



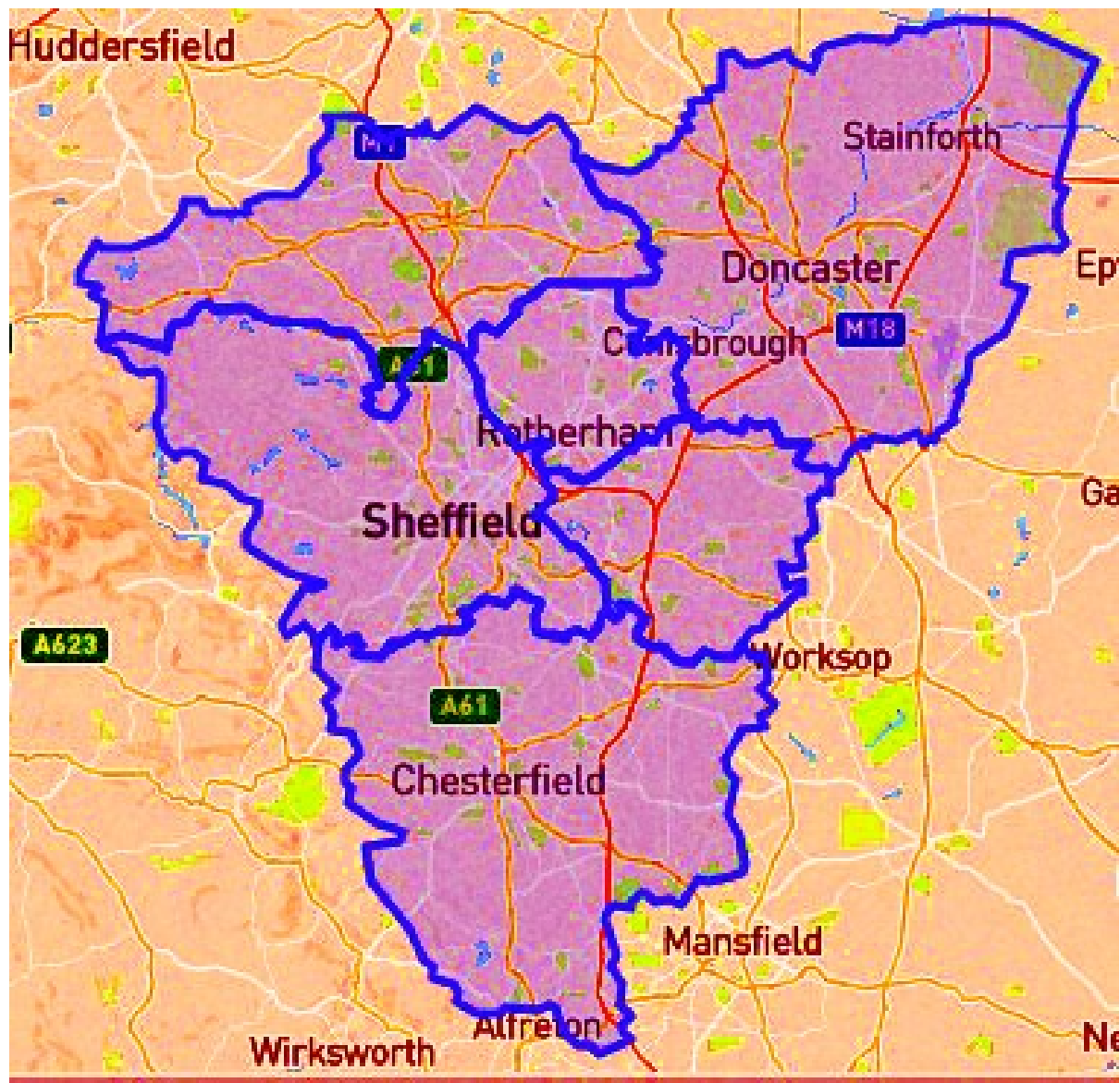
**South Yorks &
N.E. Derbyshire**

AREA AGM 2025

SUNDAY JANUARY 19th

Starting at 2PM

Tickhill Pavilion, Tithes Lane, Tickhill (nr Doncaster) DN11 9QN



Area Annual Report 2023/24

DO JOIN US

All Members Welcome to Attend and Participate

(in person only)

South Yorkshire & North East Derbyshire Area of the Ramblers Annual General Meeting 2025

All members and representatives of affiliated organisations are invited to join us
at the **Tickhill Pavilion, Tithes Lane, Tickhill (nr Doncaster) DN11 9QN**
On **Sunday January 19th 2025 starting at 2pm.**

AGENDA

- 1.** Chairman' welcome and opening remarks
- 2.** Attendance and Apologies for Absence
- 3.** Remembering Area Members who have died during the last twelve months
- 4.** Minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting
- 5.** Any Matters Arising from the Minutes.

6. Annual Report for 2023/2024

9. Financial statement – Accounts for year ending September 30th 2024

9. Appointment of Area President and Vice Presidents

10. Election of Officers and Council Members:

Area Chairman Area Secretary Area Treasurer

Area Access Officer Area Footpath Officer

Area Webmaster, Area Membership Sec

Area Publicity & Social Media Officers

11a. Two Members' Representatives on the Area Council

Nominations will be welcome at the meeting

(but helpful if notified beforehand, with written agreement of nominees if unable to attend.)

11b. Group Secretaries should also provide details of up to 2 representatives
of their Group appointed at their AGM to sit on the Area Council

11c. Two Representatives from the 6 walking groups affiliated to the AC

12. Appointment of Independent Examiner (Treasurer to Nominate)

13. Affiliation to like minded organisations

14. Appointment of Area Delegates to 2025 General Council on April 5th at NEC

15. Motions to General Council and for Consideration by the SYNED AGM

16. Any Other Business / Notices (Please inform Chair/Secretary prior to start of AGM)

After the formal meeting and a short break:-

TOM PLATT

Chief Programmes and Delivery Officer

will speak on current Ramblers concerns, activities & campaigns

**Please indicate to Chair or Secretary if you have any other AGM business
you wish to discuss asap (and prior to the start of the Meeting)**

Please Note: This SYNED Area AGM will be Recorded

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Morning Walk

There will be a shortish walk prior to the Area AGM, starting from outside the Tickhill Pavilion at 10:30.
(The Pavilion's toilets will be accessible from 10:00am prior to the walk starting)

This will be leisurely paced with plenty of local history.

Walkers are asked to come suitably equipped and be ready to start at 10:30am.

It will be led by members of the Doncaster Ramblers Group who are our hosts this year.

This is your chance to participate in the good governance of your local walking organisation and help it keep moving forward in these difficult times.

Seating will be suitably spaced out.

Face masks can be worn if you wish but are not mandatory in this sort of venue.

Sterilising handwash will also be available.

Please do not attend in person if you are feeling unwell or have any Covid symptoms.

