



# Area News

**South Yorkshire and  
North-East Derbyshire  
Area**

**Winter 2011/12**

## **Annual Report and AGM**

### **Annual General Meeting**

This year the AGM will be hosted by Bolsover Group, and will be held on Saturday 28th January 2012 at 2pm at the Assembly Rooms, Hilltop, Bolsover S44 6NG grid ref SK473705. Bolsover is on the A632 east of Chesterfield.

There will be a ramble before the AGM, starting from the Assembly Rooms at 1030. It will return in time for people to eat sandwiches (bring your own) before the meeting starts.

Most existing Area officers are willing to stand for re-election, but Lee Farmery, our Chair for the last three years, plans to step down, and we are still looking for someone to do the Footpaths Secretary role. Anyone who would like to propose someone for a post should contact our Secretary David Gadd (address on the back page) or speak to Lee Farmery on 07789 077575. We will also elect the Area's delegates to the national General Council. This is an important part of how the Ramblers works as a democratic organisation.

We will also have interesting speakers to help us catch up on local and national developments.

### **Chair's Report**

I would like to say a big thank you to all of our new and existing volunteers within the SYNED Area for their efforts over the past

year, be it leading a walk, actively campaigning, keeping us informed of issues, promoting the Ramblers and much more. The work of our volunteers often appears to go unnoticed, but they are an essential part of how the Ramblers operate.

At the SYNED Area AGM in January we adopted two motions, namely to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our first National Park, the Peak District, and for us all to support appropriate action and raise public awareness of the effect of financial budget cuts together with working towards celebrating in 2012 the 80th Anniversary of the Kinder Trespass and the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the acquisition of Kinder by the National Trust for the nation.

So far we have had only limited success with these motions. There was some celebration of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, however not all groups were involved and presently there looks to be only limited plans towards the 2012 celebrations.

For us to succeed, raise our profile and to boost our membership and to take the Ramblers forward we need to improve how we work together. We need to be active in ensuring that the Ramblers are at the forefront of people's minds when they think of walking either in the urban community or in the countryside.

Decisions taken at the Area level come from a combination of our membership base (i.e. individual members that stand for a committee role) and via your Group Area Representatives. Past performance shows that Groups rarely make full use of their democratic positions to influence how the Area operates, either by not attending the meetings or by not ensuring they have two representatives. We also rarely fill all of our Area committee positions. This is by no means critical of Group committees; we are a voluntary organisation after all and we all use our free time to promote the Ramblers. For any change to happen we need more members to come forward and be proactive in taking part and encour-



aging Group Committees to take a wider view on the work of the Ramblers and to work in conjunction with other Groups within our Area.

After three years as the SYNED Area Chairman I am not seeking re-election in January. It has been a privilege to hold the role for so long and it has given me an in depth knowledge of the workings of the Ramblers, of which I have great respect. I will, of course, be continuing to support and be actively involved in the work of the Ramblers. I would encourage any member to step up and get involved on an Area level; it's not as daunting as it may appear.

Lee Farmery, Chair

### **Area Access Officer's Report**

This year has seen attempts to erode access to the countryside, first by the proposed sell off of woodlands owned by the Forestry Commission. The sale proposal was without a clear obligation to any new owner to grant free unrestricted access for recreational use. This proposal has now been submitted to a commission to rethink the sell off. This group includes a representative of the Ramblers.

Another proposal is the new planning legislation with the presumption of development, which means objectors will have to come up with reasons not to develop rather than why there should be a development. Several large organisations such as the National Trust, CPRE and the Ramblers are lobbying to get this proposal changed, to protect the Green Belt and other open green spaces.

The Eastern Moors Partnership, the organisation taking on the management of the Eastern Moors on behalf of the Peak District National Park, has now published its draft five year management plan. The plans include conservation of habitats associated with flora and fauna and the general open aspects of the moors in this area.

They also propose to introduce concessionary bridleways on the Big

Moor area which includes Curbar and Froggatt Edges. The opening up of such routes presents challenges, as walkers, horse riders and cycles will all use these routes. Consultation is to take place on this five year plan and it will be scrutinised during this period. On implementation it will be monitored to see if the users of these concessionary bridleways can co-exist. "Concessionary" means that bridleway status can be withdrawn if difficulties cannot be resolved.

