



East Yorkshire and Derwent Ramblers

Area News

20th March
2020

Please note this Area News went to print before the below very important information was announced, so several features concerning planned events unfortunately will not go ahead.

COVID-19 virus

Led walks cancelled until at least 31st May

Ramblers GB is suspending all volunteer activities from Wednesday 18 March 2020. This includes group led walks, 'Walking for Health' schemes, all training including walk leadership training, path maintenance working groups, coach trips and holidays, meetings, group and social events.

All Ramblers activities must stop until further notice.

This applies from Wednesday 18 March until 31st May at the earliest and subject to further developments.

When activities can safely resume a new walks programme will be published.

Updated information will be published on our websites

<https://www.eastyorkshireramblers>

and

www.ramblers.org.uk



2026 Don't Lose Your Way

Hopefully all members will have heard of "2026" and its impact on rights of way. Public paths are recorded by county authorities on their Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way, a legal obligation introduced in the 1950s and later reviewed in the early 1970s. In creating such maps many paths walked by the public were for various reasons omitted and thus do not appear on Ordnance Survey maps. It is quite common on OS maps to see rights of way stopping at a parish boundary, plus there are numerous examples of "white roads", "green lanes" and grey dotted tracks on maps that are not identified as being public rights of way. It is estimated that 10,000 miles of historic paths could be missing from the Definitive Map for England and Wales.

Claiming them as a public right of way is usually achieved by research and submission of historical evidence. 2026 is vitally important as current legislation states that 1st January of that year is the deadline for applications to claim paths as a public right of way. If not claimed by 2026, we risk losing them forever!

There are just six years to the 2026 cut off date. Ramblers Central Office have launched an awareness campaign encouraging members and the public to get involved with identifying possible lost rights of way. They have developed an interactive on-line mapping system with advice which has been developed as part of the process. The new mapping tool divides the maps of England and Wales into 154,000 one-kilometre squares, which users can select to compare historic and current maps of the area side-by-side. Simply select a square, do a quick "spot the difference" mark on any missing paths and click submit. It takes just a few minutes to check a square.



Learn more about it by looking at our Area www.eastyorkshireramblers.org.uk or Ramblers national websites www.ramblers.org.uk and please contribute to the project.
Tony Corrigan Pocklington Group

Area Committee 2020

President	Peter Ayling
Chairman	Post vacant
Area Secretary	Stephen Down
Treasurer	Sam Borman
Vice Chairman	Post vacant
Footpath Secretary (York & North Yorkshire)	David Nunns
Footpath Secretary (Hull & East Riding)	Matthew Harrison
Walks prog coordinator	Geoff Richardson
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Membership Secretary	Ann Laing
Environment Officer	Peter Ayling
Access officer	Tom Halstead
Webmaster	Ulla Vaereth
Area News Editor	Marian Thomas
Minutes Secretary	Tony Corrigan



Snowdrops at Welton Wold Plantation- Howden and Goole Group

Area Council Meetings for 2020

Tuesday Feb 25th, Wetwang Village Hall
Tuesday May 26th, Fimber Village Hall
Tuesday Aug 25th, Fimber Village Hall
Tuesday November 24th, Wetwang Village Hall



National Young Ramblers Weekend

GYBO are hosting the fifth annual National Young Ramblers Weekend in York over the weekend 5-7 June. We hope to have up to 100 guests from Young Ramblers groups up and down the country coming to join us for a great weekend, with social events on the Friday and Saturday evenings, local walks around York on Friday afternoon and Sunday, a talk and workshop on Sunday morning to look at Ramblers campaigns; the highlight will be a choice of (at least) six walks on Saturday, covering some of the finest countryside that North Yorkshire and East Riding have to offer. You can find out more at www.nyrweekend.org.uk. Stephen Down GYBO

Free Navigation Training

Do you sometimes get lost? Are you occasionally confused by what's on the map? Do you know what a compass can do for you other than point to North? Then why not come on one of my navigation courses? The course consists of you studying a training book, which I will supply. We then go out for a day on the Moors to put into practice what you have learnt, and the best part is that there is no charge for this course.



Each course has only four students and I supply each of them with an OS map of the area and a Silva compass. We spend about 6 hours on the moors, mostly in open access moorland, carrying out a series of navigation exercises in pairs. We do map reading exercises to determine our position using landmarks; use compass bearings to walk across open moorland to a location and use pacing and timing to judge the distance we have travelled. Afterwards we usually go to a teashop in Hutton-le-Hole to talk over the day.

I am a silver level mountain leader and used to lead for HF Holidays and have run 24 of these courses, so I don't usually get lost. If you are interested then please contact me on 01904 500462 or samdavbor@yahoo.com
Sam Borman

I attended one of Sam's courses a few years ago, it was very useful and enjoyable. Editor

Do you suffer from W.L.A.S.?

