



# Folk Camps

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## AGM 2025

24 January 2026

Online via Zoom

# Agenda

- Apologies
- Minutes from 2024 AGM (in January 2025)
- Matters Arising
- Adoption of Annual Report and Accounts to year ending 30 September 2025
- Re-appointment of Accountants
- Council Appointments (No need for an election)
- Chair report on 2025, and looking forward to 2026
- Any Other Business

# 2024 AGM Minutes

- Previously circulated via website
  - <https://folkcamp.co.uk/agm/>
- Any corrections?
- Any matters arising?
  
- Proposer and Seconder to Adopt, Vote

# Accounts 2025

- Summer camper numbers even lower 😞 (Weekends increased slightly)
- Only **332** summer camp bookings (2024 = **364**, 2023 = **350**, 2022 = **350**, 2019 = **520**)
- **Net decrease in funds approx. £2K** (actually £1,555)
  - (Was £5K increase in 2024, £4K loss in 2023, and £17K loss in 2022)
  - Details – pages 5, 6
    - Income: £128K
    - Expenditure: £132K
    - Investments gain: £2K (was £5K gain in 2024)
- Overall – finances approx. balanced
  - Efficiencies, cost cutting, etc – despite fewer summer campers
- Total Funds reported in accounts: £107K (down by £1.5K from £108.5K)
- Questions?

# Resolution 1

- Adoption of Annual Report and Accounts to year ending 30 September 2025
- Votes – show of hands

## Resolution 2

- Resolution to Appoint Lightwater Accountants Limited as accountants for next financial year
- Votes – show of hands

# Council Election

- Liz Cooper stood down in the summer
- We co-opted Melanie Golding as a replacement
- Patrick Self finishes 6-year term
- Oscar Roberts, Susie Savage and Barry Pollard reached end of 3-year terms, and stood again
- Melanie, Susie, Oscar and Barry faced members to be elected, and we welcome our new council member – Laurie Glass
  - No one stood against them!

# Current Council

	Current Positions*
Melanie Golding	
Hilary Hill	
Jenny Hopper	
Claire Mycock	Company Secretary
Barry Pollard	Vice Chair
Oscar Roberts	
Susie Savage	
<del>Patrick Self</del>	Chair (retiring)
Jane Wheeler	

Laurie Glass joins Council today

\* NB Council will elect positions for next year in their meeting, after the AGM

# Chair's Report

- Summer Camps Set-up
- Knees-up Weekender
- Statistics! – pretty graph
- Looking forward to 2026 – Summer Site
- Price improvements
- New Initiatives

# Summer Camp Setup

- Brian Flower is current Equipment Manager, with Lorna as Logistics Manager
- In 2025, Laurie Glass helped with the summer setup
  - He would recommend it to others!
  - Water pipes, shower tents, kitchen, marquee electrics, gas tanks, moving many things, ...
  - Opportunities for others to help with setup in future
- Help would also be appreciated with end of summer breakdown
- Contact us to find out more

# New in 2025 – Knees-up Weekender



- Weekend for “younger adults”
  - Successful weekend in 2025
  - Will repeat in 2026
  - Price still only £50 (Early bird rate)
- We can help with last leg of transport to venue

# Numbers of Campers Each Year



# Summer Location

- Back to Orcop in Herefordshire
  - Beautiful remote spot – a hall camp in a marquee location
  - Last there in 2017
- Lower capacity than a marquee
  - Suits numbers of campers from last year
  - Book early: likely to sell out
  - 4 summer weeks
- 2027 – Will be a marquee – Rolvenden again
  - Larger capacity
  - Need to grow summer camp numbers
  - Future – seeking more marquee locations!

# Price Improvements for 2026

- Young person age band extended
  - 18 to 24 (was 18-21)
- Summer Early Bird same as last year
  - Full price increased by £10 – so book (and pay) early!
- Book extra summer week – at Early Bird price
  - (First week must be already fully paid at early rate)
  - But may be sold out if you book late though!
- Weekend adult price increases – only £2 or £1

# New Initiatives

- Lend a tent scheme
  - Suggested by campers
  - To possibly help new campers
  - Or those without transport etc
  - Details TBD – contact us if you want to help
  
- (More info in Extent)

# New Initiatives

- Toilet Twinning
  - Funding for toilets in developing world
  - Publicity
  - Target exceeded! (£250 so far)
  - Can still donate
- (More info in Extent)

# New Initiatives

- Folky Family Ceilidhs
  - Organised by Steph Broodbank and Liz Millward
  - Could you run an event with a Folk Camps feel?
  - Development Grants available to help fund it
  - “How to...” guide available!
  
- (More info in Extent)

# New Initiatives

- New equipment:
- Electric Shower pumps!
  - Trial in 2026
  - No more pressure drop – or blocked nozzles!
  - Fewer arm muscle development opportunities!
- (More info in Extent)

# Thanks

- Volunteer camp staff
- Contractors
- Council
- Social Media helpers
- Anyone that contributes something at a Folk Camp
- Everyone!

# Any other business

- Anything from the (virtual) floor?

# Thank you



- Thank you for supporting us in continuing to provide Folk Camps holidays