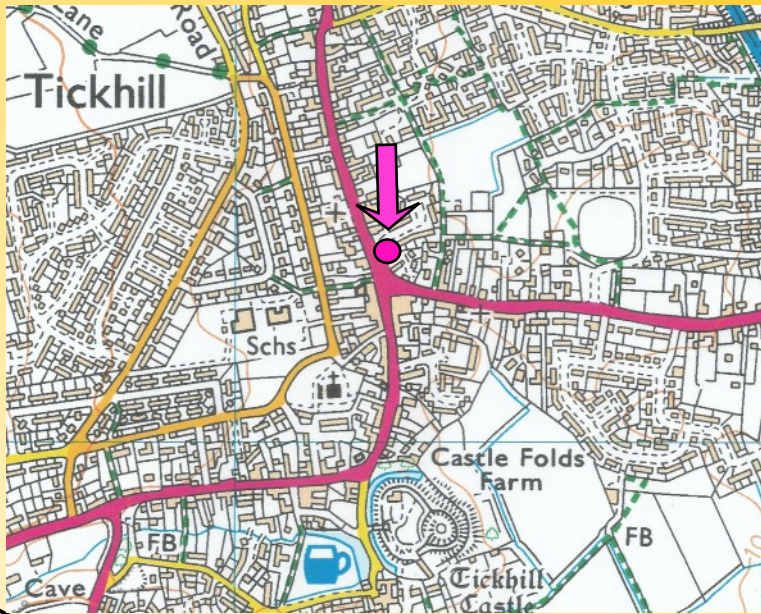
DO JOIN US ALL MEMBERS WELCOME TO ATTEND & PARTICIPATE

More details on the SYNED website :- <https://synedramblers.org.uk>

Tickhill Pavilion, Tithes Lane, Tickhill

DN11 9QN or SK 59273 93351

There is car parking on site.



Future SYNED Area Council meetings in 2025:-

Mondays February 17th ; August 11th and November 17th 2025
starting at 18:30hrs.

Meetings will only be accessible via Zoom

Contact the SYNED Area Secretary (secretary@synedramblers.org.uk)
for details prior to the meeting date if you wish to use it to attend this way
The AC Meeting on Saturday May 10th will be more of a "Walk and Talk"
(More details to follow)

2026 SYNED AREA AGM - January 17th 2026

And will be hosted by Rotherham Metro Ramblers Group
at the Herringthorpe United Reformed Church,
Wickersley Road, Rotherham S60 4JN

Minutes of the 2024 SYNED Area Ramblers AGM

Saturday 20th January 2024

Held in person at Rowms Lane Social Club and via Zoom

Present: Malcolm Dixon, Area Secretary (Sheffield); Karen Martin (DVR); Kath Drabble (DVR); Sara Whitby, Area Publicity Officer; Christine Stott (DVR); Sarah Cave (DVR); Johnathan Revell (Ch. DVR); Kate Frizzell (DVR); Caitlin Revell (DVR); John Watson (DVR); Pat White (DVR); Peter Drabble (DVR); Angela Karck (DVR); John Karck (DVR); Helen Barker (DVR); Lucia Contrino, (S40's Footpaths officer); Bob Paterson (DVR); Les Seaman, Area Access Officer; Gergelk Budak (S20s&30s); Judith Jarvis (DVR); Ruth Law (DVR); Pauline Gibbons (DVR); Malcolm Mackay (Sheffield); Cath MacKay, VP (Sheffield); Jez Kenyon, Area Vice Chair (S40's); Clive Sanders, guest speaker (Central Office)

Via Zoom: Liz Sharp (Ch S40's); Jim Conibear (S40's)

Apologies: David Blunkett, Area President; Gavin Johns, Area Treasurer; Roly Smith, Area VP; Terry Howard, Area VP; Michael Stainer (Ch. Chesterfield); John Harker, Peak & Northern Footpaths Society; Marion Clulow, Peak Walking Group; Judy Gathercole, Area Membership Secretary (Sheffield); Chris Morton (Sheffield); Stuart Bloom (Sheffield); Adrian Roxan (Sheffield); Sue Haywood (DVR); Gordon Haywood (DVR)

1. Chair's welcome and opening remarks:

Vice Chair Jez Kenyon opened the Meeting by asking Johnathan Revell to make the official welcome on behalf of the Dearne Valley Ramblers, our host group this afternoon. Johnathan thanked everyone for attending and hoped everyone had enjoyed the morning walk led by John Watson. He also gave a special mention to Pauline Gibbons, one of DVRs original founder members, who was present today and who has attended every AGM and event hosted by DVR.

Jez thanked DVR and then spoke about our current Chair, Allen Pestell. Allen has sadly been very ill and stepped back from the role in May after a long period serving as Chair of SYNED. Cath MacKay spoke movingly about the extensive work Allen has done for Ramblers and expressed thanks on behalf of us all to Allen.

2. Attendance and apologies for absence: as above

3. Remembering Area Members who have died during the last 12 months:

A minute's silence was held, and tribute paid to Mike Pye and Tony Allsopp and any other members who have sadly passed away in the last year. Les Seaman paid tribute to Mike, and Cath MacKay to Tony, re their achievements for Ramblers.

4. President's Address: Lord David Blunkett – David was unable to attend in person due to a scheduling conflict but sent a video message. He reviewed his time as President, touched on local issues affecting Ramblers, sent thanks, and emphasised he remains supportive of SYNED aims though this has been his final year as President. Action: We will write and convey our thanks to David.

5. Minutes of the 2023 Annual General meeting accepted with one minor correction sec. 18, S40's should read S20s&30s.

6. Matters Arising from the 2023 Minutes –

- a. The motion was taken to the Central Council regarding ensuring that local authorities maintain their obligations to look after the footpath network. Noted that landowners have a responsibility to maintain footpaths on their land and that LA's have the power to enforce, however they do have limited funds for this purpose. GC passed the motion, and we look forward to seeing how this progresses nationally.
- b. River walks project – this has been shelved due to a lack of progress.
- c. Operations of area council – discussed at SYNED council meetings several times, not much progress but noted we have had much more engagement with both SYNED groups and with external groups of interest.

7. **Review the Annual Report for 2022/2023** Noted that we owe a debt of gratitude for the thousands of hours of work by volunteers from our groups and those who have gone before us and a duty to carry on the good work. There are many ways for members to get involved e.g. Don't Lose Your Way project, path maintenance teams, lobbying local councils, everything that helps maintain the footpath network, just get in touch if you wish to get involved.
8. **Financial statement – Accounts for year ending September 30th, 2023.** Accounts are within the Annual report – JK presented on behalf of Gavin. Funds and spending summarised. Noted changes to ladder stiles using BAWI funding. **Accounts accepted.**
9. **Appointment of Area President and Vice Presidents** – David Blunkett has now stepped down. JK explained the role is an honorary one, ideally someone high profile who supports Ramblers aims and can represent us. If anyone has any suggestions, please let Malcolm know, otherwise the post will remain vacant for the next 12 months. We currently have 6 Vice Presidents, all to continue, proposed and accepted. David Blunkett and Allen Pestell proposed as additional VPs as per tradition, proposed and accepted.
10. **Election of Officers and Council Members** – all proposed/nominated, seconded, and accepted as below:-
 - Area Chair – Jez Kenyon
 - Area Vice Chair - **vacant**
 - Area Secretary – Malcolm Dixon
 - Area Treasurer – Gavin Johns
 - Area Access Officer – Les Seaman
 - Area Membership Secretary – Helen Barker
 - Area Minutes Secretary – Helen Barker
 - Area Publicity & Social Media Officer – Sara Whitby
 - Area Footpath Officer - **vacant**
 - Area Webmaster – Johnathan Revell – help with maintaining the SYNED website would be welcomed by Johnathan if anyone is interested. It uses the same tools as the group websites.
 - Area Countryside Officer - **vacant**

