

Minutes of SVIWG AGM, held on 25th June, 2025 at SRSB, Mappin St.

1. Our chairwoman, Sue Hill, opened the meeting at 6.30pm by welcoming everyone, especially any who hadn't been before and special guests.

2. There were 3 apologies for absence:- Martin Wing, Brenda Sunderland, and Linda Tait.

3. The minutes of last year's meeting were agreed and adopted as a true record.

4. Sue then gave a brief resume of the past year in the group and looked forward to the rest of this year:-)

Sad news first - Paul Foxtan died at the end of last year and Uriah Rennie, who did a lot of good in the group, died in June of a rare neurological condition.

Better news is that we welcomed quite a few new members to the group this year.

The group website has been much improved and we have a new Facebook page.

Our next coach ramble is to Newstead Abbey in July.

Following last year's very enjoyable holiday at Amble in Northumberland we are staying in Yorkshire this year and staying at Ripon.

In October there was a guide training session led by Alison

Anthony. Members who attended agreed how good it was and suggested others attend the next one!

£500 was raised at the garden party which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended! Thanks are due to Mike Jackson for hosting the event again.

It was strongly suggested that people should make sure they read the newsletter

5. Stan Wainwright is standing down as treasurer for the group and Sue thanked him for all his hard work since he had been in post.

Stan then went through the main points of the accounts.

6. Hilary gave a reminder of some social events over the past 25 years:-

The first group holiday was to the Isle of Wight, then Tynemouth, Wales three times, Yorkshire Dales - including Penyghent - then Isle of Man, Whitby 3 times, Berwick-on-Tweed and Shrewsbury. After lock down the group went to Kendal then Anglesey and, last year, to Amble. Places are still available, at this time, for Ripon this year.

Some of the group have "done their own thing" and been to the Lake District, some abroad and some on a cruise.

Some challenges:-

Some of the group fundraisers have included Ben Nevis, Snowden, Scafell Pike, Morecombe Bay and the Sheffield Round Walk.

## 7. Election of Committee

In addition to Stan, Pauline Bullivant also stood down from the committee. Sue thanked Pauline for her many years of dedicated and proactive support.

The following committee was proposed:

Chair: Sue Hill

Vice Chair: Martin Wing

Treasurer: Andrew Abbey

Secretary: Judith Gathercole

Newsletter Editor: Gail Fagan

Health and Safety Officer: David Guile

Walks Coordinator: Eileen Ingham

Hilary Myers

Facebook page editor - Judith Morton, co-opted member

Darren Johnson, co-opted member

Margaret Patrick, co-opted member

David Cadet proposed that the committee be elected 'en bloc'. All agreed.

## 8. AOB

There was none.

9. Steve Hambleton then gave us many memories of past years - including lots of stories about Betsy!!

10. Joanne Ardern then spoke about the advantages of walking - not only physically but especially socially. Sandra Brumby then asked to speak - and heartily seconded everything Joanne said.

11. The meeting ended at 7.20pm.

It was followed by a lovely buffet meal - thanks also to Wendy and Olwen who provided it.