



Beverley Group

NEWSLETTER

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BEVERLEY GROUP A.G.M. SATURDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2022

This year's meeting will be held at the Walkington Village Hall, 21 East End, Walkington post code HU17 8RX. There is on street parking and additional parking at the church car park.

There will be a short walk of 4 miles starting at 1pm from Walkington Church SE998368 followed by tea/coffee/cake and scones with the AGM meeting starting at 3pm.

Members should advise Beverley Group Secretary Joe Neal, in writing, of any formal business they wish to move at the AGM at least 14 days before the date of the meeting. Joe's email address is jjdneal@hotmail.co.uk. Formalities will conclude with 'Any other Business', an open forum where members have the opportunity to raise other incidental matters. Papers for the meeting will be available on the east yorkshire ramblers website address above, if you would like a paper copy of these documents please contact Joe Neal.

WINTER 2022 WALKS PROGRAM

By the time you receive this newsletter those hot summer days will be a distant memory and the countryside will be a show of autumn colours. We are busy putting together a program of Winter walks but as ever still need more volunteers to come forward as leaders to help us provide a full and varied program. There has been requests that more short walks are included in the program, especially on the days where we have longer length walks but unfortunately unless we have more volunteers to assist with the leading of walks we are unable to offer these additional walks on a regular basis. Offering to lead a walk can be a rewarding experience and Jackie Small (smallj431@gmail.com) would be pleased to hear from any members interested in learning more about leading walks or you can have a chat with Jackie or any of our leaders whilst on a walk. As a walks leader you are able to claim for the mileage incurred whilst undertaking the recci of your walk.

Ginny one of our more recent newer leaders says *"When I joined Beverley Ramblers I found the group very welcoming and friendly and I have made some good friends through the group. I appreciated the time and effort the walk leaders gave to provide some excellent walks giving me the opportunity to walk on a regular basis as I had mostly walked on my own before joining the group. I decided to become a walk leader as I wanted to give something back to the group and help to keep the walks programme as full as possible to give other members and new members the same opportunity as I have had. I never feel alone whilst leading, there is usually one if not more leaders on the walks who can help me out if needed."*

We can offer support to anyone wishing to lead a walk, from the planning/recci/joint leading on the day, if there is enough interest we could offer a *'dabble into leading walk'* for those with an interest in leading, where we could share the practicalities of arranging walks etc, let us know your thoughts.

CAR SHARE WHATSAPP GROUP

Group members have expressed an interest in the car sharing in getting to and from walk start point especially for those walks further afield.

Sharing a car, offers the following benefits:

- 1) Allows Ramblers with no transport, to join walks.
- 2) Eases parking congestion at start of the walk.

- 3) Is good for the environment.
- 4) It is more sociable, as it's always nice to arrive and leave a walk with someone else.
- 5) Possibility of sharing cost of fuel

Joe Neal has proposed that he set up a WhatsApp group and those members interested in either offering lifts or requiring a lift can request to join the group. A WhatsApp group was piloted during the first lockdown when we had to abide by the rule of six and worked well for those who joined the group. If you would like to participate in the group, please send Joe Neal your name and mobile phone number to jjdneal@hotmail.co.uk and you will be added to Beverley Ramblers Lift Share group. Once on the list you will be able to view any posts along with the other members of the group. Your name and mobile phone number/or phone name are included in any posts that you make, which all of the WhatsApp group members will see. Members of the group will be able to request or offer lifts to other members of the group.

BEVERLEY GROUP HOLIDAY 23rd to 27th October 2023

We are organising a group holiday to a HF house in Sedbergh. The cost will be £409 per person. The numbers of places are limited so if interested please contact Joe Neal at jjdneal@hotmail.co.uk.

BEVERLEY PATHMINDERS GROUP

"I think I've hit a root" I shout, as I clout the wooden peg again with my sledgehammer.

"Give it some welly, lad!"

"Give it some pudding!" Comes a voice from my right (Graham is not known as one for pussyfooting).

"Wiggle the peg back a bit" suggests our other Graham. I do so.

"I'll have a go if you want" says Phil.

As I retreat, he thumps it home with the hammer.

Brandishing my cordless screwdriver I can finally screw in the wooden retaining board.

This section of the path used to slope dangerously down towards the water on the canal bank, but now, with our help, it doesn't.



It's a sunny day at the road-facing side of the Driffield canal between Whinhill Locks and Wansford. The Beverley Path-minders have been improving and maintaining this stretch of the canal since January 2020. As countryside volunteers, we are outside somewhere in the wider Beverley or Driffield area once a fortnight in all weathers during the year. On a footpath near you, you may see us cutting back vegetation, digging in wooden posts, fixing on wayfinder plates and signs onto posts, repairing gates, even building a footbridge. Some of us have had professional training in the use of brushcutter and hedge trimming machinery thanks to the East Riding of Yorkshire Council's countryside division; they have also provided protective clothing and tools for our volunteers.

Back on the canal a pair of quacking mallards push laboriously through the green, soggy carpet of weed on the water, while behind us an impatient motorist races to overtake a tractor heading east past the corn fields.

"Just another board to fix in and back-fill" I say.

Soon we'll be finished here and be off for a well-deserved bacon butty at Frankie's Café at the canal head. Another day in the life for the Beverley Path-minders!

Picture above shows Graham Buckton, Graham Batty and Rik Leedale with a hired mower near Whinhill Lock, southeast of Driffield. Author: Rik Leedale