p>Easy Tuesday walks, second Tuesdays, 10:00: 12 Aug, 9 Sep, 14 Oct, 11 Nov, 9 Dec: all start at Dads &amp; Lads</p> <p>Other walks</p> <p>Mon 25 Aug (BH): 13:30 garden party (N)</p> <p>Sat 20 Sep: 10:00 HODs walk (CS) – We are working with DHT on a route including buildings of architectural note in the town. A pdf of the walking route will be available for the website. 15 copies to be printed.</p>
6.3	<p><b>Dereham Day 10 May</b></p> <p>Feedback was given and acknowledged, accepting the need for more signage and a steward presence during the setup process. It was also stated that more indoor space would have been available if the weather had not been as nice, but the school did not need to be opened further as we had wonderful weather on the day.</p> <p>We will see what the options are next year and decide then if we wish to take part again.</p>
6.4	<p><b>Programme for 2026</b></p> <p>We will assume that the first Friday shorts walks, Easy Tuesday walks and an extra set of longer walks starting from April, will continue. There will also be the APM, bus walk, railway walk and any others that we agree on.</p>
6.5	<p><b>10<sup>th</sup> anniversary:</b></p> <p>2026 is the 10 year anniversary of DWaW and it was agreed to arrange an event in celebration. We will continue to consider various options, but in the meantime there were some suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- a short walk ending up at the Partea Hut to have tea and a specially commissioned celebration cake</li> <li>- a trip to the coast, possibly bring your own refreshments</li> <li>- a short walk then visit to Dale Farm for a look around the garden and tea and cake. We will find out how much they charge and what the limit is on group numbers.</li> </ul>
6.6	<p><b>Programme for 2027!</b></p> <p>Gressenhall Museum is celebrating a major anniversary and inviting ideas. We have asked about arranging a talk/walk in some way there. No reply yet</p>
<b>7</b>	<b>Footpath issues</b>
7.1	<p><u>Footpath work</u> - see also the latest report to DTC HOSC</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 FP1a: blocked by 20m of scrub and a dense crop of maize; supposed to be being reported by councillors as part of a DTC agreement, but nothing has been heard yet..</li> <li>2 FP2: the field edge path on the correct alignment is signed, but the path remained overgrown at the last visit (no change).</li> <li>3 RB3: An indirect (but broadly acceptable) path had been cut through the crop, following tractor tracks to a substantial extent.</li> <li>4 FP13/14: no response ever received from the Diocese, but litter less in evidence so not pursued recently.</li> <li>5 FP14: overgrown and needing attention.</li> <li>6 FP14a: boardwalk is in disrepair, but we have been informed by The Town Clerk that Norfolk Trails plans to replace the boardwalk this autumn.</li> </ol>

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7.2	<p>7 FP34: the two wet sections through the woods had largely dried when last visited.</p> <p>8 RB36 (Cherry Lane): small potholes are, as predicted, beginning to reappear. DTC has since agreed that “the council monitor the condition of Cherry Lane and review again at a later date. The reason for the recommendation is that committing to maintaining an as installed’ condition could be an unreasonable expense.”</p> <p>9 Hurn Road path: no change and no prospect of change at this <u>time</u>.</p> <p><u>Dereham Town Council</u></p> <p>The Heritage and Open Spaces Committee (HOSC) meeting on 22 April proposed that a meeting be arranged with County Officers, and possible site visits. This was agreed by the full Council on 13 May. We had been asked to provide suitable photos about one or more problems; also about the NCC online reporting system which he had said was user unfriendly. We were unable to do this until nearer the 24 June HOSC meeting, the minutes of which read: It was agreed that a County Councillor:</p> <p>a) Arrange a meeting and a visit with County Officers regarding maintenance issues raised at this meeting and previous Heritage &amp; Open Spaces committee meeting, with possible site visits.</p> <p>b) Investigate the functionality of reporting PROW issues on the County Council website.</p> <p>This was agreed by the Town Council on 8 July.</p> <p>We have written up what he sees as the problems in reporting to NCC and sent it on to two County Councillors and the Town Clerk. We have also emailed them on 2 or 3 occasions since, pressing for action on setting up the planned meeting with NCC but receiving no response from any (except the Town Clerk saying he believed one of the Councillors was leading on this). Options considered included judicial review (costly) and press coverage.</p>
7.3	<p>NCC cutting contract(s): We are trying to get information from Norfolk Trails and Highways on when cutting is scheduled and where, with little success so far. The Trails contract covers FP8, FP14a, RB27, RB28. Making an FoI request was suggested.</p>
8	<p><b>Walkers are Welcome national</b></p> <p>8.1 <u>Newsletter</u>: May, June, July and August issues, and the external <i>Walk this Way</i> Summer issue have been circulated.</p> <p>8.2 <u>Annual Get Together 2025</u>: 24-26 October, Bingley area – details have been circulated. It was agreed the DWaW would pay for two registrations at £20 each.</p> <p>9 <b>Formal documents.</b></p> <p>9.1 No comments had been received on the current constitution, circulated prior to the meeting. [Since the meeting, comments have been made leading to some changes.]</p>
9.2	<p>The current data protection policy, circulated prior to the meeting, was agreed as needing no alterations.</p>
9	<p><b>Next meeting:</b> Thursday, 20/11/25, 9.30am.</p>