

Ramblers Association Mendip Group Committee Meeting

Wednesday 9th October 2019 at The Highwayman

Present : Mike Plaskitt Chairman, Peggy Fortunati, Les Stather, Kevin and Nancy Moynihan, Mary Dadley, Mary Birchall, Mo Bennett, Tony and Mary Dyson, Ken Masters and Janet Morland

Apologies : Brian Underwood

- 1 The minutes of the last meeting were approved.
- 2 Mary Birchall said that membership numbers were steady. The West Mendip walkers have been encouraged to join.
- 3 Tony presented the accounts and they were accepted. It was agreed that Mendip would pay for the food at the AGM. Jane needs numbers for catering by the end of November.
- 4 Les and Ken presented their reports. The problem of the stone stiles at Draycott should be reported to the Parish Council. The Parish Council should be asked about the blocked footpath at Theale and it could be a Mendip RA project. It was reported that in the summer a horse bit a rambler and that Peter Hobley needs to be informed.
- 5 Peggy said that 19 walks were still open and that the deadline was 6th November.
- 6 Mary Dadley gave her report. She said that she would send out information in mid December. It is pointless sending out information in November as everywhere is full of Christmas things.
- 7 Jane said there was a BBQ in the summer. Mo has offered to put on a Barn Dance in January.
- 8 The Dysons will be away in January and February.
- 9 The festival went well. There were a few things that need to be improved like meeting and greeting walkers when they arrive and the walk leaders writing up the walks. Kevin is looking for the next venue.
- 10 Our next holiday will be at the Valley of the Rocks Hotel in Lynton in March.

AOB The Mendip Ring : Byways and Bridleways need byway and bridleway signs and money is needed for these signs.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 5th Feb at 11.00 hours at The Highwayman

Footpath Officer Report Mendip East October 2019

WN4/6. North Brewham

Clare is liaising with enforcement .

SM 13/9 Lamyat

This has been referred to Rob Cotes, Clare's manager. I requested an update on the 30th of September but not had a response

Lost Path In from The Retreat to Aderwell

The secretary of state has been informed about his path and been requested to enforce Somerset 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 Walkers are Welcome festival will take place on Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 November. I am leading a 13.5 mile linear walk along the Saxon Kings Way between Frome and Bath starting at 9.30 from the Cheese and Grain on Saturday the 9th. I am also leading a 5 mile walk around the green spaces of Frome on the Sunday Morning at 11am and there is a Frome Walkers Walk in the afternoon at 1.30pm both from The Cheese and Grain

Footpath Improvements in Bruton

The group met on the 30th of September. I have not yet received the minutes. I have written their secretary volunteering the help of our working party.

CL 19/3 Farrington Gurney Golf Course

Modification 249 to re route this path is now closed. I am checking to see if the path has been diverted and way marked,

WS 2/36

I received a phone call that someone has moved this path to accommodate a new build. Maggie Seaward has offered to take a look and take some photos. This is in Brian's area.

Need an update. Is this issue closed?

Frome Missing Link Route 24 Cycle Route

An application is being made to divert FR 20/12 and FR 20/8 as part of creating the cycle path from Frome to Great Elm. We have no issues with this.

Lost Paths in Frome

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. No progress on this as yet.

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.

FR 11/13

This path between Norton St Philp and the A36 is 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. She is talking to the land owner.

SM 7/43

This path at Doultong has a notice at the start of the path, which is a tarmacked cul-de-sac, stating "Private Road No Public Right of Way" We have asked for this to be removed.

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 Hobley and not received anything despit being prompted regularly.

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,

Membership secretary's Report to Committee 9.10.2019

Month	New Member	Lapsed members
June	1	0
July	1	4
Aug	5	2
Sept.	5	6

Total number of members at our last meeting in June was 326

Total number of members at end of September is 323

Mary Birchall

Programme co-ordinator's report for committee meeting 11/10/2019

Summer/autumn programme:

In this programme twelve days were open. So far, five have been filled in.

Autumn/winter programme:

Compared to October 2018 I am a week early in writing this report.

Figures are different.

Last year there were 11 days open (report 09/10/2018).

This year there are 22 days open (today 02/10/2019).

I have just contacted people again; more offers may come in.

A member warned me that certain days were not mentioned or had been missed in the programme.

I pointed out that there is a list of open days instead, that I used to put the open days in the walks table, but with so many days without a walk I thought that it looked rather depressing or negative, especially for non-members who may want to become a Ramblers (Mendip) member.

It also makes the walks table longer, therefore the programme bigger.

The Somerset Ramblers takes up more spaces than it used to.

If this member had not seen the information about the open days (just above the walks table), then I wonder how the programme is read.

Do people just go straight to the walks table?

Peggy

Mendip Ramblers: Publicity report to Committee for 09/10/2019

Tasks completed since last meeting

Festival:

June 19	Festival item to Mendip Times, Mark Adler Poster to Jo Smith for Mendip Council offices Listing to Somerset Life
July 19	Reminders to all Ramblers groups Reminder to Mendip Society Item to local press.
August 19	Festival report to LocalReach Wells Festival report to LocalReach Glastonbury Festival report to Mendip Times Festival report and programme update to local media

Other publicity:

June: Report to Committee

August: Festival report and programme update to local media

Remaining tasks for 2019

As last year I propose to send programme update and general report to local media and Mendip Times in December rather than November to avoid Santa rush. *(Last year some did publish something late December).*

Elaine Dadley for Mendip Ramblers

Mendip Ramblers Social Secretary report October 2019

We had a Barbecue at Holcombe Village Hall on Friday 12th July, which went well. Some stayed inside to chat while others took advantage of the weather and played rounders on the field. The event generated a small surplus.

Our next event is the AGM, which is booked for Saturday 7th December from 7pm, in the skittle alley at The George at Gurney Slade. The cost per head will be £8, for the usual supper. We need to publicise this both in the program and on the web site. I will be announcing it at walks from early November.

Please note that I shall be away in January/February so won't be able to organise a post Christmas event – would anyone else like to volunteer to organise it.

Jane Dyson

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	<u>£8,144.00</u>		

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	<u>£13,840.44</u>	

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	-£163.64 From Social Residuals
Total Expenditure	<u>£11,224.25</u>	£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	<u>£10,760.19</u>		

At bank	£10,670.19	
To bank	£90.00	
Awaiting presentation	£0.00	
Total	<u>£10,760.19</u>	£0.00
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