

Mendip Group Ramblers Association
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Held at Holcombe Village Hall
on Thursday 23rd January 2025

19 members were present. Apologies from Tony and Jane Dyson.

- 1 The minutes of the last AGM held on Friday 24th November 2023 were accepted.
- 2 The chairman, Mike Plaskitt, gave his report.
- 3 The treasurer's report was accepted. Proposed by Richard Coombs and seconded by Les Stather.
- 4 Mrs Simpson was appointed as auditor for 2025. Proposed by Margaret Pugh and seconded by Trevor Letcher.
- 5 We are pleased that Lucy Rowntree is willing to be our new publicity officer.
- 6 We welcome Connie Moore as the new walks coordinator. Ramblers have an online training course on this work. We thank Peggy Fortunati for her work for many years as walks coordinator.
- 7 Footpath report. Thanks to Les Stather and Brian Lucas 2 footpaths have reopened after 15 years of hard work. The government is likely to extend the time for reclaiming footpaths. This work has become more difficult due to staff cuts in Somerset.
- 8 Membership. We have about 330 members. West Mendip Ramblers are now a sub-group. Communication to members is via email. Some members have changed their email address and cannot be contacted. We could try having a Whats Ap group. We thank Mary Birchall for her work.
- 9 The working party work goes through Taunton. The average age is 71.
- 10 Jane Dyson will no longer organise socials due to lack of interest.
- 11 The numbers were down for the 2024 festival. This year it will be at Chapmanslade and Mo Bennett will organise it.
- 12 Alice Lock is trying to organise a Mendip Group holiday in Devon in September.
- 13 Mike Plaskitt was reappointed chairman, proposed by Richard Coombs and seconded by Connie Moore.
- 14 The rest of the committee were reappointed and we welcome the new members.