

The Sheffield Rambler



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SHEFFIELD COUNTRY WALK

We have now received the new and updated version of the Sheffield Country Walk. It is in A5 booklet form with a glossy outside.

Apart from the unaltered fifty-four-and-a-quarter mile route (in ten sections) it also gives return routes for each section for those who want to make each section into a circular route (as in a previous edition). Perhaps as a bonus each section can give ideas on planning a walk, including figure of eight walks etc. It is also ideal for "armchair" rambling.

Photos courtesy of John Taylor.

Copies can be obtained on walks from me or from any other committee member who may be carrying a few copies. The cost is £2-00, yes two pounds.

Copies can also be obtained by post from me at:

334 Manchester Road. S10 5DQ.

Please send a cheque for £2-60, £2 for the booklet and 60p to cover the cost of postage and envelope.

**Terry Howard
Chairperson**



SPIRIT OF KINDER

This event will be held at Sheffield Town Hall on Saturday 26th April, 2014, starting at 2-30pm prompt. The event is intended to keep alive the "spirit" of all access campaigners who have given us so much. It is not intended to be retrospective but forward looking and building on that campaigning past.

Speakers will include, John Mothersole, Chief Executive of Sheffield City Council, who will outline Sheffield's commitment to our countryside; Bill Beven, archaeologist, who will explain the prehistory of Kinder Scout; three Woodcraft Folk teenagers, who will give us contemporary accounts of the forgotten Sheffield mass trespass - "The Abbey Brook Trespass"; Annabelle Kennedy of Sheffield Wildlife Trust, to update us on the Sheffield Moors Partnership and our own Kate Ashbrook, National President of the Ramblers Association, who will be looking at the issues and challenges facing walking in the countryside.

We will finish with the "Manchester Rambler" song lead by Neil Schofield and accompanied by Dave Sissons. There will be a few displays of outdoor material there. It may get rather busy as only 150 people can attend so get there early. AND IT'S FREE.

**Terry Howard
Chairperson**

In Case of Emergency Form (I.C.E.)

Following January's Committee Meeting, an 'In Case of Emergency Information' form is available. We are hoping everyone will fill one in, place it in a plastic cover, bag or wallet and attach it inside their rucksack.

The form is to be found on our website. Click first on 'Walks', then 'Walks resources', or you can use this link:

<http://www.sheffieldramblers.org/walksresources.php> .

If you click on the 'In Case of Emergency Form' it will download a word document. There are 2 forms on the page (1 A4 sheet) so if you print it out and cut it into 2 you will be able to give one to someone who doesn't have a printer.

In the unlikely event of an accident or illness, whilst you are out walking, the form will help others to contact the right people. It may also help emergency services if you are unable to tell them about any relevant medical history and conditions.

We would urge everyone to make use of the form and keep it up to date. It could give peace of mind in an emergency to say nothing of possibly helping to save your life or at least help to make sure you get appropriate treatment as soon as possible.

Val Coleman
Secretary

Changes to travel concessions

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You may have heard that there are to be major changes to concessionary bus passes. Starting in April, free travel on buses and trams on weekdays will start at 9:30am and finish at 11pm; train travel will no longer be included at any time. For the official details see:

<http://www.sypte.co.uk/media.aspx?id=3796>.

I have done a rough analysis of how this will affect us and, of the 171 walks in the database, about 65 are affected over the whole year (roughly 50 from April to the end of the year). Half of these are bus/tram times before 9:30 and the rest are train rambles.

The Rambles Committee will meet to consider the implications and what we can do about them. It may be possible to change the timings of some walks but bus cutbacks have already made some timings difficult. So far there has been no other news about changes to bus services.

Dave Jefferies
Web Administrator

PROGRAMME PROPOSALS

At the Exec. Committee meeting a number of decisions were made regarding the future of the programme.

With immediate effect

Information about walks will be emailed automatically each week to the Star and Telegraph. The information will be taken from the database so it will be accurate at the time of the email.

Please encourage members who are not on-line to ask for updates on walks and consult the newspapers for the listings.

Next year (2015)

1. We will retain the annual programme but it will start on 1st November 2014. This can then incorporate the October bus changes plus information about Christmas meal arrangements.
2. Shorter Walks (Walking Out) will be included in the main walks list.

In the future

Along with the 2015 programme members will receive:

- A. a request to send in their name & email address to be included on a local email list;
- B. details of how to request a three-monthly update;
- C. a consultation document that will give the committee the opportunity to find out from all members their views on the future of the programme. It will also allow us to find out if those members who don't actually walk are interested in receiving a programme and/or three-monthly updates.

Three-monthly update lists will be produced next year, as previously suggested, and will be available on-line and to print off. As we are continuing to produce and distribute a full programme, our costs will not be reduced and members who want a printed version of the updates sent to them will be asked to provide stamped, addressed envelopes at least during next year.

If, as a result of the wider consultation, we decide to change to a three-monthly version of the programme online, we will still be able to send out an annual publication. This will probably continue to give the general information found in the current programme along with some group news and, perhaps, one or two articles. It will, however, be a much smaller booklet and therefore, cheaper to produce. This should release funds for the three-monthly printouts to be sent to those who need them, free of charge.

Coach Rambles 2014

DATE	DESTINATION	COST
Sun 6th April	South Pennines [Hebden Bridge area] 0800 – coach leaves Arundel Gate [Howard Street]	£10
Sun 4th May	Lower Nidderdale 0800 – coach leaves Arundel Gate [Howard Street]	£10
Tues 10th June	Ilkley and Saltaire 0930 – coach leaves Pond Hill	£10
Sun 5th October	Hambledon Hills 0800 – coach leaves Arundel Gate [Howard Street]	£10

Susan Rushworth: Coach Rambles