After many years of walking in different groups, I have become aware that there are walk leaders who suffer from a condition I call W.L.A.S. - Walk Leaders Adrenaline Syndrome. This condition becomes apparent at the start of a walk, when the leader sets off at a breakneck speed, fired up by the desire to get the walk under way and completed as quickly as possible. Another symptom is the inability to turn round and see where the rest of the group is. When the leader does stop to allow the slowcoaches to catch up, they will immediately set off without giving the people at the back a rest. This is a chronic condition for which there is no known cure. Perhaps some of our members can suggest a remedy?

Ian Reavill, York Group

Coach Rambles

The following coach Rambles have been organised for 2020:

Sun 19th April - Ryedale Group Coach Ramble to Ingleton; two led walks offered. Cost £25 (includes carvery meal on way home).

Sun 17th May - York Group Coach Ramble to Bakewell.

Sun 17th May - Beverley Group Coach Ramble to Ripon, cost £15 with pick-ups at Beverley and Market Weighton; two walks of 8 and 11 miles offered.

Sun 27th September - York Group Coach Ramble to Malham area.

Further details are available on the Area website
www.eastyorkshireramblers.org.uk

Area Camp - Northumberland

Friday 12th -15th June

The Area Camp this year will be based at Hadrian's Wall campsite, Melkridge, which has excellent facilities and electric hook ups. There will be no dogs allowed in the campsite. We also welcome B&B, holiday home and day visitors.

We are still in the planning stages for the walks. There will be 2 short walks of approximately 6 miles, and 2 longer walks of approximately 10 miles. There will also be an evening meal planned at a nearby hotel for the Saturday night.

If you are interested in coming along or would like further information please contact Donna & Wayne Dosdale by email to dosdale99@hotmail.com as soon as possible.

York Public Transport Group Walking Holiday in the Dolomites

On 31 August 2019 a group of 14 members of York Public Transport Walks went on a holiday to Madonna di Campiglio in the Dolomite region of Italy. The trip was organised by Alastair Bloom, one of our group leaders, who had been to the area several times and is very knowledgeable about the walks available.

Ally, assisted by another member of our group, Andrew Warrillow, led us on a walk each day through spectacular scenery. Most of the walks involved going up in a cable car and walking back down; one walk known as "the waterfall trail" was particularly stunning. At lunchtimes we ate in "rifugi", quite highly developed shelters where food and drinks were served. In the evenings we returned to the Europa Hotel where we were staying. The owner and staff were very welcoming and served us with delicious Italian food and wine after a hard day's walking.

The weather was mainly bright and sunny although we did have a couple of rainy days and when it rains in the Dolomites you certainly get a good soaking! On the way back we had a half day in Verona and visited Juliet's Balcony among other historic sites before taking our flight back to Manchester.

Following this successful trip Ally has decided to organise another trip this year from 27th June to 4th July to Molveno in the Brenta Dolomites and there are still some double/twin rooms available. Anyone interested in joining us should contact Alastair Bloom email allybloom1@gmail.com
Lynda Doughty, Joint Organiser, York Public Transport Walks

Volunteers Needed

Area Council Sub – Committees Ramblers core objectives of preserving our environment and countryside, plus protecting the footpath network is undertaken by a few volunteers operating as sub - committees of Area Council. Who are they and what do they deal with?

Two Area Footpath Committees are intended to comprise a Footpath Officer from each Group, supported by a Chairperson and Secretary. Liaising with County and Unitary Authorities they receive, consider and respond on all matters involving public rights of way, predominantly applications to create, divert or close paths.

Area Secretary for our **York and North Yorkshire** territory is David Nunns who is assisted by Simon Lyle and Les Atkinson looking after Ryedale and Scarborough Groups respectively.

East Riding and Hull CC geographic areas are looked after by a committee comprising Matthew Harrison [Beverley & Secretary], Ray Wallis [Hull & Holderness & Chairman], Peter Ayling [Beverley] and Tony Corrigan [Pocklington].

Access Team with Tom Halstead as Access Officer assisted by volunteers from some groups, has over the years been involved with several important national projects involving where we walk. Think of "open access land" where we now routinely walk – the right to do so was only achieved following hard work by volunteers.

The English Coast Path will soon embrace Yorkshire's coast line to reach firstly, Spurn Head and eventually the Humber Bridge. To achieve this, Access Team volunteers led by Tom surveyed the entire route, preparing plans, proposals and photographs, resulting in submission by Tom of a comprehensive, commendable and welcome report to Natural England. Liaison work continues.



Area Environment Team [formerly Countryside Officer] on behalf of Ramblers, this team considers issues and responds to organisations on projects that may impact upon the environment and countryside i.e. where we walk. This includes planning applications, major developments, highway initiatives etc recent examples include Castle Street, Hull road scheme, Driffeld Long Lane housing development, a further Full Sutton Prison, establishment of a pig farm near an ancient site at Cottam. The Environment Team is made up of Peter Ayling [Environment Officer] supported by Bob Dealey [Beverley], Steve Lack [Hull] and Tony Corrigan [Pocklington].

How you can help?

To provide continuity of the Ramblers input towards our path network, environment, coast and countryside, the above teams need new volunteers who can commit a little of their time to the tasks. So please seriously consider taking an interest in maintaining and protecting where we love to walk, if not for yourself then for future generations.