If anyone wishes to get involved or is interested in knowing more about any vacant positions, please let Malcolm know.
11. **Other council members:**
 - a. **Two Members' Representatives on the Area Council** – Cath McKay proposed and seconded. Terry Howard has also previously taken on this role but would like to offer it up to someone else – put a call out to all groups for nominees.
 - b. **All Group Secretaries – ACTION REQUIRED** please provide details to Malcolm of up to 2 representatives for their Group (as appointed at their AGM) to sit on the Area Council.
 - c. **Two Representatives from the 5 walking groups affiliated to the AC** – no current reps – to write to them all and ask for nominations.
12. **Appointment of Independent Examiner** – Lorraine Watson thanked and proposed/approved for a further 12 months.
13. **Affiliation to like-minded organisations** – as an area we affiliate to 4 organisations. These are: Campaign for the Protection of Rural England; the Peak & Northern Footpath Society; Peak District Green Lanes Alliance; and the Open Spaces Society. Continuation of these affiliations proposed and approved. No further nominations for similar groups made.

14. Appointment of Area Delegates to 2024 General Council on April 20th at NEC – Jez and Cath spoke about the role of General Council and how it is a fantastic opportunity to learn and share with other areas. All Ramblers areas are represented, and it is where decisions on national policy are debated and taken. Currently we have no nominations for SYNED area, we need 2 delegates. No expressions of interest at today's AGM, so to be taken to the next Area meeting – please do let Malcolm know if you are interested in attending.

15. No Motions submitted for General Council this year.

16. Any Other Business / Notices –

Cressbrook Mill – we have around £13000 left in the Ivy Cowan legacy fund – this was money left to us by a local lady, Ivy Cowan, some years ago.

Cressbrook Mill footbridge needs replacing (has been closed for 4 years), it connects the Monsal Trail with Cressbrook Mill over the River Wye. This will cost around £200,000 in total. Peak Park have put in £20,000 but can't afford to fund it all. The Peak Park Foundation have also given £20,000. British Mountaineering Council have given £10,000. Proposed that we offer £5000 from the Ivy Cowan legacy towards this. Les Seaman spoke about the project and the benefits of this very useful footbridge being replaced. It is a concessionary footpath, not a PROW which is why the council won't fund it. Replacement would mean that a road crossing to connect the Monsal Trail would be avoided. Liz Sharp spoke to support the donation.

Proposed/seconded and approved unanimously.

Agricultural Transitional Plan (ATP) – Les Seaman spoke about a letter received from DEFRA in January regarding the ATP. This is a 5-year plan regarding paying landowners for concessionary 'open' access to their land (£92 per hectare). No clarity on what happens after 5 years or how this will work. Jez states this is a perfect example of why it is worth members getting more involved in footpath issues.

No further AOBs.

After the formal meeting and refreshments, our guest speaker **Clive Sanders**, the Ramblers Income and Marketing Director, spoke to us on current Ramblers concerns, activities & campaigns.

Clive reiterated about the benefits and opportunities of attending General Council. He spoke about the achievements of groups in delivering over 44000 group walks last year, plus around 50000 wellbeing walks. Last year Ramblers trained around 12000 walk leaders, Ramblers is seeing much more diversity at a community level and Clive reiterated how the training can help build skills and confidence. Clive told us that around 15500 new members were recruited last year, total membership floats around 102 to 103 thousand members – much healthier than it was during covid when we were unable to offer group walks and many people paused their membership. Ramblers continues to focus on paths work – it continues to resonate with people about the importance of retaining and maintaining the paths network.

Clive spoke about the Ramblers refreshed strategy - a 10 year strategy. There are unprecedented challenges around the footpath network with reduced funds available from local authorities due to other pressures on them. He spoke about ELMS (the reform of the Common Agricultural Policy) and Ramblers continue to lobby politically at a national level and are involved with cross party work on white papers behind the scenes. Clive spoke about the importance of sharing successes and recognising that local differences are integral to change and removing barriers. He spoke about Ramblers new president, Amal Latif. Amal is blind and is a great role model for walking for all.

Clive spoke about recruitment, how this is harder, and we must open our appeal to a broader audience, change perceptions of ramblers, promote walking for all. We ARE Britain's walking charity. Our pathway network is a huge asset within the UK, much more limited in many other countries, and we need to appreciate it.

Clive then offered a Q&A session, condensed highlights below:

06 Jez: have health agenda/benefits of walking been a bit lost along the way? Funding issues, but prevention is better than cure?

Clive: short termism is an issue. Active transport has had lots of funding e.g. cycling which benefits relatively few, how many really benefit. Walking is the cheapest and best form of exercise. Unblocking the footpath network leads to a free increase in health. Barriers need addressing – social and physical. It is a challenge.

Liz: 1. At group levels, is there tension between Ramblers serving current membership and opening up to more? 2. Inconsistencies in income streams for various campaigning organisations.

Clive: beneficiaries v benefactors – if the same, are we delivering? Keep doing what we do but also learn from other groups/areas. 2. Orgs get pulled in all directions, need to draw some lines to remain focused on core objectives. Ramblers get called in as consultees on various things. Both local and national connections.

Les: Many groups are involved in the Sheffield walking forum, not just ramblers, interest is really building but we find we must go to them to get groups involved, they don't come to us.

Clive: great example, the more we can do that the better. Really important to keep raising awareness.

Jez: asked room if we'd joined ramblers as 'local' or 'national' – about half and half – we all join for many reasons.

Cath: some concerns re new strategy now allayed. Spoke about the debate at the last general council & concerns that were expressed there. Noted that the language used in the documents is off-putting.

Clive: agree, terms get bounced around and fall into use. E.g. 'active transport'. we need clarity and to be mindful of 'are we helping people' & 'can we explain how'.

Lucia: asked about last year's motion to GC – what is central office doing about lobbying central government?

Clive: they are lobbying on several things e.g. access, green routes, peri urban access to nature etc. Constant dialogue with government about these, using different angles, funding streams etc. Agree there is always more to be done.

Liz: the new strategy of having 1 leader to 8 walkers is causing some concerns – where are we on that?

Clive: that has softened now, new version is due to be published in Spring, length of guidance has been reduced too. Emphasised this is aimed at giving people who have never led a walk the skills and confidence to do so, it's about raising standards across the board. We need to know what 'good' looks like and we need a standard to both work to and answer to.

Jez thanked Clive and closed the meeting.

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Allen Pestell (1943-2024) - A Tribute

It is with sadness that we report the death of Allen Pestell last February.

I first knew him as a colleague from the Barnsley area about forty years ago. It was clear from the beginning that he would become a staunch advocate for the Ramblers. He was always ready to help both internally and externally.

Allen eventually became our Area chairman, a position which he held for many years until his death. One of his earliest contributions was to give extra emphasis to our countryside protection work. Although we supported the CPRE and other organisations in our fight to defend the beauty of the countryside, our own work was limited by the absence of a volunteer.



