

Dereham WaW Committee Meeting: 20 November 2025

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1.1	<u>Minutes</u> had been circulated prior to this meeting and an edited version for the website has been written and uploaded.																												
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2.2	It was suggested that we could have a 'state of the paths' page on the website, where up to date information about any footpath issues could be recorded, which people could check before going on a walk. It was pointed out that there is already a page which is little used called 'pathwork'. This could be adapted and a link put on the homepage when there is an update on it. We will leave the information and links already on the 'pathwork' page, as it has historical value.																												
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3.2	<u>Budget 2026</u> : Full year expenditure - £420 approx. Paid: NYD (£28) and APM (£35). Expected: WaW sub (Jan £110), aboutDereham (Jan £12), Website (Apr £30), insurance (May £99), Lloyds Bank (£5 to 6 monthly = £66), (AGT Sep/Oct £40). It was agreed to increase the reserve to £450. All the publicity money is now used up; we could look at grants if a large print run is needed.																												
3.3	<u>Payments</u> : None anticipated beyond budgeted amounts. It was agreed that all proposed items of expenditure are automatically authorised if they are within 10% of the amount budgeted.																												
4	Publicity																												
4.1	<u>Contact list</u> : the list currently stands at 225 emails, plus two to phone and one to send a text to. Two or three people have asked to come off the contact list and an equal number have asked to join.																												
4.2	<u>Logos</u> : We will do some intensive work on this in the Spring.																												

