

## **Spelthorne U3A K2 Walking Group AGM**

**St. Hilda's Church Hall 8<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

**Number of Members Present :- 35**

**Apologies for Absence :-** Judith Halford, Liz Newlands, Ann Porter  
Margaret and Norman Samme, Sheila Austrin  
Robbie Robinson

### **Review of 2025**

Marion Edwards and Mike Mertens gave a Review of the year  
(A full Review is available online, the following is just an outline)

35 walks have been completed this year:- 6 between 2.5 – 4.5 miles  
15 between 4.5 – 6.5 miles  
10 between 6.5 – 8.5 miles

4 were over 8.5 miles, these walks were all in the St. James Way Project Walk  
59 Members have participated in walks this year which is 9 more than in 2024.

There was a lengthy discussion about whether or not the Ambling Group should be combined with the Walking Group. The outcome of the discussion was that the two groups would remain separate with varied lengths of walks for the Walking Group and an Ambling Group which Sylvia and Lesley J would lead probably once a month. It was emphasised that the programme for the Walking Group is dependent upon the willingness of people to lead and although there had been a good response in the last year (sometimes with a bit of prompting!), just 3 couples and one sole leader organised 25 of the walks during the year.

To have more Leaders would be helpful.

Anyone willing to lead a walk for the first time could ask for help from someone with experience.

### **Membership**

There are 59 paid up members: 2024-25

### **Group Funds**

Present balance:- £253.65

### **Plans for 2026**

Annual lunch:- Jacqui said if people were happy to go to the 3 Horseshoes again she would be willing to organise. Agreed. Provisional date 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Annual picnic:- Sylvia is willing to host in her garden again. Date 5<sup>th</sup> August 2026

Coach outing/walk:- 2 suggestions were made

Lesley O'Malley suggested Weald and Downland Museum, she could organise a coach and this could be combined with a walk in that area.

Barbara suggested combining with another U3A and walking in their area – to be looked into.

**Project Walk**

Shakespeare's Way

3 Castles Path

The Ver-Colne path

The first two suggestions have been completed by some members so the Ver-Colne path was chosen. Dick Beresford has already done some planning for this and it is not too far to travel.

**Walking Holiday**

It was felt that using H F holidays would probably be the easiest to organise, if anyone had an idea /preference other people could join in.

**AOB**

If anyone has a problem with the Website let Mike know.

Neil suggested a regular email to be sent out showing dates where walks have not yet been planned.

Mike and Marion create walk description sheets and provide a simple signing in sheet to accompany it for those who wish to sign up at the Citadel.

WhatsApp. It is not used very much but it is to be left in place in case anyone needs it.