

	RAMBLERS RUSHCLIFFE GROUP AGM
	SECRETARY'S REPORT
	01 OCTOBER 2024 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

1. Introduction

We have had a successful and enjoyable year.

- Our walks programme has been full and varied. We have waded through many a muddy and flooded field and loved every minute of it.
- We have seen some committed and dedicated committee members retire and we thank them, our existing team and our new recruits for all the work they have completed in this and previous years.

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....we cannot do any of this without our members, so a big thank you to you all for your continued support.

2. Committee

The following were elected at the Annual General Meeting held on 17 November 2024 to serve on the committee for the following year:

Position	Committee Member
Chair	Mike Stock
Secretary	Julie Lloyd
Minute Secretary	-
Treasurer	Karen Lewis
Footpath Secretary	-
Ramblers' Programme	Morag Hunter
Social Secretary	Hazel Lee
Membership Secretary	Rob Turner
Publicity/Webmaster	Trevor Griffiths
Weekends Away/Holiday Coordinators	Chris Slater
Delegate to Area Council	Mike Stock
Committee Member	-

During the year, the following were co-opted on to the Committee.

Position	Committee Member
Minute Secretary	Liz Lister

Our Chair, Mike Stock continued to attend Area Council meetings as Delegate to Area Council.

The committee met four times during the year with an average attendance of 95%.

Given below are the major decisions, made by the Committee other than those stated elsewhere in the report:

June 2025 Meeting

Budget proposals

The Treasurer presented a draft budget statement for 2025/26. The Committee agreed that the group would take up its full allocation from Central Office in order to honour its commitment to reimburse expenses.

Volunteer Expenses Review

In accordance with Clause 1.4 of the Volunteer Expenses Policy dated 22/23 July 2019, the rates are to be reviewed annually. It was agreed that there would be no change for the financial year 2025/2026.

Ref Clause	Rates/Limit	Existing	Agreed
2.1.2	Mileage Rate	45p per mile	45p per mile
2.1.3	Annual limit	£475.00	£475.00
2.2.2	Home Printing/ Photocopying	12p per sheet	12p per sheet

3. Membership

I am indebted to Rob for the statistics given below. As you can see our numbers are slightly down on last year. We are the second largest Group in the Nottinghamshire area.

Table 1 Membership as 27 October 2025

		Active	Payment Pending	Total	Change *
Total		301	1	302	-11
Annual	Individual	158	1	159	-6
Annual	Joint	133	0	133	-4
Life	Individual	2	0	2	-1
Life	Joint	8	0	8	0
Affiliates	Individual	2	0	2	0

*Compared to our last meeting in June

Table 2 Activity statistics from 1 October 2024 to 30 September 2025

	Weekend	Mid-week	Holiday Walks	Holidays	Socials	Total
Rushcliffe	778	179	94	55	98	1204
Other Groups	44	3	1	1	1	50
Non members	24	19	3	3	2	51
Total	846	201	98	59	101	1305
Number of events	51	17	10	2	3	83
Average per event	17	12	10	30	34	16
Individuals (RR)	89	65	37	46	57	129

Out of our total group membership of 302, we had 129 individuals who took part in at least one of our activities (including socials and holidays). That makes 43% of our members are active participants in our events.

4. Walks

This is our core activity. A glance at the walks and activities report clearly shows that we continue to offer regular walks. Including holiday walks, we have put on 82 walks.

Morag has done sterling work to ensure we have a full programme of walks each quarter and we have also to thank our Walk Leaders for the exceptional variety of walks they provide. We are also very pleased that our Walk Leaders have responded to the new requirements from Ramblers.

Ramblers say that they need to be able to demonstrate that all Walk Leaders are competent and their skills are up to date - this is part of their duty of care to walkers.

The new requirements are that all Leaders must read the Handbook (this is monitored) and either a) do the 2 online training courses, b) have a mountain training qualification or c) self-assess that they have led at least 12 walks for Ramblers in the last 3 years.

The deadline for completion of the training is the end of 2025 – leaders who have not completed the training or responded to the email will be removed as Walk Leaders by Ramblers and will no longer be insured. A refresher will be required every 3 years.

To date over half of our registered Walk Leaders have completed the training as outlined above and it is anticipated that nearly all of our active Leaders will have completed the training by the end of the year.

However, we would still welcome new Walk Leaders and would encourage all our members to have a go and not be deterred by the additional requirements. Our more experienced Walk Leaders are always here to help and can reassure you about completing the online training.

5. Walking Holidays

We have enjoyed holidays in Dovedale and Sedbergh this year. As usual they were meticulously planned and enjoyed by all participants. These have been comprehensively reported in various editions of Relay so there is no need to go into any further detail here. However, we are nonetheless all indebted to Angela and Louise for their hard work in organising these with Karen providing invaluable support as Treasurer. Our new holiday co-ordinator, Chris Slater has already proved himself to be a worthy successor so a big thank you to Chris for stepping into some big shoes!

Also, a big thank you to all our members who led walks on any of this year's holidays.

6. Social Events

Our Social Secretaries, Louise and Hazel continued to search for different activities and have been successful with the following:

Christmas Lunch 2024

Christmas Lunch was held at Ashmores Restaurant in Radcliffe on Trent where everyone enjoyed an excellent meal in a convivial atmosphere.

Skittles Evening August 2025

This was an event to say a big thankyou to all our Walk Leaders. It was enjoyed by all who attended.

7. Publicity / Website

Relay

Since last year's AGM, Trevor has produced four editions of Relay covering our activities complete with photos. It is an excellent way of keeping members up to date with our activities and highlighting important national messages.

Trevor puts a lot of time and effort into this informative and amusing publication and thoroughly deserves the accolades received.

8. Footpaths

We no longer have a Footpaths Secretary. However, anyone leading a walk can report a problem with a footpath/access here <https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/walking-cycling-and-rights-of-way/rights-of-way/report-problem>

Nonetheless, Howard continues to volunteer to assist in the Ploughing and Cropping Surveys undertaken by Via. This ensures that landowners in the Rushcliffe Area continue to reinstate and maintain our rights of way following any agricultural activities.

Julie Lloyd
Secretary
2 November 2025