

Bunbury Unlimited Mountaineers AGM

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Minutes of the AGM meeting held on Monday 23rd February 2026

Present: Jim Grant, Clare Groves, Tony Quinn, Iain McNeil, Steve Hammond, Sarah Hammond, Colin Christie, Bruce High, Lynn High, Ann Bodfish, Neil Bodfish,

Apologies: Chrissie Latter, Chris Latter, Heather Foster, Rob Sinnott, Amanda Christie, Dave Franklin, Ali Franklin, Ian Langford, Gerry O'Neill, Dave Cadman, Jim Walker, Jean Walker, Bob Harris, Caryle Sinnott, Mark Hallett, Andrea Percival, Ray Bunting, Mairi Harris, Dave French, Jacqui French, Jeff Ewin, Sue McNeil, Dave Barker, Janet Murray, Lynn Quinn, Frank McHale, Derek Burrows, Jim Simpson, Richard Barber, Fred Morris, Della Calder, Selina Willis, Sue Lancaster, Judy Gray, Claire Fairburn, Gordon Fairburn, Richard Calder, Cate Gregory, Fred Morris, Anne Morris, Christine Bond, Kate Lightfoot, Sharon Eaton, Gill Nicol, David Bond, Lesley Arrowsmith, Mike Arrowsmith, Mike Willis

Chairperson's Annual Report

Iain's Report is attached

Treasurers' Annual Report

Neil's Report is attached

Members 2026 Subs were agreed to be increased to £15 for existing Members and £25 for New Members (first increase since the club was formed!)

Action: Neil to issue email for subs payments for 2026

We agreed to make a £200 Charitable donation to West Mercia Search and Rescue

Action: Neil to arrange payment

Social Secretary's Annual Report

Lesley's Report is attached

Statto's Annual Report

Steve's main stats were included in Iain's report

We did discuss some additional info

Action: Steve to send detailed report to Jim G who will post on the website

Member's Resolutions

No Member's Resolutions were submitted

Elections to Club's Posts

The following were discussed and approved and appointed

Treasurer-Neil

Chairperson-Mike A

Secretary-Jim G

Social Secretary-Lesley

Statto-Iain

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We did discuss the issue of drivers for our walks. We agreed to encourage more Members to volunteer to drive.

Also a reminder that non-driving walkers should pay their driver £5 and buy him/her a drink in there Pub as their reward for driving.

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Chairman's Report

So another year rolls by which brings me to the end of my two-year tenure as Chairperson. Thank you to my fellow committee members Jim, Lesley, Neil and Steve who continue to give our group structure and organisation. Thank you also to all of you who have planned and lead all of the walks, with only one missed/cancelled due to extreme heat! Two walks (Saturday and 'midweek'/Friday) were held in all of the 12 months of the year except May. Lastly, thank you to all who provide support through walk attendance, helping with our social events and frankly just letting us enjoy our social hobby, when perhaps not all of you actually enjoy the walking! I've lifted one or two highlights from the reports submitted by my fellow committee members

BUMS continues to be a very supportive and social group, with a collective enjoyment of walking being a mere excuse. Some say the other main reason (like we need one) is meeting up for regular drinks at The Dysart and organising a couple of parties each year. However, as we know BUMS' success is down to so much more than that. As a social group we recognise when some of our members need support, are overloaded, or have health issues which may mean they have to dip in and out. I think and hope that issues are usually recognised, and quiet, selfless support is often found from within. One of the signs of a healthy organisation is that it doesn't stand still (walking pun) and evolves slowly to meet the needs of its members. I believe we have listened to membership feedback, certainly during 2025 and adapted our walking programme where necessary in order to cater for our changing preferences as our demographic moves on.

Neil's report reflects that our finances are well managed and healthy. We will take expenditure and funding decisions as when they become necessary.

Jim continues to keep us on the straight and narrow and as well as cataloguing our committee documents and walk reports, ensures we have some photographic material for Lesley and Mike to incorporate into the ever-popular annual calendar.

Lesley has drawn on the members of her social events team to help organise the popular summer BBQ which in 2025, moved location to Bunbury Mill and the Christmas dinner at The Dysart which was as enjoyable as ever. Both events will be held at the same locations again in 2026. Thanks to all of you who have been involved in organising these events, but also to those of you who attended and thus made for successful social occasions.

In 2025 our trip away was to Seatoller in Borrowdale where our hosts Nigel and Trisha looked after us wonderfully and enabled us to wind down after our days of walking. In 2026 we will travel to Austria to enjoy some Alpine walking of varying grades. Sarah has been coordinating this trip which is eagerly anticipated.

2025 Walk Stats (care of Steve's Statto Spreadsheet)

It's been great to see Mike Arrowsmith leading more walks during the year which have been joined by members across a range of walking abilities and preferences. Clare (Groves) has also ventured into leading her first walk in late November and though the ground was a bit soggy and the rain didn't quite manage to hold off, the walk was very well attended.

