RAMBLERS

Loughborough & District

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 18 November 12.30pm

Stonehurst Farm Tea Shop, Bond Lane, Mountsorrel, LE12 7AA

AGENDA

1. Welcome and apologies for absence
2. Minutes of previous AGM 25 October 2025 (attached)
3. Matters arising from minutes
4. Chair's Annual report
5. Approval of treasurer's report
6. Election of officers and committee: we warmly welcome interest in joining the committee, whether as a general member or to take on one of the specific committee roles listed below.

    a) Chair (Tess Kay – stepping down in 2027; interest very welcome)
    b) Secretary (Guy Jackson)
    c) Treasurer (Chris Rimbault)
    d) Walk Programme secretary (Sue Mears)
    e) Membership secretary (Jackie Wales)
    f) Footpaths officer (Guy Jackson)
    g) Webmaster (John Samson)
    h) Social secretary (vacant – interest very welcome)
    i) Newsletter editor/co-editor – (Tess Kay, Mark Aylett; interest very welcome!)
    j) Representative on area committee (John Samson)

7. Appointment of Independent Examiner
8. AOB, Questions and Comments: *These must be raised with the secretary on or before 11 November*

Minutes **Annual General Meeting**

Saturday 25th October 2025 1pm-2pm

Venue: The Navigation Inn, 87 Mill Lane, Barrow Upon Soar LE12 8LQ

Attendees:	Tess Kay (Chair), Sue Mears (Programme Secretary), John Samson (Webmaster & Area Rep), Chris Rimbault (Treasurer), Jackie Wales (Membership Secretary), Elizabeth Darcy (Secretary), Guy Jackson (Footpaths Officer), Liz Jones (Committee Member), Richard Jack, Gill Williams, Michael Rittig, Lynne Atkinson, Mark Aylett, Pam Bursnall, Isobel Jameson

Agenda Item	
1.	TK welcomed all members to the meeting
2.	**Apologies for absence:** Christine Wells, Ted Wells, Marie Kennedy, Wendy Hann, Julie Booree, Melanie Wragg
3.	**Minutes of AGM Held on 16.11.24** • These were agreed to be a true record of the meeting • There were no matters arising
4.	**Chair's Annual Report (TK)** Tess reported that the group is in a much better position this year, with a full committee and an increased membership. She thanked Richard for seeing us through the stage when the committee was very small. At least 30 new members have joined this year and Tess thanked Jackie for welcoming them. We enjoyed a Christmas dinner together last year as well as an outing to the Cotswolds this year and plan to repeat both the Christmas lunch and the coach ramble. Tess said that the walks programme has particularly improved, with more trained walk leaders, and the poll system on WhatsApp is working well. On Wednesdays the walks tend to be full and there is a varied programme of walks on Saturdays. She asked that more people undertake the walk leader training in order to strengthen the programme further and she also asked for us to build up the longer walks programme. Tess thanked Sue for all she does in order to organise the walks programme. Our online presence is good, with John managing both the website and Facebook. WhatsApp is used more now, but the website and Facebook are important for new people. John also represents us on the area committee and manages their website. We're happy to have Guy as footpath officer and there have been no major issues locally. Tess asked for help to run the newsletter. She then thanked the committee for their support, said how proud she is to be the chair at such a vibrant time, and that she is so happy with the way the group is friendly and welcoming to new members and visitors. She acknowledged that it may be challenging at times when new people join who are struggling, but she was proud of our efforts to include and encourage everyone.

5. **Treasurer's Report (CR)**

Bank balances as at 30 September 2025
Main account £ 489.91
Social account£ 861.05
Total funds £1350.96

Ramble Worldwide income:
Chris reported the accounts are healthy and we were able to pay for the lunch today from our funds which perhaps helped to boost attendance at the AGM! The social fund is still doing well and we will be able to subsidise the Christmas lunch. Chris is hopeful Michael Pearson will agree to continue to audit the accounts again next year. The finances were approved at the meeting

6. **Election of Officers:**

Position	**Name**	**Proposed**	**Seconded**
Chair	Tess Kay	LA	JW
Secretary	Elizabeth Darcy	JW	MR
Treasurer	Chris Rimbault	EJ	SM
Walk programme	Sue Mears	LA	ED
Membership	Jackie Wales	GJ	EJ
Footpaths	Guy Jackson	JW	LA
Webmaster	John Samson	MR	ED
Social secretary	Vacant position	-	-
Newsletter	Tess Kay to be assisted by Mark Aylett	MR	ED
Area rep	John Samson	LA	JW

7. **Any Other Business:**

- Tess asked members to contribute to the WhatsApp 'chat' group (rather than 'walks') to encourage others to use it to report on walks outside of the programme
- Sue is going to offer maps with walks of around six miles to help people to work out new walks. However, she said that repeated walks at a different time of year or in a different direction are welcome. Sue offered a large range of maps for members to borrow
- Sue thanked Tess for all her work as chair, which members of the committee really appreciate
- Next committee meeting 21.01.2026

Loughborough and District Ramblers LE06: Annual Accounts 2025-26

Main Account

Income & Expenditure Account for 12 Months ended 30th September 2026

Income	2025-2026	2024-2025
Ramblers Funding	370.00	234.92
Bank Interest received		
HF (Advert sales)		50.00
Ramblers Holidays (Advert Sales)		30.00
Total Income	370.00	314.92
Expenditure		
Walks Programmes inc. postage	0.00	0.00
Newsletters/Publicity inc postage	0.00	0.00
Campaigns/CaseWork	0.00	
Walk related	56.00	129.52
Gifts		0.00
other	0.00	
Engraving Trophy		0.00
Meetings inc. AGM	352.00	325.70
Total Expenditure	408.00	455.22
Surplus/(Deficit) on year	-38.00	(140.30)
Opening Balance	489.91	630.21
Closing Balance	451.91	**489.91**

Social Account

at the heart of walking

Income & Expenditure Account for 12 Months ended 30th September 2026

Income	2025-2026	2024-2025
		0.00
Buxton	740.00	0.00
Cotswolds		925.00
Ramblers Holidays (Donations)	110.00	130.00
Total Income	850.00	1,055.00
Expenditure		
		0.00
Buxton	831.30	0.00
Cotswolds		845.00
social	140.51	
other	17.50	
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Total Expenditure	989.31	845.00
Surplus/(Deficit) on year	-139.31	**210.00**
Opening Balance	1,071.05	861.05
Closing Balance	931.74	1,071.05

Accounts prepared by Treasurer Chris Rimbault; audited by Independent Examiner Michael Pearson
October 2026