

MINUTES OF BRISTOL RAMBLERS GROUP COMMITTEE MEETING 13th MARCH 2026, QUAKERS MEETING PLACE	
ATTENDEES	ACTIONS
Ceiswyn Blake (Chair), Tony Parsons, Sarah Marshall, Bob Gibson, Graham Symonds	
1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.	
Sue Fox, Keith Budd, Carew Reynell.	
2 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING	
The minutes of the meeting held on 19 th November 2025 had previously been accepted as an accurate record.	
3 ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING	
All actions from the last meeting had been completed except:	
Committee members should document arrangements and procedures for their areas of responsibility.	All
CR to ask how Clevedon group manage to attract so many members to the AGM.	CR
4 TREASURER'S REPORT (BG)	
Estimated spent by the end of the financial year: £1350	
Current reserves: £2424.42.	
Still two quarters inputs to come from Area.	
Estimated reserves at end of financial year: £2700	
5 GOVERNANCE REVIEW	
There is a resolution being voted on at the next 2026 General Council AGM, which if passed will mean that Areas no longer consolidate feedback from groups and individuals regarding the running of the national organisation, and the General Council AGM meetings will no longer continue in their current format. The Areas are not being changed at this point in time, and will continue to disburse funds to Groups. Avon Area will continue with its other current responsibilities, such as coordinating path maintenance.	
6 WALK LEADER REGISTRATION	
As was planned the Insight data base of walk leaders has been updated to remove walk leaders who had not completed training. The walk finder database has also been updated. Although some Bristol Group leaders have been removed from the list all Bristol group walks currently on walks manager have leaders who are on the list. Two members who previously led walks for the Bristol Walkfest are no longer registered (Heather T and Patsy H).	
7 ATTRACTING NEW WALK LEADERS – WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY WALKS	
GS said that Wednesday and Saturday walks are struggling for leaders for various reasons. This has meant that for the period from 19/11/25 to 11/03/26 there have been 6 weeks with no Wednesday walk. Saturday walks are also at risk; 6 walks provided last year were led by leaders no longer registered. To make matters worse Aubrey is unable to lead at the moment; his valuable contribution to the programme was gratefully recognised. GS had the following suggestions to attract new leaders; Further articles and editorial in the eBoot. On the website add a section at the start of the listing of Bristol Group Walks asking for new leaders. Continue 1 to 1 discussions with possible new leaders on walks. See if some Sunday B walk leaders could also lead a Wednesday or Saturday walk occasionally. The listing of Bristol Group walks on the website will also include a direct reference to the Avon programme, particularly for additional Wednesday and Saturday walks. The situation to be kept under review.	KY TP TP

8. BRISTOL WALKING ALLIANCE																																			
Susan Carter had asked if the group could help fund the Bristol Walking Alliance (up to £1000). BG raised the point that any money disbursed by the group must be in line with our charitable objectives. It was noted that the BWA's request could fit in well with our 4th charitable objective (public education) depending on the specific topic of the BWA event. We are unable to commit sufficient money to fully fund a single event. CB to let the BWA know that we are willing to provide some funds towards events that fit with our specific charitable objectives, and for further discussion/authorisation once it is known which topic(s) are being chosen, once the BWA has secured offers of other partial funding.		CB																																	
9. SUCCESSION/DISASTER PLANNING																																			
Committee members should document arrangements and procedures for their areas of responsibility. This is an ongoing action. TP has updated his guide on maintenance of the Bristol Ramblers website.		All																																	
10. THE BRISTOL RING																																			
Roger Britton had sent details of the last PROW meeting. In this he gave some details of the Bristol Ring Walk. See addendum 1. BG noted that Roger was mistaken regarding the source of funding for the Manchester Ring which apparently came from the National Heritage Lottery rather than the Ramblers. BG will contact Roger and the council to find out what the situation is regarding funding for the Bristol Ring, and what support is currently lacking, especially regarding Roger's comments about waymarking. TP said he would let BG know where we bought waymarks in the past and how much they cost.		TP																																	
11. SHARING PERSONAL DETAILS																																			
GS asked if there was a way to share member's personal details. Both the Sunday A group and the Sunday B group are using Whatsapp to share this information. People are asked if they want to share their details in this way. CB will make GS a walks coordinator so that he will be able to see contact details for walk leaders via the Insights Hub.		CB																																	
12. AGM 2026																																			
It was agreed that the AGM will be on Wednesday 21 st of October. CB to ask Carew to book the room Possibilities for speakers if not a group member: i) Bristol Walk Alliance ii) Keith Weller to talk about footpath maintenance.		CB																																	
13. Numbers on Walks																																			
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14. Website Update	
Nothing to report. In future this will not be a regular item on the agenda.	
15. DLYW	
Nothing to report	
16. Next Meeting	
This will be in June at the Quakers meeting place. Enter the building at the red front door on Champion Square (what3words location: mutual.goods.vibe). If you have any difficulty then phone BG	
20/03/2026	

Addendum 1: Extract from Roger Briton's Report on the last PROW Liason Group Meeting.

Bristol Ring Walk

I hadn't previously realised how underfunded this project is. By example, the Council team lead on this, Darron Hamilton, has designed roundels to designate the route but there is no funding to make them. We are now told that the route HAS been finalised. Seemingly the route is only available via the Go Jauntly App, and not via the Council's website, let alone in hard copy.

I recall that Manchester Ramblers funded some part of the equivalent Manchester Ring Route and I wonder whether Bristol Ramblers would like to do the same (utilising some of the excess funds our membership generates).