

Ramblers Association - Bristol Group

Minutes of the Committee Meeting

19/11/2025 at 7.15 pm

Bradbury Meeting Room, Henleaze

Minute	Action
PRESENT	
Ceiswyn Blake, Bob Gibson, Susan Fox, Keith Budd, Carew Reynell, Tony Parsons + Graham Symonds joined the initial part of the meeting via zoom.	
APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
Sarah Marshall	
ACCEPTING THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 2025 COMMITTEE MEETING.	
Sue Fox said that walk numbers for Wednesday walks and Saturday walks had been reversed	
ACTIONS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING	
Comments were received regarding future issues of the eboot. In future details will only be given for a few forthcoming walks.	
WALK LEADER TRAINING	
Most Sunday A walk leaders are authorised with the remainder completing training by the end of the year. For Sunday B walks of the 21 leaders who have led walks in the last three years 14 are authorised. BG hopes to talk about training to some of the leaders at the Solstice Stomp. GS will talk to Paula to agree how to follow up with individual leaders. All Wednesday leaders except one have registered, and the one outstanding leader is understood to be underway with the training. Most Saturday leaders are registered; three are intending to do the training and two still need further encouragement. It was agreed that there should be further reminders to walk leaders who have still not registered in January. (The deadline has been extended to January)	BG, GS GS
2026 Walkfest	
For last year's walkfest there were 29 Bristol Ramblers walks. About 5 of the walkfest walk leaders are not registered. However we should manage to offer at least 25 walks next year. Walkfest walk leaders need to be registered in order to provide insurance cover. For those leaders who will no longer be trained it would be possible for them to lead their walk if they were accompanied by a trained leader. CR has contacted all those who led walks last year. CR and KB have tried and tested arrangements for gathering the walk details and displaying them in the format required by the walkfest. CR will soon be contacting walk coordinators to ask them to collect walks for May in time for them to appear in the walkfest programme.	CR
TREASURERS REPORT	
Last year we spent about £1250. £1000 donation to walkfest and the rest mainly on the AGM and room booking for the committee meetings. We	

received £800 from National Ramblers and £40 from Ramblers Worldwide Holidays. There was no donation from Taunton Leisure. The shortfall between income and outgoings was taken from our reserves. If we continue like this in future then our reserves would last for about 10 years. There is the possibility that in future Area may donate the £1000 to the walkfest. Other future outgoings could be walk leader training and first aid training. Again, in future Area may pay for this. It was agreed that we would donate £1000 to the 2026 walkfest.	
SUCCESSION PLANNING	
CB said that it is important that information is stored allowing someone taking over a role to know where relevant information and instructions are. Ultimately this information should be on the committee section of the website. TP had produced a draft document summarising where information relevant to our website and mailchimp can be found. There is also a detailed document giving more details. However this needs to be updated and TP will be doing that. BG said that when he took over the treasurer role he didn't receive emails from Area because the email address they were using needed to be updated. <i>(Another thing is the Bristol ramblers committee google group used to send messages to committee members. CR has details of this).</i> It was agreed that committee members should document arrangements and procedures for their areas of responsibility.	TP ALL
2025 AGM	
It was agreed that the AGM had been successful. The quiz was enjoyed but next year we will have something different for the second half of the AGM. However there are never as many members come to the AGM as we would like. CR said that Clevedon group regularly have as many as 100 attendees. He will ask how they manage to attract so many members to the AGM.	CR
WALK NUMBERS	
Numbers since the last committee meeting in June. Sunday A walks: min 3 max 12 average 10 Sunday B walks: min 6 max 22 average 14 no walks for 2 days Saturday walks: min 8 max 26 average 15: no walk 1 day Wednesday walks: min 7 max 19 average 13: no walk for 5 days. Prior to future meetings CB to ask PC for figures	CB
NEXT MEETING	
It was decided that there is no need for another meeting until March. It was decided that a meeting location nearer to the centre of Bristol would be preferable. TP said that in the past we had had meetings at the United Reform Church in Blackboy Hill. BG said he will search for a suitable location. <i>If we ever wanted to have an online meeting we could use the Avon Area zoom licence.</i>	BG
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