

# The Sheffield Rambler



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## Are you a publicist?

The Group committee recently discussed how we publicise what we do in Sheffield Group. We've already got lots of ways – for example, the website and this newsletter. And Terry Howard appears from time to time in the Star and Sheffield Telegraph.

But there is still a question of whether we do as much as we could to publicise our work. There are many, many local walkers who don't hear about what we do to maintain and protect the footpath network, and to get new rights of way acknowledged. If they knew more about what we do, they might be persuaded to join and support us. WE know that we're not just another walking group – but do enough other people?

It is some while since we have had a Publicity Officer, and we decided at the last committee meeting to see if there is anyone in the Group interested in taking on the job.

## We need you.

It wouldn't be starting with a blank sheet of paper. We already do quite a lot of publicity. But there is certainly more that could be done, such as getting more press coverage, perhaps local radio time, to let people in the city know about things like the new footpaths that we've secured, and what the Fix-it Group has done. And you might well have your own ideas about what you could do.

So, are you interested? There is support available from the Ramblers Central Office, and if you need to learn how to do things, they would help. You would also be supported by the officers and the committee, although, of course, you could shape the job to what interests you.

If this sounds like something that you'd like to do, please have a word with Terry Howard on 0114 266 5438, or email him at [chair@sheffieldramblers.org](mailto:chair@sheffieldramblers.org)

**Neil Schofield**



## Sheffield Country Walk

The booklet of this fifty-four-and-a-quarter mile walk is available from me by post at a very low cost of £2.60 (inc. p.p) or from me personally at £2.00. Please make cheques payable to Sheffield Ramblers. It was produced in partnership with Sheffield Ramblers and Sheffield City Council. It has been designed to be used on the walk or for just armchair rambling. Each of the ten sections has a return route given and may also be helpful to anyone wanting to plan a walk using part of the Sheffield Country Walk. A must for all walkers and ramblers. Cheap but not cheaply produced.

## New Bridleway at Wightwizzle Wood

We have a brand new and very useful bridleway through Wightwizzle Wood. It links up the bridleway through Old Booth Farm and down to Rushy Lane by Broomhead Reservoir. It is nearly one kilometre in length and opens up more walking opportunities for us. I am particularly pleased with this addition to our rights of way network as I have used the route for forty plus years. It was paid for by the "Paths for Communities" project and the work was carried out by the Steel Valley Project in partnership with Sheffield City Council.

**Terry Howard**

## Coach Rambles 2014 May and June

### Sunday 4th May:

The Pateley Bridge area of lower Nidderdale

Price: £10 per person

Coach leaves

Arundel Gate

[Howard Street]: 08.00

There will be an A and a B walk. The leaders will be Val Coleman, Janice Burton, Joan Taylor and John Taylor.

### Tuesday 10th June:

Ilkley and Saltaire

Price: £10 per person

Coach leaves

Pond Hill: 09.30

The walk leaders will be David Woodhead and Pat Langford

Neither ramble is fully booked. Terry Howard is taking bookings for the Tuesday ramble. I am taking bookings for both rambles. If you have never been on a coach ramble, give one a go. You will have a most enjoyable day out. Nearer the day, if we have not enough Ramblers members to fill the seats, we are more than happy to book friends who would like to walk with us or would like to spend the day at the destination i.e. Pateley Bridge or Saltaire/Ilkley.

**Susan Rushworth**

## Sighted Guides needed for Sheffield Visually Impaired Walking Group

Are you a regular walker who enjoys rambling around the wonderful countryside which surrounds this city of ours? If so – do you have time to spare 1 or 2 days a month to help other keen walkers who want to explore the countryside in the same way but who have a visual impairment and need the help of a sighted guide?

Sheffield Visually Impaired Walking Group organises regular rambles for visually impaired walkers. Each month there are four walks - an easy short ramble on a Tuesday, a 6 to 7-mile ramble on a Wednesday and a Sunday and a much more challenging walk on a Thursday. None of this is possible without the help of our sighted guides. But we are in real need of some more sighted guides to ensure that we can maintain our programme. If you think you might be able to help us, please contact me, Christine Hewitt, on 0114 2366685 or hewitt.c4@sky.com .

We usually suggest that potential new guides come out with us for a couple of times just to see whether you like us and want to join. Then we arrange for a half day training course to teach you how to guide VIPs. I hope I have caught your attention and I look forward to hearing from some of you.

Christine Hewitt

### Roy Bullen

It is with sadness that we announce the death of Roy Bullen. Roy was a long serving and very active member of the Group for many years. He was a former Area President and Vice-President and a committed access campaigner. An obituary was in The Star on April 4th and there will be a memorial ceremony at 2.30pm on Thursday 10th April at Dore Methodist Church.

## *Spirit of Kinder Day*

*To keep alive the spirit of the MASS TRESPASS on Kinder Scout on April 24th, 1932, the Kinder and High Peak Advisory Committee holds an annual *Spirit of Kinder* day.*

*Venue: Sheffield Town Hall.  
Date: Saturday, April 26th, 2014.  
Time: 2.30pm.  
Admission is free and all are welcome.*