

Ramblers Association Mendip Group

Annual General Meeting Agenda

At The George, Gurney Slade on Saturday 7thth Dec. 2019 at 7.00 pm

- 1 Members present
- 2 *Apologies for absence*
- 3 Minutes of 2018 AGM
- 4 Chairman's address
- 5 Treasurer's report. (Tony Dyson)
- 6 Adoption of treasurer's report
- 7 Appointment of Auditor
- 8 Publicity Officer's report (Mary Dadley)
- 9 Membership Secretary's report (Mary Birchall)
- 10 Footpath Secretary's Report West (Ken Masters) and East (Les Strather)
- 11 Social Secretary's report (Jane Dyson)
- 12 Web Master's Report (Les Stather)
- 13 Programme Co-ordinator's Report (Peggy Fortunati)
- 14 Festival Report (Kevin Moynihan)
- 15 Eastbourne Holiday Report
- 16 Election of Chairman
- 17 Election of Officers
- 18 Election of Committee Members.

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Mendip Association Mendip Group

Minutes of the Annual General meeting

Held at The George, Gurney Slade, on 3rd November 2018 at 7.00 pm.

- 1 30 members were present
- 2 Apologies were received from Mary Perry, Mary and Tony Parsons, Paula Ruddock and Roger Yeoman.
- 3 The minutes of the 2017 AGM were accepted.
- 4 Mike Plaskitt gave the Chairman's address.
- 5 Tony Dyson gave the Treasurer's report which was adopted.
- 6 The appointment of Mrs Simpson for 2019 was approved by Tony Dyson and seconded by Jane Dyson.
- 7 Mary Dadley gave the Publicity Officer's report.
- 8 Mary had sent the membership report. In the past year membership had varied between 320 and 330 members. West Mendip walkers had boosted the numbers. She has now resigned and we thank her for her work.
- 9 Les Stather gave his report for East Mendip footpaths, 2 footpaths diversions had been added since the report in October. He said it takes a lot of persistence to get the work done.
- 10 Brian Underwood gave the report for West Mendip footpaths. He reported 11 footpath diversions and 6 blocked paths. Jake Taylor the Somerset pathway coordinator is offering some training. Ken Masters will help Brian with his work.
- 11 Jane Dyson gave her report on social events. In addition Mary Dadley had organised a trip to Wincanton Races.
- 12 Les Stather gave the web master's report.
- 13 Peggy Fortunati gave her programme coordinator's report. There are a number of gaps in the programme and now she is only entering walks that have been offered in the programme. She reminded us that she needs permission to use email addresses. More leaders are needed, particularly on Sundays.
- 14 Martyn Hart gave his last festival report, he has organised 4 of them and we thank him for all his hard work. Luckily Kevin Moynihan worked with him for the last festival and is willing to take on the role.
- 15 Tony Dyson proposed and Peter Gatenby seconded the re-appointment of Mike Plaskitt as chairman.
- 16 Nancy Moynihan proposed and Brian Underwood seconded Tony Dyson as treasurer.
- 17 All the rest of the committee were proposed by Peter Gatenby and seconded by Martyn Hart.
- 18 The meeting ended with refreshments and skittles.

Committee Members from 3rd November 2018

Chairman Mike Plaskitt, Treasurer Tony Dyson, Secretary Janet Morland, Walk Programme Coordinator Peggy Fortunati, Footpath Officer East Mendip Les Stather, Footpath Officers West Mendip Brian Underwood and Ken Masters, Festival Organiser Kevin Moynihan, Publicity and Membership Secretary Mary Birchall, Social Secretary Jane Dyson and committee members Catherine Fitzgerald, Mo Bennet and Nancy Moynihan.

Mendip Ramblers Statement of Accounts as at 30/09/2019

Opening balance 01/10/2018

Restricted Funds	£2,360.60	Workparty Donation	£1,865.60
		Ramblers Holidays	£27.00
		Book Sales	£468.00
Self-Funded	£5,111.91	Holiday pre-payments	£1,280.00
		Holiday Residuals	£3,875.85
		Social Residuals	-£43.94
General Funds	£671.49		
Total	£8,144.00		

Income

Area Funding	£431.60	4 of 4 quarter payments	
Ramblers Hols	£280.00		
Deposit Interest	£0.00		
Fundraising	£337.20	Walk festival donations	
Holidays	£9,624.00		
Socials	£1,074.64		
Work Party Donation	£2,010.00		
Book Sales	£83.00		
Total Receipts	£13,840.44		

Expenditure

Courses	£0.00	First Aid course	
Walking Festival	£216.00	Hall Hire etc	
Festival Prog/Publicity	£9.45		
Programmes	£593.96		
Tools	£630.22		
Work party costs	£280.00		
Trailer Insurance etc	£0.00		
Meeting/AGM Costs	£0.00		
Admin	£10.62		
Holidays	£8,573.00		
Socials	£911.00		
Total Expenditure	£11,224.25		
		-£163.64	From Social Residuals
		£910.22	From workparty donations

