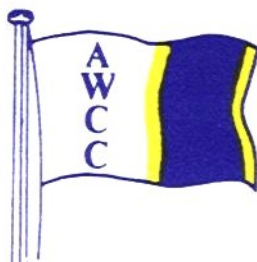


# A.W.C.C.

(Association of Waterways Cruising Clubs)

## NORTH WEST REGION



### MINUTES of the revised General Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at WATCH HOUSE CRUISING CLUB

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The AWCC North West Region acknowledges the continued support of the Officers and Members of the WATCH HOUSE CRUISING CLUB who accommodate these meetings.

**Date/Time of NEXT MEETING –Thurs. 13<sup>th</sup> Mar. 2025 at 7.30 pm**  
**at Watch House Cruising Club, Stretford, Manchester M32 8WE**  
**N.B. This is our Annual General Meeting**

<b>A.W.C.C. NORTH WEST REGION</b>												
<b>Attendance at meetings 2024 &amp; 2025</b>												
	2024/2025	24	24	24	24	24	25	25	25	25	25	
	Month	1	3	5	9	11	1	3	5	9	11	
Acton Bridge C.C.	Gary Collier											
Bridgewater Motor Boat Club	Alf & Pat Brumby	P	P	A	P/A	P	P					
Broken Cross B.C.	Bryan & Linda Pollard	P	P	P	A	P	P/A					
Crooke Cruising Club	Malcolm Holbrook	P	P	P	P	P	A					
	Dave Pickup											
Douglas Valley C.C.	Alan Trevarton											
	Alan Finch											
East Lincs West Yorks B.C.	Paddy and Jill Creaven	P	P	A	A	P	P					
Furness Vale Boat Club	John Suggitt	P	P	P	P	P	P					
Lancaster Canal Boat Club												
Lymm Cruising Club	Phyllis Greenough	P	P	P	P	A	P					
	Barry Greenough	P	P	P	P	A	P					
	Jack & Glenys Kershaw	A	P									
	Jenny Budworth	A	A	A	A	A	A					
Mersey Motor B.C.	Mike Williams	P	P	A	P	P	P					
Nantwich & Border Counties YC	Stuart Robinson	A	A	A	P	P	P					
North Cheshire C.C.	John Suggitt	P	P	P	P	P	P					
Sale Cruising Club	Robin Telkman & Carol Curran	P	P	A	P/A	P/A	P					
Watch House C.C.	Geoff. Hollies	A	P	P	P	A	P					
	Macar Rington	A	A	A	A	A	A					
Weaver Motor Boat Club	Eddie Revell	A	P	P	A	A	A					
	Nick Culliford	A	P	P	P	A	A					
Wheelton Boat Club	John Hicks	P	A	A	A	A	A					
Worsley Cruising Club	Ken Ogg	A	P	P	P	P	A					
	Tomaz Wyderski						P					
<b>MONTH BY MONTH REPRESENTATION OF OUR SEVENTEEN CLUBS</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>					

# AWCC North West Region

## Minutes of the Meeting held on 14<sup>TH</sup> November 2024

1. **Apologies from:** Malcolm Holbrook (thanks to an IT glitch), Ken Ogg, Nicholas Culliford, Eddie Revel, John Hicks.
2. **Minutes of the last Meeting** Minutes of the Nov 2024 meeting were reviewed and approved.
3. **Chairman's Report (in conjunction with Secretary's Report)**

Since our November Regional meeting, we have endeavoured to get the necessary arrangements in place for the AWCC National AGM scheduled for Saturday March 15th 2025.

We had two possible venues within our Region for this event, these being Lymm Cruising Club and Mersey Motor Boat Club. Mersey MBC have a major function occurring during the Saturday Evening which entails much preparation during the day, consequently it was agreed to stage the National AGM at Lymm.

The meeting is to assume a hybrid format thus it has been necessary to confirm the speed of the W-Fi provision within Lymm's headquarters. A Speed Test was undertaken on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January, which yielded favourable results, suggesting that adequate Zoom provision is possible on the day of the meeting.

Directions to the Club site need to ensure a safe arrival for our visitors and they should be encouraged to make a left turn off New Road/Lymm Cross into The Square upon arrival.

Car parking is available within the Club Site, also there is an overflow Car Park close by. Car share is encouraged among the guests, who are expected to arrive any time from 9-30 am. Upon arrival they will be offered complimentary Tea/Coffee/Biscuits.

The meeting is proposed to run from 11-00 am until approximately 3-00 pm with a Lunch-Break of one hour, where a meal (veggie option available) will be offered at cost which we suspect will be in the region of £6-00 per head. A meeting Agenda will be provided by the National Secretary.

Though an 'in house' PA system comprising microphones/amplifiers/speakers, together with a screen and a Projector is available, we propose to take our own equipment on the day to cover all eventualities.

We have approached the Bridgewater Canal Company requesting that they provide a guest speaker to offer an update on the nearby breach. To date, other than an acknowledgement, we have not had any feedback on his matter.

**Malcolm Holbrook, Chairman N-W AWCC, John Suggitt, acting Secretary N-W AWCC**

4. **Secretary's Report** See above.
5. **Treasurers Report** Whilst a report not been possible due to difficulties in registering the change of name at our bank, we hold £1765-56 (Current Acc.), £2976-77, (Savings Acc.).
6. **Vacancy for the post of Secretary** This requirement was re-iterated to no avail.

# **AWCC North West Region**

## **Minutes of the Meeting held on 14<sup>TH</sup> November 2024**

### **(continued)**

**7. Venue for AWCC National AGM** This has been covered in 3) above.

**8. Bridgewater Breach near Dunham Massey**

On New Years Day, shortly after the breach occurred the BWC staff were on hand to mitigate the situation. Thankfully no one was hurt and damage to boats was minimal. It was felt that the actions of the BWC staff who at the time were faced with difficult circumstances, were commendable. In the meantime, coffer dams have been inserted and the intact lengths of canal were re-watered. The coffer dams are being replaced with earth dams.

There are in the region of 1000 pleasure craft based on the Bridgewater Canal whose cruising plans are directly affected by the breach. It was considered worthwhile asking for the Reciprocal Agreement constraints be lifted to enable these boat owners to enjoy an extended cruising range between now and when the breach is repaired.

**9. Update on warning signs at Barnton and Saltersford Tunnels**

These tunnels have been removed from the list of those deemed navigable by canoes and small unpowered craft.

The new signage at Barnton and Saltersford tunnels employs icons extensively, which unlike specific written instructions may be mis-interpreted, particularly by paddle-boarders.

**10. A.O.B.**

Due to dwindling support, it is proposed that Broken Cross Boat Club is to be wound up this coming September, future plans are pending.

Attempts have been made to remove outboard motors/tools from boats moored in the Grappenhall Area. The perpetrators tend to vandalise the boats if they are unsuccessful.

Richard Parry is to resign his position as Head of C&RT. His replacement is yet to be announced.

Our next Branch meeting is the AGM and all in at attendance at our re-scheduled meeting were asked to bring along some food items for consumption on the night.

**The Meeting was closed at 9-00pm**

**Date of next Meeting (AGM) Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025 WHCC Stretford**

**Minutes taken by John Suggitt in the absence of a Secretary**