If interested please contact any of the above names, or your Group Secretary.

Tony Corrigan

Yorkshire Wolds Walking and Outdoors Festival 12th - 20th September 2020



Visit Hull and East Yorkshire (VHEY) is an area tourism partnership. VHEY's activities focus around visitor promotion and management and they are responsible for generating increased tourism activity in Hull and East Yorkshire through a range of marketing activities and tourism business support.

Each year they organise a walking and outdoors festival which provides a wide range of fantastic activities. The programme for this year's festival in September is currently being drawn up and will soon be published. Either check the VHEY website for full details of all the events planned or go into one of the local tourist information offices for a brochure. The following is a description from the VHEY website of what is on offer this year.

"This fabulous festival in the beautiful Yorkshire Wolds is back for its 10th year offering superb activities over 9 days that will appeal to families, casual walkers and outdoor enthusiasts alike. The festival has grown in reputation showcasing the wonderful landscape and celebrating the rich heritage of the Yorkshire Wolds. The rich and varied programme of activities features something for all ages and abilities from relaxed strolls around our market towns to planned longer hikes (details to be announced). We are delighted to offer over 100 individual activities. Join us for cycling, special interest and historic walks, horse riding, nature safaris, nordic walking, historic house and parkland tours, specialist guided walks, boat trips and even a Buddhist experience, plus lots more".

Our local Ramblers groups have contributed to the success of this festival by incorporating some of our programmed led walks into the festival. The Pocklington Group have also organised long distance walks in conjunction with VHEY (see picture above of the Headlands Way last September used as publicity this year). The benefit locally is that we have recruited several new members from the festival, and we have gained great publicity for the Ramblers.

Martin Hill - Pocklington Group

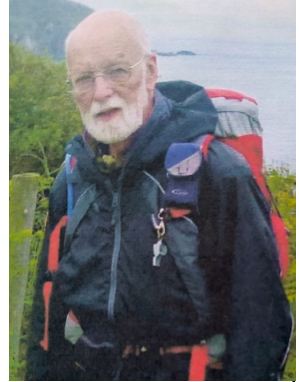
John Williams

John sadly passed away on the 29th December 2019.

John was a committed walker and dedicated member of the Ramblers; a long serving member of the Ryedale Group and undertook the role of Ryedale Group Secretary for many years and more recently Group Membership Secretary. John was a particularly effective member of Area Council, where his contributions were always thoughtful and relevant.

John was a highly capable walk leader, in addition to weekly walks he organised more challenging walks such as the Cleveland Way and the Yorkshire Wolds Way, which he led in 2001. Every year John planned a long distance solo walk, completing trails including The Pembrokeshire Coast, Offa's Dyke and The Thames Path.

John was originally a teacher of mathematics, rising to become a deputy headmaster. He then moved to become head of maths in a Yorkshire school. He was an accomplished pianist and had an extensive knowledge of classical music.



John's funeral was held at East Riding Crematorium on Friday 31st January and was attended by many of his fellow Ramblers. His dear wife Ann died a few years ago, we send our sincere condolences to his daughter, his sister, brothers and family. - Terry Strickland and Peter Ayling

Motion to Ramblers General Council on the Climate Crisis

Our Area AGM on 25th January was attended by 34 members; climate crisis issues were discussed at the meeting and a motion was proposed by Peter Ayling for debate at the Ramblers General Council on 4-5th April; it was unanimously agreed by members.

The Motion (summary) : This General Council recognises the urgency of the situation presented by climate change, in particular its possible effects on the British countryside and wildlife. It urges the Board of Trustees to work to identify likely changes in the countryside in the short and longer term, and where practicable, to develop strategies to mitigate these changes, thereby meeting the Ramblers objectives of the protection and enhancement of the beauty of the countryside.

This motion asks the Trustees to meet the challenge by considering the following (1) continuing to be vocal in the climate change debate and work with bodies such as the Wildlife and Countryside Link coalition and like-minded charities, and where appropriate with governmental agencies, to develop a strategy reflecting Ramblers approach to climate change issues; (2) creating a tool kit of guidance and suggestions as a bolt-on to Area and Group local initiatives; (3) setting up a small working party drawn from trustees, staff, and outside experts or volunteers from our membership with relevant expertise ; and (4) updating General Council on Ramblers contributions to mitigating climate change problems.

Monday Afternoon Area Walks Update

Another successful year for the group, walking every Monday throughout the year except across Christmas and New Year; the average walkers per week 25 with a maximum 35.

Again, I would like to thank Ann Laing for organising the traditional pre-Christmas mince pies (they were delicious) at the Sea Ways Café and the 6 mile walk from Fridaythorpe.

Also, I would like to thank Dave and Liz Baron and the staff for organising the pre-Christmas lunch at the Minerva Inn; this is the 3rd year and again everybody enjoyed themselves (see photo) including the carol singing.



Lastly, I would like to thank our walk leaders for organising the walks program and for their support, also the help from Peter Godfrey who introduced new walks and for helping me to run the group. I hope 2020 will be as successful as previous years.

Peter Harrison - Walks Secretary Monday Area Walks Group