

Minutes

7.30-9.30 pm Liz's House, 29th September 2025

Item	Time
Attendees: Liz Sharp {Chair}, Helen Lewin, Mandy Kippax, Vicki Faith, Thea Anning, Richard Mills, Charlie Cooper, Lucia Contrino	
1. Apologies: Christine Smith	
2. Approval of Minutes (link to the minutes). Approved.	
3. Any Urgent Matters arising	
4. Chairs report: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Committee Roles Liz To send an email after the meeting just on the committee posts. [Add a sentence for each role].- Ramblers' governance changes (Richard). Two sets of proposals: (1) How Ramblers run as a Board (2) Local areas (e.g. SYNED) are removed and the money goes directly to groups. For info only.- SYNED - request for each group to run a walk in the Bradfield area which also does some path surveying (where can stiles be replaced with gates etc)? Liz to ask Jez if he is willing to lead such a walk for the S40s.- Seyhan comment on walks / complaints policy (I've used AI to generate a complaints policy which is here - we can discuss whether this is appropriate).<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Liz to look for a complaints folder / policy in our g drive.- Unless there is already something, Liz to institute the AI document as our complaints policy and add an anonymised register of complaints at the end of it.- ACTION All to re-read AI complaints policy and make comments / amendments.- AGM:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Minutes (Vicki)- Agenda for AGM by next weekend.- Jean, Debbie Clark and Julie are helping with drinks.- Biscuits, Nuts and Crisps	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Liz to say, please reply to this email if you are thinking of coming along. - Give instructions for getting into “Across the road from the St Lukes charity shop, a purple gate in a high wall.” - Liz to propose a walk, and ask Keith if he is willing to run it - To distribute a set of reports on the 10th October. (Therefore, reports from the committee by the end of the 8th). 	
<p>5. Walks report 60 walk leaders on the list, but 30 have completed training. Another 14 possibles (have been registered to complete training). Have had a few leisurely walks put on by David and Bob. Liz to provide an amended template for walks to take on linear walks.</p>	
<p>6. Social report Had some events every month. Summer BA (just over 20 people. Comedy night. Christmas meal coming up. Mandy to provide a list of members in googledrive to help check membership. There was a very successful weekend away.</p>	
<p>7. Footpath report Lucia has continued to receive footpath consultations and updates from Sheffield City Council Public Rights of Way team and Ramblers Head Office. These are sent to a group email address set up by Malcolm Dixon of footpath officers in each Sheffield Ramblers group, along with other interested parties like Terry Howard and Jez.</p>	
<p>8. Training report. OS App training went ahead. Alan booked a room because of rain. Some other people were invited via SYNED causing communication challenges. There has been mixed feedback, with concern about some of the other people attending. Navigation training has 6 people booked in for the 26th October. Do we want to tailor it towards potential walk leaders? Got funding from SYNED. First aid training - seven names, but two of them attended the 20s and 30s event meaning only 5 people want to do it. We need 12 to make it viable.</p>	
<p>9. Web report</p>	

Speaking to Chris tomorrow. Has discussed a) Start points b) the map for East Cheshire (this can be reproduced).	
<p>10. Treasurer's report</p> <p>Currently at end of financial year. On the main funds. Taken £1100 from Ramblers and received £20 from Ramblers' holidays. Out of this income, we have spent £963. So, we are in surplus.</p> <p>On the Social fund, we have about £900 surplus.</p>	
<p>11. Secretary's report</p> <p>310 current members, an overall decrease of 9 since 27.6.25: 8 new members (3 new to area, 4 new to Ramblers, 1 rejoining member) 17 leavers (4 lapsed, 1 left group, 10 resigned)</p>	
<p>12. Agreement of matters for group email / minutes</p> <p>FIRST - Liz to send an email AGM agenda and committee roles.</p> <p>SECOND - Liz to send her normal committee feedback email</p> <p>THIRD - AGM reports on the 10th of October.</p>	
13. AOB, 8th December	
14. Next meeting date and time and place	