Here are the numbers:

232 pairs of human feet
180 miles cumulative distance
33,428 feet of ascent
13 different walk leaders

I'm sure you'll agree that the walking statistics reflect how popular our walks are – in good and bad weather throughout the year.

BUMS: unlimited – in spirit and intent while also recognising that our needs as a group will evolve.

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Treasurers Report

AGM 23 January 2026

The opening cash position of the Club was £385.61

As at 31 December, the cash balance had reduced by £105.29 to £280.32. The majority of the change is due to lower member subs versus 2024. A summary Income & Expenditure analysis is provided on page 2.

In the year there were 6 leavers, and 1 new member, Judy Gray.

Overall, income from subscriptions was £120 lower than last year (2024). The club has 56 members at present.

Web maintenance costs were the same as last year at £95.

2025 Calendar sales this year were £190 compared to £180 last year. Calendar print and production costs were £187 (£170 in 2024).

The main single item of expenditure continued to be donations, with £200 donated to Edale mountain rescue. It is proposed that one donation of £200 continues for 2026, to be committed once 2026 subscriptions have been received.

Other expenditure in the year related to the Summer BBQ, which resulted in a net cost of £175, versus a net cost of £117 in the prior year, the increase mainly due to the £80 rental of Bunbury Mill. The 2025 Christmas bash costs were £182 compared to £266 last year, the fall attributable to lower spend on gifts (2024 was 20th anniversary of the Club).

The Club has a current policy of maintaining a cash balance of £300 as reserves, and as such a small increase in subs is proposed (see below).

Summary of Recommendations Proposed for 2026

1. New subscriptions £24 from £20, and renewals £12 from £10
2. Expenditure of £200 for charitable donations is maintained, worthy causes for 2026 to be discussed at the AGM

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Income & Expenditure Accounts 2025
AS PRESENTED at AGM 23 February 2026

		£	£		£	£
Balance brought forward from last year		385.61				
Income				Expenditure		
New Member subs for 2025	1		20.00	Donation Edale Mountain Rescue		200.00
Renewal Subs 2025	53		530.00			
Pre paid Subs 2026	1		10.00	2025 BBQ	500.00	
				Contributions	261.02	
				Less Equipment/Mill Hire	414.15	175.17
				Less Food & Gifts		
				Seatoller Gifts		16.50
2025 Calendar sales	19		190.00	2025 Calendar costs		186.97
				2025 Xmas bash prosecco		181.65
				Website maintenance		95.00
Net Income and Expenditure in the year			<u>750.00</u>			<u>855.29</u>
Balance Carried Forward			<u>280.32</u>			
Bank Reconciliation (Nat West)						
Bank Balance as at 31 Dec 2025			280.32			
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Neil Bodfish

Treasurer

Report from the Social Secretary for 2025

Seatoller House Trip

The first social trip was once again to Seatoller House in Borrowdale. July 18th – 21st saw 18 BUMs visiting the Lakes.

The weather was pretty good though we had some rain on returning to the pub next door (see July page of the 2025 calendar).

There were various walks on offer from very hard to relatively easy but everyone enjoyed the Seatoller House experience.

It's a great location so maybe 2027 could be a return trip, though I welcome other ideas for a short break away, from members.

Summer Event

2025 started with planning the summer event along different lines.

The group is now too large to be accommodated in most gardens for a BBQ, and too large for one person to organise, so my working party, consisting of Ann, Cate, Sarah and Chrissie got together to rethink the do.

Judy Gray at Bunbury Mill, a BUMs member herself, offered the use of the mill for the event. So we had a location, a date- Saturday 26th July, just needed a format.

We decided on a buffet style affair with cooked meats, salmon, cheeses and invited the members to bring salads and puddings.

The inside area was perfect for preparation and serving and the whole meal worked a treat. We were fortunate with the weather and we sat outside for most of the evening. Thanks to Tony for providing us with music and many thanks to Judy for helping set up and tidy away (and much more).

We left as instructed at 9:00 pm leaving nothing behind! A great success with 40 attendees. We intend to do a similar event in 2026. We just need a date!

Members pay a fee for coming and bring a dish and their drinks and the club subsidises as well. Cost continually increase, for food but also Corkscrew Hire. Without using them the workload would be too great for a viable event. There was also a hire charge and ancillary costs. We seem to have found a working format and will follow on similar lines for 2026.

Christmas Dinner at the Dysart

Each year this event seems to get better, mainly due to the Dysart team's slick organisation. There were 42 attendees this year so the Library area was ours for the night. With prosecco flowing freely (well 7 bottles and subsidised by members subs), the party soon got going. The food was excellent, so we will be repeating for 2026. The date is already on the programme.

Calendar

Every year I doubt we will be able to shift 20 of them but we seem to just about make it and this year the last one was donated to our 'club house', The Dysart.
Its fun making it and everyone who buys a copy seems to love it. However, it relies on you photographers out there to keep the photos coming.
Please forward your walk photos to Jim so that he can add them to the website and they can be seen by all and may be selected for the calendar.

So that's all for 2025.

Lesley

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