We found one in Allen with his interest in the planning process. He encouraged us to set up, and then chaired, a countryside sub-committee, made speeches and responded to consultations about wind farm developments, housing in Green Belt land, road and rail improvement projects (including HS2) and unsympathetic afforestation. Allen regularly argued that our enjoyment of the footpath network and the open access land, was reduced if their surroundings were impoverished.

Allen was a regular attendee at General Council, (The Ramblers' National Annual Delegate Conference,) and was elected to the Agenda Committee which scrutinised, ordered, and discussed the motions which had been submitted for debate. I believe he enjoyed this role because he appreciated the importance of orderliness and fairness in policy-making. He could think strategically which was a great asset. More than once he correctly prophesied the unintended consequences of policies!

One of his strongest speeches was in opposition to proposed structural changes which threatened to reduce the power and influence of the 'ordinary' members. Allen was always ready to champion team work at grass-roots level, which he said should not be diminished in favour of a more powerful executive.

On many occasions I heard him argue that we were not "customers", or "clients", words that were sometimes used in on-line communications, and he hated the distinction between "volunteers" and "members." He repeatedly reminded General Council that we were ALL "members", the Ramblers' belonged to US, and this should be reflected in everything that was said and done in its name.

Externally, Allen represented our interests by attending access and footpath campaign rallies, speaking to the media on our behalf and lobbying the decision-makers. He and I appeared together on radio and television on some occasions, but he would not be drawn into commenting on topics that he didn't wish to discuss.

Allen was an unassuming, kindly, modest person, who seemed to take life as it came without fuss or drama. He was quietly determined and never made his points by being loudly aggressive, instead he relied on well-informed arguments made with conviction. This was reflected in his leadership style where he facilitated rather than directed discussion. It is appropriate that this Annual Report should recognise his contributions on behalf of everyone who enjoys walking.

I remember Allen Pestell with affection and gratitude. He was an effective colleague and a good friend. It was a pleasure to have known and worked with him in furthering the aims of the Ramblers'.

Cath MacKay

Area Membership 2023-2024

	SYNED AREA MEMBERSHIP											NOT			
	CN&ED	DONC	SHEFF	RMR	B&P	DVR	Sheff20's	Sheff40's				Allocated	SYNED		
01/01/2016	473	230	614	266	180	105	231	230	0	2329	106,452				
01/01/2017	439	224	590	259	167	114	258	233	0	2284	105,234				
01/01/2018	424	204	580	246	152	117	233	240	0	2196	104,617				
01/02/2019	410	236	564	251	154	147	225	250	0	2237	102,023				
01/10/2019	371	224	522	238	144	151	210	239	73	2172	102,151				
2020															
30/09/2020	353	228	507	229	135	150	167	251	44	2064	98,717				
2021															
30/09/2021	363	231	505	212	143	142	157	268	52	2073	101,130				
2022															
30/09/22	368	222	490	203	152	132	199	282	70	2118	102,144				
2023															
Sept	374	232	496	206	154	140	202	290	74	2168	105,127				
Oct	371	232	497	205	156	140	207	293	74	2175	105,125				
Nov	373	229	497	205	159	142	205	294	81	2185	104,407				
Dec	365	235	475	214	150	156	186	311	91	2183	104,043				
2024															
Jan	360	247	470	215	152	155	202	310	94	2205	103,993				
Feb	352	245	470	214	148	152	204	325	97	2207	104,380				
Mar	354	242	470	215	151	152	211	325	98	2218	104757				
Apr	358	240	461	209	149	152	222	328	100	2219	104,207				
May	361	238	458	212	146	152	226	329	99	2221	104,467				
June	362	241	460	214	145	152	240	330	103	2243	104,783				
July	361	242	457	211	148	152	238	327	105	2241	105,329				
Aug	360	247	455	209	149	149	235	321	113	2238	105,674				
Sept	352	250	455	212	148	148	237	316	111	2229	105,269				

Over the last year our eight local Ramblers Groups have continued to work hard on behalf of all walkers in the region, leading over a thousand walks, reporting footpath issues to local councils, running path maintenance teams helping to look after our wonderful path network, and researching historic footpaths so we can claim them before they are lost forever.

We are very grateful for all the time and commitment of our volunteers - the next time you are out in the countryside, remember that the footpaths do not magically appear out of the ground - they are the result of decades of hard work protecting and improving the path network - something that Ramblers continues to play a large role in.

We need your help - as always, there is more to do than people to do it - you can read about some of our work below, so please consider getting involved.

Jez Kenyon, Chair, and Malcolm Dixon, Secretary.

What Ramblers Do

We all know and love our footpath network - its a great way to exercise, enjoy the countryside, socialise and get closer to nature. But that path network is only as good as it is because of the dedicated work of many thousands of volunteers over many decades.

Our volunteers do a huge range of things, including:

- checking the paths and reporting problems to the relevant Council
- cutting back overgrowth and undergrowth
- fixing stiles, gates, steps and bridges
- improving the network, e.g. by replacing difficult stiles with gates
- lobbying Councils and Government for funding for path improvements and new footpaths
- monitoring planning applications and new developments, to make sure the path network is protected
- leading thousands of walks
- creating great routes for walkers to use

We need you, our members, to help in whatever ways you can. Could you be a footpath checker, help fix stiles, a researcher looking for historic paths that have been 'lost', a campaigner to lobby for improvements, an organiser, or a walk leader getting people out there to enjoy the footpaths?

Please contact your local group, or email secretary@synedramblers.org.uk if you have some time to help, and we will connect you with the relevant team or group.

Path Checking Wardens

Council footpath budgets are under more pressure than in decades we can see the impact everywhere, with rickety stiles, overgrown paths, broken bridges. We need to get the individual problems identified and reported to the local councils. But even more, we need to make sure the public are aware of this before its too late, and present a compelling case to our local elected Councillors to increase the budget for footpath maintenance. To do this means collecting data to build up a comprehensive picture of the state of the path network so we can lobby effectively.

Across the area we have some 'path warden' schemes up and running, and are looking to start more. A warden will walk a set of paths every year or so and report any problems. We are looking for more wardens to help out - many hands make light work.

If you have some spare time to walk some paths, please email secretary@synedramblers.org.uk , or contact your local group, with your mobile phone number, stating roughly which areas you could help check.

Don't Lose Your Way (DLYW)

Did you know that many of our footpaths, including some regularly used, are not officially recognised. Also there are paths that have historically been removed or made inaccessible that should be open to the public.

The Don't Lose Your Way project aims to identify all these unrecorded or lost paths and claim them for future generations of walkers to enjoy.

We are looking for volunteers who enjoy digging through old records and maps, to help with this project, before the window to claim the paths closes. If you want to get involved, please email secretary@synedramblers.org.uk with your mobile phone number, and we will put you in touch with the DLYW team.

Barnsley & Penistone Ramblers Group

Despite still being a relatively small group, our dedicated walk leaders have put on a variety of weekly and fortnightly walks throughout the year. The weekly Saturday walks are usually around 8-10 miles. Some locally but also in Derbyshire and North Yorkshire. The fortnightly midweek walks are more local and are around 2-2.5 miles.

These always finish at a teashop for coffee, cake and chat. These shorter walks are very popular and we have a regular band of walkers enjoying them. They have also attracted several new members to the group.

One of our walk leaders has been leading local Barnsley Bounday walks. It has taken him a lot of time, patience and determination to turn each section into a suitable circular walk, which are all now nearly complete.