At last some progress has been achieved on the fencing of common land at High Riggs Road, near Sheffield. The Planning Inspectorate has been looking into this and has declared that the fencing is illegal. This judgement has been passed to the access authority, the Peak District National Park Authority, who are taking this forward. Watch this space for the next stage in this long drawn out saga.

Les Seaman, Area Access Officer

### **Membership**

Overall membership numbers have continued in a steady decline of around 5 per cent from 2681 in October 2010 to 2548 at the end of the financial year. However, 3 Groups managed to buck the trend by gaining members (Barnsley, Chesterfield 20s-30s and Sheffield 40s).

Central Office set a national business objective of ending the year with more members than it started so SYNED has not contributed positively to this. Central Office also launched an initiative for local Groups where for every new member recruited by direct debit during March 2011 Groups received the entire first year's membership fee. Four Groups qualified within SYNED for the funds, namely Chesterfield with 4 members, Doncaster 3, Bolsover 1 and Dearne Valley 2 members.

A recent change to the specialist Groups short codes has involved



the following alterations: Sheffield 20s-30s is now SD50, Chesterfield 20s-30s is SD51 and Sheffield 40s is SD52. Membership cards will be updated during the normal renewal process.

Jenny Matkin, Membership Secretary

### **Treasurers Report**

I am pleased to present the accounts of the Area for the year ending 30th September, 2011. During the year the Area received £6,500 from Central Office and distributed £6,231 to all ten groups in the Area, retaining £269 for our reserves.

Funds of £ 50 were provided to the Peak District Green Lanes Alliance from the Miss ivy Cowen (deceased ) legacy. Funds of £84 was spent by the Area for publicity purposes, £157 donated to Rotherham Metro Group for walks leader training, £1658 was given to the South Chesterfield Way and £200 to Rotherham Metro for Doorstep Walks leaflets from the Herbert Proctor (deceased) legacy.

The Groups have asked the Area for approximately £10,322 for the coming year. We will be contributing £1,970 from our own funds (in line with the Ramblers reserves policy) towards our budget of £11,470, and therefore will be asking Central Office for £9,500 compared to £6,500 this year .

Our thanks are due to our independent examiner, Mr. Andrew Milne.

Gavin Johns, Treasurer

### **Countryside**

So many things to report on, but all are overshadowed by the Government's Localism Bill (still being discussed in Parliament at the time of writing).

Over the years I've lost count of the governments who have said how much they wish to return power from above back down to the people...us...when what that entails is taking power away from the masses.

Such an act is the Localism Bill. On the face of it the Bill would empower locals by devolving power down...but it states that the presumption should be to pass plans unless good reason can be found not to do so. So if local people do refuse permission, it will pass to appeal. and if a good reason is not put forward the costs will be passed back to the people.

The Bill would cut from over 1000 pages of planning guidelines to 50 pages. The main part of this is paragraph 19 which says. "planning should proactively drive and support the development that this country needs. Every effort should be made to identify and meet the housing business and other development needs of an area and respond positively to wider opportunities for growth."

The upshot of this Bill would be to cover much of our greenbelt land in concrete, and what of our national parks? There is much wrong with our planning laws but this is a clear case of pulling the wool over our eyes and we must fight this Bill we can in every way.

Allen Pestell, Countryside Officer

### **Barnsley & Penistone Group**

During 2010/11 we have again had a very varied mix of walks both long and short as we try to accommodate the varying levels of fitness of our members.

Our thanks go for the untiring work of our walk leaders who provide us with such an interesting and sometimes strenuous array of walks. These are undertaken across the area and further afield in Derbyshire and North Yorkshire, plus of course our mystery day trips which take us to other interesting parts of the country.



We have had various weekends away walking along our beautiful coastline and through the Yorkshire Dales.

Our 20-30s group have been tackling the Pennine Way with weekends away along the route. We wish them continued success.

Ten members of the group tackled and completed the Hadrian's Wall walk at Easter and enjoyed a week of continuous sunshine with fantastic views across to Scotland.

Our group have reinstated occasional social evenings where we have had a variety of speakers and these are proving to be very popular and enable non-walking partners to join in.

Membership is fairly static at the moment, which is only to be expected in this tough economic climate. However, we promote the group where we can and distribute leaflets across the area to all the usual venues.

Again little work is being undertaken by our local Council on the footpaths, obviously due to their financial constraints, but our members are still involved in various committee meetings and keeping pathways to the forefront.