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4.3	<p><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. There are significant amounts of most publications including the Quiz. The museum is now closed, and the Partea Hut is due to close down in November. There may be new owners when it re-opens next February, so we will visit to renegotiate with them regarding stocking our material.</p>																																																							
4.4	<p><u>Social Media</u>: We have continued to provide a Facebook presence.</p>																																																							
4.5	<p><u>aboutDereham</u>: A DWaW committee member will continue acting as contact to receive and forward information.</p>																																																							
4.6	<p><u>Christmas tree festival</u>: Two DWaW committee members will be putting up the tree on November 21st. A raffle prize still to be sourced.</p>																																																							
4.7	<p><u>Mid Norfolk Railway</u> has expressed an interest in liaison and a representative from DWaW arranged to meet the new General Manager, on 5 January to discuss possibilities. Someone from DHT will attend the meeting also.</p> <p>MNR already stock our leaflets, both in Dereham and Wymondham, but it would be useful if there are any other ideas that can be put forward on 5 January. The only possibility of a train and walk back apart from Thuxton, would be Yaxham, which offers a different route back and may include a newly registered path at Winburgh when it is available. We will ask if there are any plans to run up to Hoe.</p>																																																							
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6	<p>Events programme</p> <p>Debrief</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 20%;"><u>Short Walks</u></td> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: center;">12 Sep</td> <td style="width: 15%; text-align: center;">10 walkers</td> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: center;">donations</td> <td style="width: 15%; text-align: center;">£9.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">3 Oct</td> <td style="text-align: center;">7 walkers</td> <td style="text-align: center;">donations</td> <td style="text-align: center;">£2.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">7 Nov</td> <td style="text-align: center;">18 walkers</td> <td style="text-align: center;">donations</td> <td style="text-align: center;">£22.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="5" style="height: 10px;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>Easy Tues walks</u></td> <td style="text-align: center;">12 Aug</td> <td style="text-align: center;">9 walkers</td> <td style="text-align: center;">donations</td> <td style="text-align: center;">£9.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">9 Sep</td> <td style="text-align: center;">12 walkers</td> <td style="text-align: center;">donations</td> <td style="text-align: center;">£12.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">14 Oct</td> <td style="text-align: center;">7 walkers</td> <td style="text-align: center;">donations</td> <td style="text-align: center;">£6.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">11 Nov</td> <td style="text-align: center;">13 walkers</td> <td style="text-align: center;">donations</td> <td style="text-align: center;">£16.64</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="5" style="height: 10px;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>Full walk</u></td> <td style="text-align: center;">25 Aug</td> <td style="text-align: center;">24 walkers</td> <td style="text-align: center;">donations</td> <td style="text-align: center;">£73.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">20 Sep</td> <td style="text-align: center;">13 walkers</td> <td style="text-align: center;">donations</td> <td style="text-align: center;">£0.00 (HODs £5 to DHT)</td> </tr> </table> <p>For review - Planned Events</p> <p>Short walks, first Fridays, 10:15: 5 Dec 2025 (GR), 2026: 6 Feb (GR), 6 Mar (CS), 3 Apr (N), 1 May (GR), 5 Jun (CS), 3 Jul (N), 7 Aug (GR), 4 Sep (CS), 2 Oct (N), 6 Nov (GR), 4 Dec (CS).</p> <p>CS = Church Street; GR = Greenfields Road; N = Neatherd. An explanation of exact starting point on website ie Church House, Windmill will be on the website.</p>	<u>Short Walks</u>	12 Sep	10 walkers	donations	£9.00		3 Oct	7 walkers	donations	£2.00		7 Nov	18 walkers	donations	£22.00						<u>Easy Tues walks</u>	12 Aug	9 walkers	donations	£9.00		9 Sep	12 walkers	donations	£12.00		14 Oct	7 walkers	donations	£6.00		11 Nov	13 walkers	donations	£16.64						<u>Full walk</u>	25 Aug	24 walkers	donations	£73.00		20 Sep	13 walkers	donations	£0.00 (HODs £5 to DHT)
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	<p>Easy Tuesday walks, second Tuesdays, 10:00: 9 Dec 2025. 2026: 13 Jan, 10 Feb, 10 Mar, 14 Apr, 12 May, 9 Jun, 14 Jul, 11 Aug, 8 Sep, 13 Oct, 10 Nov, 8 Dec: all start at Dads & Lads</p> <p>Other walks</p> <p>Thu 1 Jan (CS) NYD walk Sat 25 Apr APM (CS). Wed 20 May Bus to North Elmham (Market Place) Sat 20 Jun Evening walk Rushmeadow (tba) Wed 22 Jul MNR to Thuxton (Railway station) Mon 31 Aug (BH) Garden Party</p> <p>We have not been successful so far in arranging for someone from NWT to give us a guided evening walk. We will try again in the new year. We will be checking The Gemini out as a suitable venue for a meal after the walk.</p> <p>It is proposed to make the Garden Party the 10th anniversary event. We will ask the hosts if a celebration cake can be provided, for which DWaW will pay full cost.</p>
6.3	<p>Dereham Day 10 May</p> <p>Bookings are required by 1 April. The terms and conditions are the same as last year and do not quite make sense, although the exclusion clause confirming that DWaW would not be responsible for any negligence by the school or Dereham Day organisers is still there. The terms again ask us to agree to put their advertising on our website, though no request was in the event made last year.</p> <p>We agreed to book a place again this year, whilst looking for a commitment to adequate signage to the indoor area, and provision of table and chairs for stall holders. We will begin to make enquiries from March next year.</p>
7	<p>Footpath issues</p>
7.1	<p><u>Footpath work</u> – Recent updates to the path network were reported on.</p>
7.2	<p><u>Dereham Town Council</u> A report to Heritage and Open Spaces Committee was submitted.</p>
7.3	<p><u>NCC cutting contract(s)</u>: DWaW are still trying to get information from Norfolk Trails and Highways on when cutting is scheduled and where, with little success so far. The Highways contract is indicated as covering FP2 (part), FP11 (part), FP14 (part), BR21 (part), RB30 and RB31; the Trails contract covers FP8 (part), FP14a (part), RB27 (part), RB28 (part) and FP 34(part).</p> <p>The Highways Team have confirmed that the interactive map is up to date, but the Trails Team have not. We hope to get information on when paths are due to be cut and can avoid working on them just beforehand.</p>
7.4	<p>DWaW have attended a meeting arranged by DTC with the County Council's Trails and Highways Team, the Countryside Access Officer plus Dereham and Breckland councillors. It was a very productive meeting, and the Countryside Access Officer was very responsive, agreeing to a number of tasks all of which have now been started or done. It would be useful to have such a meeting annually, and DWaW will be hoping to arrange the next one with the Countryside Access Officer.</p>

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8	Walkers are Welcome national
8.1	<u>Newsletter</u> : September, October, and November issues, and the external <i>Walk this Way</i> Autumn issue have been circulated.
8.2	<u>Annual Get Together 2025</u> : 24-26 October, Bingley area – attended by two members of the DWaW who very much enjoyed it. In a change to the usual format, the meeting opened with a walk on Saturday morning, followed by the formal meeting, then lunch and another short walk round a different part of the town and finishing with workshops. There was a buffet and entertainment in the evening, and then more walks on Sunday morning. The local MP attended, who was very enthusiastic about Walkers are Welcome.
9	Next meeting : Thursday, 26 February 2026, 9.30am.