We had a coach trip to Scarborough in June. The coach dropped off walkers in Cloughton for an 8 mile clifftop walk into Scarborough. The rest of the group who couldn't do the 8 miles were dropped off at Peaseholme Park to enjoy a stroll or bus trip around Marine Drive. We were blessed with a lovely sunny day, for a change. We all met up in the afternoon to enjoy time together and finish the day off with the inevitable fish and chips, before heading back to Barnsley. A good day was had by all.

We had our Annual Dinner at a local hostelry and were joined by friends and family. They also joined us at our annual Christmas Faith Supper. I never cease to be surprised at the variety of food we acquire for this event, which is wonderful. We had a quiz, played beetle, a raffle and finished, as ever with a very competitive game of musical chairs.

I would like to thank all our walk leaders for their help and expertise in putting on such a varied programme of walks again this year. Also, to all our walkers, new and old, for joining in the walks and making them such friendly sociable events.

Carol Wood
Chair, Barnsley & Penistone Ramblers Group

Chesterfield & North East Derbyshire Ramblers

Over the last year the Chesterfield and NE Derbyshire Group has been able to offer a full programme of over 240 led walks on Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays with lengths varying from 5 to 14 miles.

Our walks leaders have had to get to grips with the new Ramblers online Walks Manager. Some initial teething problems were experienced, primarily with some walks leaders not ensuring that their contact preferences were correctly updated.

As time has gone on these have been slowly resolved but, as in all organisations, change takes time to be implemented and accepted. For many years our group has produced a printed walks programme twice a year that is posted to all of our members. For most of that time we have been fortunate in having access to a free printing service, but that has recently come to an end.

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**Treasurer's Report -
South Yorkshire & North-East Derbyshire Ramblers
Balance Sheet
October 1st 2023 to September 30th 2024**

	Notes	£ 2024		£ 2023	
Fixed Assets					
Current Assets					
UnityTrust Current Account					
Opening Statement Balance		28,969		30,456	
Plus receipts		6,987		5,625	
Less payments		16,023		7,112	
Closing Statement Balance		19,933		28,969	
Plus outstanding receipts		-		-	
Less outstanding payments		-		-	
Net currents assets			19,933		28,969
Cash held by Treasurer			0		-
			19,933		28,969
Represented By:-					
Unrestricted Funds -					
Accumulated General Reserve	1	8,631		14,167	
			8,631		14,167
Restricted Funds -					
Bradfield Ancient Ways Initiative (BAWI)	2	9,989		9,989	
Clarion Call Account	3	1,313		4,813	
			11,302		14,802
TOTAL			19,933		28,969

Notes to the Accounts:-

1 Undistributed Accumulated General Reserve	2024 ££	2023 ££
Balance Brought Forward	14,167	15,655
Plus receipts	6,987	5,625
Plus Receipts (int)	0	0
Less Payments	12,523	7,111
Balance	8,631	14,169
2 Undistributed Restricted (BAWI)	2024 ££	2023 £
Balance Brought Forward	9989	9989
Plus receipts	0	0
Less Payments	0	0
Balance	9989	9989
3 Restricted Clarion Call Account	2024 £	2023 £
Balance Brought Forward	4,813	4,813
Plus receipts	0	0
Less Payments	3500	0
Balance	1,313	4,813

I am pleased to present the accounts of the Area for the year ending 30th September 2024

The Area has received its full allocation from CO but distributed less than planned to Groups.

During the year the Area received £6,987 from Central Office and distributed £4,012 to Groups in the Area.

The Area spent approx. £1,515 during the year on administering the Area, including production of the Area Annual Report.

We allocated £13,790 from the Ivy Cowen Trust Legacy Fund to the 5 year Ivy Cowen Project to support the Area and Groups to meet the Ramblers charitable objectives.

We spent £1,251 from the funds this year.

We also donated £5,000 from the fund to the Cressbrook Mill bridge appeal.

No Clarion Call books were sold this year but we donated £3,500 to the NT Moorlands Centre appeal from this fund.

The Bradfield Ancient Ways Initiative (BAWI) balance of £9,989 was carried forward for Phase 3 of the project.

The Groups have asked the Area for approx. £6,743 funding for the coming year

We will be contributing £1,493 from our own funds in line with The Rambler's Reserve policy towards our budget of £8,243 and will therefore be asking Central Office for £ 6,750.

Our thanks are due to our independent examiner, Ms Lorraine Watson.

Gavin Johns, Area Treasurer

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"I certify that the above balance sheet and the following income and expenditure accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Rambler's Association guidance, that they reflect the transactions of the SYNED Area during the financial year and the state of affairs at 30th September 2024 and that records have been properly kept and payments authorised by the Area Committee during the year to 30th September 2024."

Lorraine Watson, Independent Examiner

We have begun the process of determining the future of providing our own walking programme - should we continue providing (a) a printed walking programme that is posted to all of our members, (b) a walking programme that is emailed to members and only posted to those without internet access or (c) should we stop producing this all together and encourage our members to rely solely upon the Ramblers online Walks Manager.

Our members and our Footpaths Officer have been regularly reporting access issues relating to rights of way to Derbyshire County Council via their online portal. We continue, however, to be frustrated by a lack of progress in the council responding to these and to the lack of feedback that the current council systems provide. Having escalated our concerns with the MP for NE Derbyshire we held a series of meetings with the relevant officers within the council.

These were initially very productive and allowed us to raise our concerns but, despite commitments from the council to respond to the issues, these have not been forthcoming and we have not received any updates since April of this year. We continue to apply pressure on the council for further meetings to raise our concerns and for action to be taken.

Sadly, the year saw the death of the following members and former members; Jean Ashworth, Rex Bryan, John Freeman, Kate Sims, and recently Reg Millward. There may be others that I'm not aware of.

I'd like to thank all of our walk leaders, walks organisers and coordinators, without whom our club wouldn't exist. I'd also like to thank all of the committee members who have supported me over the last year. A final thanks to all members for supporting Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire Ramblers by attending our varied programme of walks.

Michael Stainer, Chair, Chesterfield & NE Derbyshire Ramblers
<https://chesterfieldramblers.com> cnedramblers@gmail.com

Dearne Valley Ramblers

Dearne Valley Ramblers are thrilled to share that we're thriving with a lively community of walkers and a jam-packed event lineup. Thanks to our amazing volunteers, we've organized a wide array of walks this year, catering to all interests and abilities.

One standout event was the Wentworth Treasure Hunt, skillfully led by Bob and Sarah. This fun-filled adventure took us through the picturesque village of Wentworth, where we used our problem-solving skills to uncover hidden treasures.

Our coach trip to Robin Hood's Bay was another highlight, adding even more excitement to our year.

We are immensely grateful to our dedicated volunteers and members, whose efforts have made the Dearne Valley Ramblers a flourishing community. We invite everyone to join us and experience the joy of exploring the outdoors together. Whether you're an experienced hiker or a casual stroller, we have something for you. So step out, enjoy the fresh air, and discover the wonders of our beautiful region with us!

Doncaster Ramblers

The past year has been a good one for Doncaster Ramblers. The various strands of what we do have functioned well and there have been no significant problems.