Once again our thanks go to the Committee and walk leaders for all their hard work over the year in providing interesting walks, social events, weekends away and days trips which all keeps us coming back for more.

Carol Wood, Secretary

### **Bolsover Group**

Our group has had another successful year. We have lost the help of some walk leaders but fortunately a very experienced walker has joined our group and is able to help, and other members have come forward to "fill the breach" . Consequently we have been able to continue offering walks every Sunday. We have also introduced

bi – weekly Wednesday walks which are shorter, more local and less strenuous. While numbers are still small we have recruited two new members as a result and will persevere with these walks in the anticipation that we shall attract more walkers and not least for the enjoyment of the walking!!

We have welcomed several guest walkers who have seen our programme on the web and all have commented on the warmth and friendliness of the group. We continue to produce a members' newsletter and have had a stall at Bolsover Gala.

Our social side has involved several evening meals which new members have enjoyed and at which we have been able to catch up with old friends who are no longer able to walk with us.

Our membership and number of regular walkers remains precariously low and we shall strive to attract more to our group over the coming year.

Rita Read, Chair

### **Chesterfield and North-East Derbyshire Group**

Barry Cutts envisaged perhaps three years in office when he stepped in to fill the vacant post of group chairman. But as time went by he just carried on... and on. Now, 10 years later at the age of 77 he decided it was finally time to stand down after the annual general meeting held in November.

"I've thoroughly enjoyed the ten years. Walking is my number one hobby," said Barry, whose other interests include painting. But, he added, "I think I have done it long enough, and it is time to give way to younger people". Barry, a retired works manager, had been in the group four years when he was encouraged by members to take on the office left vacant when previous chairman, Margaret Taylor, moved to Suffolk.

Barry has been keen to see a wide ranging and varied walks pro-



gramme. 5 to 7 mile Sunday walks and 5 to 6 mile Monday walks have been introduced under his chairmanship, as have themed walks maybe taking a look at features of a village or items of historical interest. There are 13 different types of walks in the summer, and nine in the winter, mainly from 5 to 12 miles. In the decade, the number of walks in the programme has increased from about 250 to around 350 a year.

Before becoming chairman he began organizing walking holidays abroad. Destinations have included Italy, Spain, Portugal and Greece. This year saw the thirteenth holiday with 21 members enjoying a joint walk with the Ramblers' Association of Malta,.

Months of path improvement work by group volunteers resulted in April in a walk to relaunch the South Chesterfield Way, an 11 mile country walk created about 10 years ago by Groundwork Cresswell.

Former Footpath Secretary, Dennis Ransby, who had organized the project to make the walk more user friendly but is now unable to walk for health reasons, led the first two miles on his mobility scooter, before Mike Sims took over.

A number of group members are regularly involved in path improvement, along with Derbyshire County Council rangers. Members played a big part in the Chesterfield walking festival in June with Mel Hardy leading five of the 14 walks, Mike Sims four and Basil Merry and David Blackburn others.

23 members and seven blind and partially sighted members of Sight Support Derbyshire, formerly Derbyshire Association for the Blind, enjoyed a sunny day at the Yorkshire Sculpture Park.

Another coach trip saw about 50 members travelling to Tittesworth Reservoir, near Leek, where they had a choice of four and eight mile walks.

48 went on a coach outing to Bridlington with a choice of 10, eight, six and 4 mile walks.

When spring is in the air it's time for Gwen Mitchell's bluebell walk leading members through bluebell woodland around Barlborough and finishing at her home for a garden party. 35 members took part in the event this year, donating £140 for the Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice at North Anston. It was the eighth time Gwen has held the event, which has now raised more than £800 for the Hospice.

Members of the almost 600 strong group are hoping the winter programme of about 150 walks will escape the cancellations caused by the treacherous weather conditions in the run up to Christmas 2010. (The Turkey and Tinsel holiday for 46 members at Eastbourne had to be postponed for several weeks.) This year's was planned to be at Llandudno.

Glyn Williams, Group Publicity Secretary

### **Chesterfield Young Ramblers**

The Chesterfield Young Ramblers have had another busy year. Our regular Sunday walks have been as popular as ever and have taken us to all corners of the Peak District and beyond. These walks have been supplemented with an accessible programme of shorter Saturday morning walks. We have also made the most of the summer nights with a selection of walks on Wednesday evenings around the Chesterfield area.