Funds as at 30/09/2019

Restricted Funds	£3,516.38	Workparty Donations	£2,965.38
		Book Sales	£551.00
Self Funded	£6,326.55	Holiday pre-payments	£2,215.00
		Holiday Residuals	£3,991.85
		Social pre-payments	£0.00
		Social Residuals	£119.70
General Funds	£917.26		
Total Funds	£10,760.19		

At bank	£10,670.19		
To bank	£90.00		
Awaiting presentation	£0.00		
Total	£10,760.19	£0.00	
		£0.00	

Mendip Ramblers: Summary Publicity report for AGM 7th

December 2019

A: Walking Festival

- **January/February/March:** advance notice to Country Walking, Walk magazine, Mendip Times, Ordnance Survey, Mendip Society, Somerset Rambler and to all Ramblers groups in and around Somerset.
- **April/May:** draft poster to Festival Committee. Information to Street U3A, item to LocalReach
- **June:** items to Mendip Times/Somerset Life, Poster to Mendip Council
- **July:** item to Evercreech Parish Magazine (sent by Les Stather) reminders to all Ramblers groups, reminder to Mendip Society, item to local press, final version of poster for printing.
- **August/September:** request to Mark Adler (photograph), Festival Report to Openreach, local press and Mendip Times.

B: Mendip Ramblers general publicity

- **January/February/March:** Report to Committee, WP item to Localreach, media contacts to Peggy
- **April/May:** item to Localreach, editorial item (old/new programme) to local press, general item to Mendip Times
- **June:** Report to committee
- **August:** Editorial, past/new programme to local press.
- **September:** report to Committee
- **October:** Winter Walking item to Localreach for December publication
- **November/December:** report for AGM meeting, editorial, past/new programme to local press.

Elaine Dadley

Footpath Officer AGM 2018 Report Mendip East

- WN4/6, North Brewhain
 - Clare is leasing with the enforcement officer on this.
- SM 7/53 The locked gate issue at Doultong
 - Jan Crewe is in discussions with David Entwistle the owner of the land through which SM 7/53 passes and will contact me if she needs further help
- Lost Path In from The Retreat to Aderwell
 - The secretary of state has been informed about this path and been requested to e merset County Council to expedite their process. This has path has been claimed but now blocked by the land owner.
- Frome Gets Walkers Welcome Status
 - Frome has held two walking festivals
- Footpath Improvements in Bruton
 - The group met on the 30th of September. I have not et received the minutes. I have written their secretary volunteering the help of our working party.
- CL 19/3 Farrington Gurney Golf Course
 - I have not checked this path yet.
- FR 18/ 17 Whatley
 - This path was diverted but not adequately signed and the furniture on the old route was not removed. This has caused problems for walkers. Jimm Yarrow and I have waymarked the diverted path and removed the redundant furniture,
- Lamyat SM 13/9
 - October- This path has been closed since 2010. I have been approached by the chairman of the parish council to help them, open this path. I have written

to Clare Haskins asking her to explain what the issues are.

- FR 10/15

- This path between Vobster and Mells is blocked. Jimm Yarrow surveyed the path and found the ramblers had put up two of the stiles on the path. I have informed Clare that we wish to open this path. She is investigating

- FR 11/13

- This path between Norton St Philp and the A36 was impassable due to locked gates into a builders yard that has been built over the path. I surveyed that path and informed Clare of the work required to open it. The working party have now completed the work.

- Lost Paths in Frome

- October- I have identified two paths that are not on the definitive map. One goes from Egford Lane to join FR 14/59. The other is from Packsaddle Way to FR 20/2. I am sure both of these paths have been worked over a 20 years period and will be collecting evidence for a DMMO.

- SCC Re categorisation of Rights of Way.

- As Jake has left I do not know what will happen to this.

- Meeting with Head of Somerset RoW

- I have requested an update from Peter Hoble and not received anything despite being prompted regularly.

- Cropping Issues

- Footpath Law

- I am working with Carl Earl to improve the section of the Somerset Ramblers Website for Footpath Officers. This is intended to be the "go to" place for all matters regarding public rights of way,

AGM report

From: Ken's Email (kenmasters265@gmail.com)

To: janet.morland@btinternet.com

Date: Tuesday, 26 November 2019, 12:21 GMT

Hi Janet. I have spoken with Brian and this is our report for the AGM

FOOTPATH SECRETARY'S REPORT --- WEST MENDIP

PATH DIVERSION /PLANNING APPLICATIONS

WS7/54 Pilton Application to extend bridleway shown on map to finish at parish boundary; referred to planning inspectorate. No further news.