Firstly, our walks programme has continued to provide three sets of walks every week, week in, week out. Thanks to the coordinators of these sets of walks – Charlie Pratt for the Tuesday programme and Angela Gibson for the Saturday programme. I coordinate the Thursday programme. As usual the walks are varied and interesting and generally the number of people attending them have been healthy.

The biggest problem with the walks programme is the lack of sufficient leaders. This is a national problem, possibly worsened by central office insisting that all leaders must complete an online course before they lead. In the last month or so Debs and Malc Proctor have completed this course have started leading. On a couple of occasions during Thursday pre-walk briefings Debs has explained to members that the course is very easy and merely states the obvious. We hope that this will encourage other members to follow their example.

We also provide a set of walks for Doncaster Carers, organised by Steve Tomlinson, which proves monthly walks in the summer for local carers and sometimes cared-for people. Steve also organised a successful coach trip to Whitby, with three separate walks being provided.



The second strand of what we do are the maintenance sessions, organised now that Tony Marsh has retired from the role, by Stuart Twell and Pete Smith. The transfer of responsibility went smoothly and we continue to provide support to the local authority regarding the maintenance of the public rights of way network in the city of Doncaster.

A third strand of what we do is the monitoring of the RoW network. This role is now filled by Di Scolari, who, in addition to organising members (and possibly non-members) to walk their allocated paths, liaises with the local authority regarding diversion orders etc.

Our membership figures are very healthy, with 235 members in October 2023 and 249 in October 2024. This is a very significant increase and reflects several aspects of what we do. Firstly, an interesting walks programme which caters for people new to walking, particularly the Thursday programme, as well as for more experienced walkers on Tuesdays and/or Saturdays. The effective walks programme needs to be promoted. Word-of-mouth is one very effective way, with the friendliness of the group being a strength in this respect. Secondly are the two strands of publicity. Brian Unsworth keeps the website up-to-date and interesting to visit, and Peter Rowsell looks for every opportunity to promote the group to the wider public.

In my last report I mentioned the Ramblers Don't Lose Your Way campaign to save footpaths lost to us for historic reasons. Such paths are fairly easy to identify on old maps but research is needed to prove that these paths could be walked by the public. A month ago I attended a presentation in Leeds by Sarah Bucks and Phil Wadey, the authors of the 'bible' on restoring lost rights of way. It was an excellent presentation and I now know what to do to submit a claim, with evidence, to save lost paths.

To date I have only had the time to have a session in Doncaster Archives photographing the 1848 Tithes map of Tickhill. I hope I can find the time to do what I need to do next. Then I will extend my research to other parts of Doncaster.

The deadline to submit claims is 2031, although as far as I know all local authorities, being short-staffed, have backlogs. In March 2024 some research by the BBC found there were nearly 8,000 outstanding claims with councils nationally, with Lincolnshire holding the record of 458 outstanding applications, some dating back to the 1908s.

Jack Cornish, who is head of paths at Ramblers central office, says that councils processed less than a third of applications in the period 2019 to 2024. All we can do, those of us interested in restoring lost paths, is to get the claims in before the 2031 deadline. Now that I know what to do, anybody who would like to help could follow my process. I've stated that I've started with the tithe map of Tickhill; anybody else could look at tithe maps for their local area and shadow my subsequent process. I would be very happy to advise.

I thank everyone who has contributed to the successful running of our group. To walk leaders and back-markers, as well as those who take photos during the walk and write reports afterwards to help the group publicise itself. And the walk coordinators, who use their powers of persuasion and charm to encourage members to lead. And to all committee members, including those without a specific responsibility, for their time and thoughtfulness in discussing issues. The fact that this committee has changed significantly in the past year or so is a strength. Brian Unsworth has assumed role of Webmaster, Stuart Twell and Pete Smith have assumed the role of maintenance coordinators and Di Scolari has assumed the role of RoW coordinator.

At this year's AGM we lost three long-serving members from the committee. Peter Gravestock joined Ramblers in 2007 and has been on the committee for about 17 years; I'm delighted that Peter will continue his role as Walks Manager, posting our walks on the Ramblers database. Tony Marsh also joined Ramblers in 2007 and has been a committee member for about 15 years, initially establishing the maintenance programme with the local authority and organising the monthly programme. Finally, Dave Binnington joined Ramblers in 2011 and has been a committee member for about 12 years, for much of that time as Tuesday walks coordinator; Dave also chaired the sub-committee which organised the Doncaster Walking Festival, when we provided 27 walks over a nine day period. In addition to all that I would like to thank the three of you for your 'good counsel' over the years, at committee meetings as well on walks. I will miss you.

David Gadd, Chair (<https://www.doncasterramblers.org.uk>)



Rotherham Metro District Ramblers Group

I would like to start by thanking each and everyone on the Committee for their commitment and support during the last year. Thanks to our Treasurer, Gill, running a tight financial ship, our finances are in good shape.

We have had a full and varied Walks Programme, thanks to Peter, our Walks Coordinator, and our Annual Walks Programme Book, produced by Sue, is always well received. Neither of these tasks should be underestimated.

We maintain a good working relationship with RMBC, through our Footpath Secretary, Chris, and Philip, our Footpath Working Day Co-ordinator. We have undertaken footpath improvement work twice per month during the year.

Trust me, a lot of work has been carried out.

Our group would not function successfully without the sterling efforts of our Secretary, Loretta. Throughout the year numerous issues have needed to be communicated to the members of the group.

Thank you for all the time that you have devoted to the group.

Our Walks Programme has been well attended, with 20+ walkers being the norm, and over 30 walkers on some occasions.

We have successfully filled the 2025 Walks Programme, although we need to recruit new Walk Leaders in the coming years, and actively support new Walk Leaders, both on the ground and through the e-learning process.

We have had a successful Coach Ramble to Buxton and a four day walking weekend in the Staffordshire Peak District.



Many thanks to all those of you who have supported us this year, as both Walkers and Walk Leaders.

We have already organised a holiday to Scarborough for October next year.

Our group prides itself on being warm and welcoming, and is one that I am very proud to represent.

Ivor Wilson Chair, Rotherham Metro
(<https://www.ramblers.org.uk/rotherham-metro>)

Sheffield Ramblers Group

You may recall I rather pessimistically described 2023 as very much a 'tick-over' year for the Group, with many of what had been our regular activities becoming somewhat limited due to the lack of new and more active members coming into the Group – especially as walk leaders.

However I'm glad to report that we finished 2024 on a rather more optimistic note with new people on our EC - willing to take the Group forward.

A meeting earlier in the year offered support to walks leaders in the transition from entering walks on our old website and GWEM to using the new Ramblers 'Walks Manager' program.

Walk leaders are now using the new system successfully or asking a member of the walks committee to help them enter their walks.

This year despite concerns about the walks programme appearing sparse there has been a fairly full walks programme on both Tuesdays and Wednesdays with 43 walks of 5 to 8 miles offered on Tuesdays and 48 walks of 10 to 12 miles on Wednesdays.

There have been few vacant slots in the programme. Sundays have only had 20 walks in the programme as there continues to be a shortage of walk leaders for our Sunday programme.

In addition we have had three Sunday coach rambles and one trip on Wednesday. We visited Reeth and Ingleton in North Yorkshire, the Lincolnshire Wolds and the seaside at Saltburn. Three of the trips went with a full or nearly full coach but the last trip of the year was less well supported with a number of last minute cancellations. Overall we covered costs but we need to fill all our coaches if we are to continue with these trips.