We have been delighted to welcome several new members to the group and we have had new volunteers trained up as walk leaders.

Group members who fancied a different kind of challenge spent a weekend wild camping in the Peak District and there was a canoeing trip down the River Wye in Shropshire. For those that prefer dry



land there was a range of social events from chocolate making to banger racing.

We have much more lined up for the year ahead, walks have already been arranged for the next few months and we are in the process of planning more weekends away. Finally, we are looking forward to participating in the Peak District's Historic Border Country Walking Festival for the first time and we hope to see a further increase in membership as a result.

Laura Proctor, Group Secretary

### **Dearne Valley Group**

Sadly, Dearne Valley Group lost two stalwart members during the past year – Eric Gibbons who died in hospital following a long illness, and Eric Woolfenden who died suddenly at his home. We miss them both hugely and our thoughts continue to be with their families.

On a brighter note, I am pleased to report that Dearne Valley Group has had a very successful year. We have been delighted to welcome over a dozen new members in recent months – all of whom regularly turn up for our walks. Some of our newer members are preparing to lead walks of their own in the next Walks Programme and obviously this is excellent news. It is particularly encouraging that many of our recent members are somewhat younger than our traditional core membership – we are no longer a ‘retired persons’ walking group! Also, the past year has seen an increase in social activities with several meals out to celebrate birthdays. This has no doubt helped people to get to know each other better and contributed to the general up-beat feeling within the Group.

We have had several walks which have taken us to areas where we have not walked previously, or not for many years. These included the Whaley Thorns Heritage Centre, Wombwell Wood,

Yorkshire Sculpture Park, East Midlands Airport Nature Trail, Thurgoland and Oughtibridge. We had several walks from Wentworth; one included a look inside the Mausoleum, another ended with a 'pot luck' picnic and in September we held our Amanda Fawcett Memorial Walk there. In February we walked at Slaithwaite, had fish and chips after the walk and stayed on for the Moonraker Festival – a memorable occasion. Our coach trip to Filey was a great success with the stronger walkers walking the coast path, part of the Cleveland Way, from Scarborough to Filey, while another party joined the path at Cayton Bay. As usual our programme of Wednesday evening walks was very well supported and our Thursday walks have gradually increased in popularity.

Our Christmas walk and lunch had to be postponed in December 2010 due to heavy snow, but was rearranged mid-January and we had an excellent event at the Pickburn Arms, near Brodsworth. We planned to return there in December 2011– weather permitting!

Sue Haywood, Secretary

### **Doncaster Group**

The Doncaster Group continue to offer a programme of walks three or four times every week of the year, offering our short 4-5 mile walks on Wednesday evenings in the summer months, a 6-7 mile walk on Thursdays and our 9-12 mile walks on Tuesdays and Saturdays throughout the year. The committee have been aware for some time that we need to provide walks between these short and longer walks, and in the Winter Programme are a few 7-8 mile walks.

As usual, thanks are expressed to everyone who leads a walk for the Group. The Group couldn't function without people volunteering to take on this responsibility. The standard of leading is very high, with people taking the time and the expense of planning and pre-walking their walks. Leaders are generally aware the needs of the



whole group and problems on walks are very rare. However, walk leading is not an exact science, it's a matter of judgement when to stop the front of the group, how much rest time to give, etc. The more leaders in a Group, the better. It is better to have lots of people leading one or two walks than a small number of people leading five or six walks each.

In addition to the normal walks two weekends away have been organised. In May there was a weekend at Hawes, in the Dales. Twelve members enjoyed some very clear bright days but with a very cold wind and did several lovely walks. Then, in September, there was a weekend in North Wales. Eight people enjoyed a weekend of very strong winds, and some rain, walking in the mountains and along the coast.

Also in May we organised a coach trip to the Dales. As an experiment the coach picked-up in central Doncaster, rather than the previous circuit of pick-ups. We had short, medium and a long walks, followed by a very successful meal in a fish restaurant in Skipton.

For the last few years the Group has submitted walks as part of DMBC's Walks Festival, a series of short walks in January, February and March, with the aim of encouraging more people to walk. At the moment DMBC is considering changing the arrangements so that such walks are held throughout the year. We have indicated that we will submit walks and continue to support their efforts.