WS13/1 Westbury sub Mendip. Diversion/permissive path set up by landowner prior to application to divert; no objection by Ramblers

WS18/24; WS18/27 Milfield School . Paths diverted by Millfield and fenced off but which are in part now used by horses . objection by Ramblers but SCC seem unwilling to take this any further.

WS7/17 North Wooton Path blocked and diverted by homeowner prior to application to divert, but have received no indication from MDC or SCC that either a temporary stopping order or diversion order has been made; suspect not.

WS2/36 Butleigh Path diverted for construction of new driveway . now being reinstated.

WS 2/37 Butleigh No objection to proposed diversion

WS10/54 Wells. Objection to proposed footpath diversion for housing estate. Developer included more multiuser paths that met our concerns; objection withdrawn.

Southwood West Pennard Resident reported farm sold and footpaths blocked- found no evidence of this although signage could be improved.

Roman Way Ramblers asked to object to planning application as it would be detrimental to footpath users; declined as footpath too far away to have any impact..

Have noticed a big increase in maize crops on what was pasture land blocking footpaths . Reported all i have come across on ROAM . Now its time for the crops to be harvested they are coming back as "resolved" but the ones i checked were still impassable. Reported this back to SCC.. Are they just box ticking.

Ken Masters

AGM Report December 2019

Membership Secretary's Report for AGM December 2019

At my first committee meeting in January I recorded that we had 333 members.

At the beginning of June we had 326 members and at the end of September there were 323.

According to the Ramblers' Dashboard on 23rd November there were 327 members.

The number does vary a little depending on the timings of the updates at Head Office, but records show that we do have fewer members than this time last year.

From our total of 327 members, about 60-70 walk regularly each week and this may seem just about manageable to us, however The Ramblers' Association do need to keep up the number of members and to this end all groups are being asked to review the image projected to new members and consider the welcome we extend to them on their first walks with us.

People generally say they find Mendip a friendly group and I would like to ask if any new-(ish) members have any thoughts on the welcome they received, or suggestions to offer, would they please contact me.

Many thanks.

Mary Birchall

Mendip Ramblers AGM 2019 Social Secretary report

The pre Christmas walk and lunch ~~was~~ at North Wootton, was well attended. The raffle, organised by Sally, raised well over £100 for the local food banks.

The After Christmas Bring and Share supper in Oakhill went very well, and I think everyone enjoyed trying their hand at indoor Boules.

At Eastbourne we managed to have the customary Whist Drive (thanks to Ruth and Chris) and a short quiz which kept all our brain cells moving.

Our summer event was a Barbecue at Holcombe Village Hall with rounders on the field for those who were feeling energetic.

15 of us went on the annual trip to Brittany, and enjoyed some good walking and food.

In my absence, Mo is organising the 2020 post Christmas event, which will be a Barn Dance.

~~I am always open to suggestions for additional social events and venues.~~

Jane Dyson

It seems to be the same 30-40 people we see at social events - I hope we are offering what people want - I am open to suggestions!

Jane Dyson

REPORT FOR AGM 08/12/2019 – Programme co-ordinator

Starting with the good news: we have 4 new walk leaders!

Walks and walking days:

From 1 November 2018 to 29 November 2019, 4 walk programmes, we had:

- 107 walks (incl 17 Shepton Mallet festival walks) put into the programmes
- 19 days that did not have a walk (open days)
- 13 days, originally open days, but later filled in (one day with 2 walks)
- 3 extra walks

Our walks were in the following areas:

Batcombe	3	Leigh on Mendip	1
Beaminster	1	Mells	3
Blagdon	2	Midsomer Norton	1
Bradford Abbas	1	North Wootton	1
Bruton	2	Nunney	5
Burrington	1	Oakhill	7
Burrington Combe	1	Priddy	2
Cadbury	1	Purse Caundle	1
Castle Cary	3	Radstock	3
Charlton Horethorne	1	Rodney Stoke	1
Charterhouse	1	Selworthy	1
Cheddar	3	Shepton Mallet	17 (Festival)
Chew Magna	1	South Cadbury	1
Clapton	1	Stoke St Michael	2
Cloford	1	Stourhead	1
Combe Hill Wood	1	Stratton-on-the-Fosse	3
Compton Dando	1	Templecombe	1
Corsley Heath	1	Trent	1
Cranmore	2	Upton Noble	1
Deerwood Common	1	Wedmore	1
Ditcheat	2	Wellow	1
Ebbor Gorge	2	Wells	7
Frome	4	West Harptree	3
Glastonbury	3	Westhay	1
Henton	1	Win Green	1
Heytesbury	1	Winscombe Hill	1
Holford	2	Witham Friary	1
Kilmersdon	2		
Keinton Mandeville	1		

The schedule for April – July 2020 is on the Mendip website.

Peggy Fortunati
20/11/2019