Maintaining good participation in walks and increasing our number of walkers is a priority. Much of the discussion this year has focussed on our ambition to have a programme of forthcoming walks displayed on our website. This is with the aim of enabling regular walkers to plan ahead and attracting potential new walkers who visit our website.

Following a walk leaders' meeting in November 2023 there was a big push to fill the walks programme 3 months ahead. Initially this was successful with a much fuller walks programme earlier this year but walks dwindled over the summer months with many put in only at the last minute.

We are still striving to encourage leaders to submit walks early even if only in outline form. 26 leaders have been providing walks this year, with the Wednesday walks being the most popular, usually averaging between 12 and 20 people out each time.

However, we still need to recruit more new leaders to maintain and extend our walks programme.

EC members have offered to help with getting members registered as walk leaders, help them with any online training and putting their walks into the Walks Manager programme listing. And to be there to help them when they go out on a recce and then take those first steps as a leader.

But Ramblers are more than just walking clubs. We would still like to start our path maintenance work again by reforming our 'Fix It' team again. But we need a volunteer to take over leading and coordinating it. Thankfully we can find volunteers to staff publicity stalls and had a successful one at the annual Sheffield Heritage Fair in January and a joint area one at the Sheffield Adventure Film Festival in April.

It is good to report that local activists continue to have some success with their research into lost ways and that the footpath officers of the three Ramblers groups in Sheffield (ourselves, Sheffield 20's-30's and Sheffield 40's) are talking and working together, making joint representations about paths and developments.

(Contact them on:- "sheffieldFPOs@sheffieldramblers.org).

We continue to be represented on the (post Covid revived) Sheffield Walking Forum. Although we find the heavy representation of Councillors and officers tends to steer the focus towards 'utility walking' (safe routes to school and work, etc), we try to raise the importance of walking for leisure and health - which should fit more with the Council, SYMCA and Government's various 'Active Travel' initiatives to encourage people to get out and walk more.

A recent concern has been the suspension of the Sheffield Local Access Forum (LAF) due to the shortage of all possible countryside interests being represented on it.

We maintain it remains a useful forum for the various different parties and interests to get together and discuss issues in a relatively relaxed but formal way and without too much antagonism and confrontation.

Another concern has been the continuing lack of proper funding and resourcing of the Council's Public Rights of Way Unit (PROW). Long seen as 'low hanging fruit and easy prey to various cutbacks over the years it now stands unable to do all it would like (or is legally meant to do) and remains limited to the most basic and essential or emergency repair work to paths in the Sheffield area.

Sheffield calls itself - the "Outdoor City" and yet is not able to maintain (let alone improve and extend) all of the extensive path network and open spaces that are available, even though they are often the reason many people come to visit and stay in our fair city and its surrounding green spaces and countryside.

Earlier this year the Executive Committee (EC) agreed to run a limited membership survey designed to gather views about both the activities and the communication methods of Sheffield Ramblers. The survey, which included a mix of both quantitative and qualitative questions, comprised 10 questions and was conducted online using the internet-based tool Survey Monkey.

The bullet points below summarise the key findings:

- *Most will renew their membership*
- *Walking was, unsurprisingly, the highest cited motivation for joining the Ramblers but health and social contact were also cited along with protection of footpaths*
- *Two thirds were likely to recommend Ramblers to a friend*
- *Email and the website were cited as the most regular sources of information about Ramblers' activities with social media included as a common source by more than a quarter*
- *Protecting footpaths was favoured by more than a half surveyed*
- *Half of those surveyed were not interested in getting involved in Ramblers' activities – among the smaller group that did express an interest, leading walks was the most common activity mentioned*
- *40 per cent said they did not currently go on any of the walks*

Following this survey, several actions were recommended including promoting the benefits of membership; using email and social media more widely but not at the exclusion of some members; prioritising protection of footpaths in campaigning; and more publicity about existing activities such as Fix It and Lost Ways research.

As a follow up to the survey, a report was tabled at the September EC meeting which will be considered following the AGM and the confirmation of the election of officers. It proposes that a campaign be considered around the key objectives of the Ramblers Association – both locally and nationally – through an alliance with local groups in Sheffield and the surrounding areas.

The proposed campaign would likely focus on access as the key issue raised both through the survey findings but also as a key priority considering both the election of a new Government but also in light of the deadline set for the confirmation of pathways.

I stepped down as Group Secretary at our November AGM. My announcing this decision in advance gave the EC the chance to discuss how they would continue running the Group. Some changes were made and we now have two Co-Chairs to take the Group forward along the lines of the proposed campaigning activities.

As an aside we had looked at the possibility of merging with another Group but currently feel strong enough to carry on on our own. But our initial discussions with our Sheffield colleagues has resulted in all of us looking at possible future joint endeavours and activities. I wish them every success continuing in this direction.

In finishing I would like to thank all the previous and current Executive Committee members for all their help, support, ideas and companionship on walks and in meetings. I shall continue to be available to assist whoever takes over.



Wherever you do it or whoever you do it with – enjoy your walking.
Malcolm Dixon (with help from Adrian Roxan & Liz Savage).
(secretary@sheffieldramblers.org)
"www.sheffieldramblers.org"



Sheffield 20s & 30s Walking Group

2023-24 Highlights

1001 miles walked over 117 walks led by 26 active leaders (9 new).

5 weekends away

Lake District, Yorkshire Dales, Northumberland, Snowdonia, Shropshire

Membership 236, up from 180 - increase due to "Meetup" and effective publicity.

Monthly "New members" socials typically had 30-50 attendees (including existing).

Christmas Party: 45 people Summer Party: 40 people

Daytime socials/games: Easter Egg Hunt, Pub Hunt, "Squid Games".

Other regular socials: Rounders (Summer), Board games (Winter), Book Club.

Training: First Aid* and 2x "Learn to Lead" events. *Thanks to SYNED Ramblers for funds

2023-24 Statistics

Membership

Paying members: 236

(up from 180)

Active leaders: 26 (9 new)

Walking: 1001 miles walked over 117 events (up from 68 events)

Weekends Away: Trips: 5

(Lake District, Yorkshire Dales, Northumberland, Snowdonia, Shropshire)

Finances: Opening balance: £1,482

Closing balance: £1,987 (2 deposits for future weekends paid.

Available funds increased)

Overall Spend: ~£10k



Committee Handover

Note: Vice-chair role split into Walks Coordinator and Training and Safety Officer.
Reinstated dormant Website Coordinator role.