In 2008 the Group produced the Heron Way booklet, a 30 mile linear walk linking the Park and Ride facilities to the south and north of Doncaster. The booklet has sold almost 1,000 copies. The Group recently decided to produce a series of leaflets describing short circular walks from the start points of each of the eight sections of the route. We hope that these leaflets, plus perhaps other walks around Doncaster, will be printed in the next year.

Membership continues to decline slowly. At the last AGM there

were 304 members in the Doncaster Group. The figure this year is 277. This decline is similar to the national situation and no doubt there are many causes, including the general economic situation. The number of people who join for one year and fail to renew seems to be increasing. It has been pointed out that it is now possible to join on-line; this may mean that some people join without too much thought, without trying us first. Also, we know that membership of Ramblers is sometimes given as a gift. In both situations the person may not renew the following year when they need to pay themselves.

The website continues to provide members with reports, minutes of meetings and photographs. There are now 80 members registered on the site, and therefore able to submit reports and photographs. Over 50% of new members register. The Group pay £50 per annum for the maintenance of the website and feel that it is money well spent. The website is often the first thing that potential new members see about the Group.

A major new initiative that has started in the last few months has been our maintenance work on rights of way, and the monitoring of rights of way for DMBC. The Rights of Way committee has organised maintenance work which has settled into a monthly event, with about 20 members so far volunteering. Monitoring the rights of way network within DMBC is also proceeding, with members volunteering readily so that most of the borough is covered.

David Gadd, Secretary

### **Rotherham Metro Group**

This has been a very difficult year for the Rotherham Metro Group. Our much-loved Membership Secretary and Walks Co-ordinator, Fred Beaumont, passed away after a serious illness. Fred will be greatly missed; his enthusiasm, his kindness (particularly towards



new members) and his sense of humour made him loved by all. He was a true gentleman. Fred missed very few walks, and when he did we knew there was something wrong. Fred is irreplaceable; and as my wife, Anne, said, "walking will never be the same again".

The Group has had a busy year, with a Youth Hostel Weekend based in Helmsley, a coach ramble to Gargrave, a full Saturday and Wednesday walks programme and bi-monthly social evenings (including a well-attended walk around the Waverley site led by Richard Pett of RMBC). We have continued to support the Duke of Edinburgh students of Brinsworth School. They will be walking with us again in March 2012. The Group had a Walk Leader and Navigation Training Day run by Tom and Rita Doncaster. Many thanks to them both, they have encouraged many people to come forward and lead walks in the coming year.

The Group was founded in 1986. By the time of reading the Group will have had its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner, and it is hoped that many walkers from the early days of the Group will attend. During April of this year we unveiled a plaque at Ravenfield Church to our founding Chairman, Harry Rogers, and walked the RMBC Doorstep Walk named in his honour.

My thanks go to all the Committee for their hard work during the year, and to all Walk Leaders, past, present and future.

And finally returning to Fred, our thoughts are with his family at this difficult time.

Ivor Wilson, Chair

### **Sheffield Group**

I have no hesitation in saying that 2011 was again another successful year for the Group. Although we are not a "rambling club" many members' focus is on the walks we provide. The Group's programme of walks is again excellent offering a wide range of

walks including the ever popular coach rambles. This year we introduced three extra mid week coach rambles which were subsidised by money earned by committee members who were "paid" for carrying out some map work.

Our acclaimed "Walking Out" project has seen more than a doubling of numbers of people attending (nearly 800) over the previous year, many of whom were first time walkers. Because of this we will be providing more and longer walks in 2012. These will be supported by the extremely successful "Get Walking - Keep Walking" project here in Sheffield. Many existing members who want a walk on Thursday and Saturday are increasingly joining these shorter walks.

This year for the first time in our long history saw the introduction of a limited number of "car rambles". These were not welcomed by everyone but democracy prevailed. They were successful in the fact that they allowed us to reach areas where we recently walked but can no longer because of cuts to public transport. They were monitored for their success or not and as a result a limited number of car rambles will be included in the 2012 walks programme. Any members' fears that car rambles will feature more in our programme should be allayed as only walks recently lost to cuts in public transport will be considered. On the plus side some new bus services have emerged which offer walking opportunities in less visited areas..

We have had two "Thank you" and "Leadership feed back" events. We are currently responding to requests for Leader Training events. We continue to support the Visually Impaired Walking Group and have helped set up and to support the Venture Ramblers, an Alzheimer's walking group.

Very special thanks to all our walk leaders and back markers who make our walks so enjoyable.

The Group is fully involved in Sheffield's Walking Forum which is a partnership between the voluntary sector and the statutory sector - Sheffield City Council and the NHS—to promote and support walking throughout the city for people's health and wellbeing. Some very positive political lobbying was carried out by committee members with our local MPs to secure funding for our rights of way and to clarify support on access issues. We have involvement in Local Access Forums and other walk related bodies to protect and promote our interests.

Your committee members do all the "behind the scenes" work we rely on and need, and do a fantastic job with such enthusiasm and commitment; rights of way, access, public transport, membership, slide lectures, rambles, newsletters, distribution, secretarial, finance and so on. So many thanks to all of them on your behalf. Why do they do it? It is because they know they are part of an active team and they all want to do something worthwhile.

Lastly, my only concern is that our membership growth doesn't reflect our enthusiasm and endeavours even though we worked hard on this through advertising where walking is needed. It is a challenge we have still to meet. Thanks to all members who make rambling so enjoyable.

Terry Howard, Chair

### **Sheffield Walking Group (20s &30s)**

The Sheffield Walking Group has continued its tradition of lots of walks and lots of socials with an average of 3 walks per week and 1 social per week across the year. There have been many weekends away including to the Lakes, Wales and Northumberland too. It will be the tenth anniversary of the group next year so a big fun anniversary party is planned.

A majority of the committee has recently changed to new people in

October but the main plan is to keep walking and talking throughout another year. The website has gone through an upgrade to enhance the look and feel of it and it makes all the members of the committee able to update their parts without having to bother the web developer. If the Ramblers Association becomes able to produce an up-to-date member list then the work in contacting current members would be made a lot easier instead of having to continuously maintain a separate master copy.

Peter Clayton, Chair

### **Sheffield 40's Walking Group**

Another busy year with membership topping 155 and continuing to grow. This year the group has made links with Hants 40+ and One step walkers group and organised a weekend away with some of their members at Edale on August Bank Holiday weekend. We launched family walks this year once a month and made links with the Get Walking team who are publicising them. The group have taken part in many Ramblers' events eg. Walk in the Woods. The group has also led walks for Sheffield Walking Festival and Environmental Weeks.

Socially another successful year with lots of members out and about socialising and attending walking weekends. All weekends sold out during the year. Several extra informal events organised using the message board eg a camping trip to St Ives. The camping weekend in Dent attracted about 60+ members and despite the rainy weather it was a great success. Lots of people book on meals and come along to pub meets.

A very busy year with the launch of our new look website complete with new logo and banner. Facebook page also



launched this year. Business type cards produced to promote the group rather than expensive leaflets. A new look poster to display in libraries, walking shops etc with new logo on is on the drawing board ready to launch next month.

Massive thanks, as always, to our fantastic walk leaders. We now have about 34 walk leaders which has enabled us to put on 3 walks a weekend and some evening walks in the summer months. Still offer a variety of walks and have had a few different walks eg Sheffield Wildlife Trust lead a butterfly spotting walk. Some of our members walked the Coast to Coast this year.

Financially we are solvent and have a good cash flow to enable us to book weekend accommodation a year in advance! We continue to be members of YHA and use it for weekend away meets.

We are a great walking group and 5 members of previous Committee are continuing in position this year and were elected recently unopposed. One new member joined us as new membership secretary. We look forward to another year of happy smiling walkers.

Carol Wilkie, Chair

### **Off-roading in the Peak District**

Many members will have experienced the problems caused by off-roading in the Peak District. The Peak District Green Lanes Alliance (PDGLA) has been set up with the support of the Ramblers to persuade the Peak District National Park Authority, Derbyshire County Council, other highway authorities in the Peak District and the Police to take more vigorous action against it.

The PDGLA has also asked walkers to record and report any incidents of misuse of trails, bridleways, footpaths etc. in the area to the Police. (This needs to be the correct police force for where the incident occurs.) Please and ask for an incident number.

Please also report incidents (with the police incident number) to [PDGLA@hotmail.com](mailto:PDGLA@hotmail.com). They can then correlate all cases, which will strengthen the case for action. The PDGLA can also be contacted (about this, for membership enquiries or for further information) at PDGLA, PO Box 7976, Great Longstone, Bakewell, Derbyshire, DE45 9AY Web: [www.pd gla.org.uk](http://www.pd gla.org.uk)

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