Outgoing (2023-24) Committee

Chair: David Ward

Vice-chair (walks coordinator and training/safety):

Emily Beardon

Weekend Away Coordinator: Peter Copeland

Secretary: Jono Sutton

Treasurer: Roshan Auklah

Social Secretaries: Bryn Croft and Fiona Shuttle

Publicity Officer: Miranda Chambers Reid

Incoming (2024-25) Committee

Chair: Martin Evans

Training and Safety Officer (+Vice-chair):

Emily Beardon (retained)

Walking Coordinator: Lotte van den Heuvel

Weekend Away Coordinator: Peter Copeland
(retained)

Secretary: Sam Stock

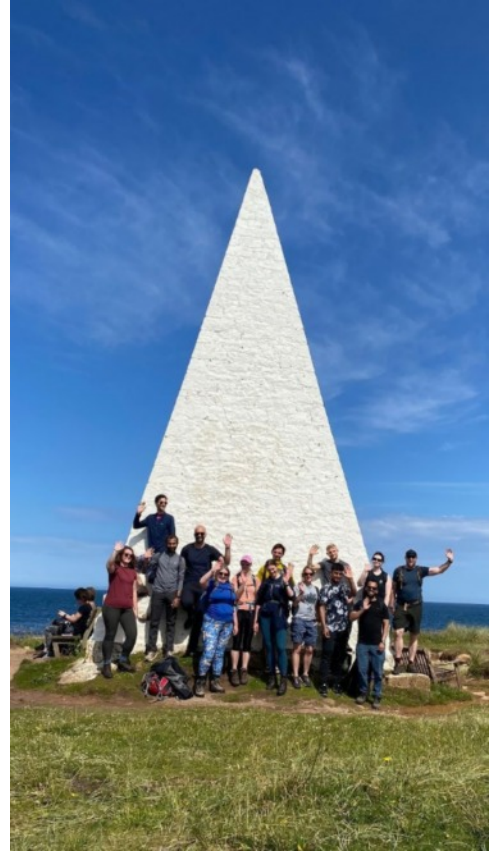
Treasurer: Jenny Lear

Social Secretaries:

Jacob Howard-Parker and Mollie Stradling

Publicity Officer: Miranda Chambers Reid (retned)

Website Coordinator: Molly Sturgeon



Thank you to the 2023-24 committee for a brilliant year.

2024-25 Aims

- Maintain membership base by continuing to run a good calendar of walks, socials and weekends away.
 - o Two weekends away already booked, 6+ planned.
 - o Continue hosting walk planning socials.
 - o Continue incentivising Walk Leaders with prizes (lottery).
 - o Bolster social events calendar with daytime (non-alcoholic) socials.
 - o Publicity (Instagram) + already had a BBC Radio Sheffield interview.
- Compliance to Ramblers updated rules, minimising impact to our leaders, other volunteers and day-to-day activities.
 - o Walk leader training mandatory for new walk leaders.
 - o Existing leaders only eligible for lottery prizes if training completed.
 - o Publish walks on Ramblers website and use Ramblers register.
 - o First Aid Training and "Learn to Lead" sessions.
- Increased engagement with wider Ramblers mission and SYNEC area
 - o Volunteer sessions at times suitable for 20s and 30s participants.
 - o Allow 20s/30s members to graduate to other area groups.

A full copy of the Sheffield Walking Group (20's30's) Annual Report can be found at:- https://drive.google.com/file/d/1fCH-z9AIwWcsKdqk9qkxTPpXwOIDjiVY/view?usp=drive_link

Sheffield 40's Walking Group

Sheffield Walking 40s has had another successful year in 2023-4. We have run some 150 group walks, 11 social events, and 3 weekends away, while putting on 3 training courses and collaborating with others to report issues with local footpaths. Our membership remains buoyant at about 300 members, and we have healthy balances in both our main funds and our social account.

A big thank you to members of the committee who despite many other things going on in their lives have managed to organise these activities in a relatively seamless manner.

One innovation of note has been more walks on weekdays (not just in the evenings) catering to members who are available in the week (Thanks Martin and Charlie). Our new Training Coordinator (Helen) has picked up the challenge of coordinating people and expectations to offer a variety of training events - Thanks Helen! As always, there have been many successful social events, but a particular highlight for me was the Coniston weekend away when we were blessed with great weather and some 40 of us enjoyed a sumptuous feast at Brandtwood House (Thanks Mandy and socials' committee!) Behind the scenes of our own group, Tracey, Charlie and Keef have overseen our paperwork, finances and web processes to enable the smooth running of the group (Thanks Tracey, Charlie and Keef!) A special thanks also to Lucia and Helen, who have worked with me and others involved in the regional body (SYNED, South Yorkshire and North East Derbyshire Ramblers) to liaise with other ramblers groups in the area about footpaths, finances and training expectations.

In terms of current challenges, the committee is conscious of an increasingly small set of people who are leading walks. By developing training on the OS app, navigation and first aid over the past two years we were hoping to boost this number. While a number of members have enjoyed the benefits of these courses, they have not yet led to the flood of new walks that we were hoping for. There is a particular issue finding walk leaders who are happy to lead short walks of 4-8 miles.

A further challenge concerns our website. While the site has great functionality in terms of showing walks and socials on a rolling calendar basis, its design is somewhat dated and work is also needed to update the computer language in which it is written to a contemporary version which will continue to be supported. Ideally we would also like a revised website to reduce the pressure on the walk coordinator and the social coordinator in terms of uploading material to the website.



This brings me to the final issue of our name. Consultation with members shows strong attachment to the current name and brand, as well as an equally strong feeling that in its current form, our name does not accurately describe the group. The key differences between views concern whether the inaccuracy of our current name matters.

We are taking this issue forward to discussion at the AGM.

Ramblers at 90

**This New Year's Day marks 90 years since the Ramblers was founded in 1935
Over the past nine decades, we've transformed lives and landscapes,
changed the law and redrawn the map.**

1949 National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act

April 1965 -The Pennine Way is officially opened

The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

Rights of Way Act 1990

**1993 - campaign against privatisation of the Forestry Commission is successful,
Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000**

Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003

Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009

Don't Lose Your Way Project 2020's

**Now with 500 Groups and 104,000 members
we continue to lead the way**

WALK LEADERSHIP OUR 8 GUIDING PRINCIPLES

**At the Ramblers, we have eight guiding principles
to help us plan our walks.**

**Whatever type of walk we're leading, these principles help us
to consider the route, our walkers and the skills we need.**

**see: <https://www.ramblers.org.uk/go-walking-hub/walk-leadership>
for more information**



**The first step to becoming a walk leader
is to contact your local Ramblers Group
they'll make you most welcome**

JOIN US NOW

Affiliated Organisations

We are grateful for the support of these Walking Groups who have affiliated to the Ramblers:-

Halcyon Walking Club
Peak Walking Group
Sheffield CHA Rambling Club
Sheffield Visually Impaired Walking Group
The Rotherham Rambling Club
Todwick Ramblers Club

SYNED Area Ramblers are affiliated to the following like-minded organisations:-

CPRE - Campaign for the Protection of Rural England - the Countryside Charity
- <https://www.cpre.org.uk>
PNFS - Peak & Northern Footpaths Society
<http://www.pnfs.org.uk/>
Peak District Green Lanes Alliance
OSS - The Open Spaces Society
<https://www.oss.org.uk/>

from the :- The Ramblers Refreshed Strategic Plan :-

"We believe we must sharpen our focus on our charitable purpose by bringing our unique public benefits to those with the least access and the most barriers to walking outdoors in nature."

"This means that as well as providing more opportunities for walking we will recognise the specific circumstances of different people and communities, and tailor our support to overcome the barriers that prevent their participation."

Visit the SYNED Area Website at:-

"www.synedramblers.org.uk"

with links to all our local Groups and their various walks programmes
- please make it your one-stop-shop for all things walking
in South Yorkshire and NorthEast Derbyshire



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