

The Sheffield Rambler



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Sheffield Group Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held on Thursday 13th November, at 7.30pm prompt, at the Quaker (Friends) Meeting House, St. James Street, Sheffield.

Following the usual business of taking reports and election of officers the Guest Speaker will be Simon Wright, the Land Manager for the National Trust in the Peak District, who will give a presentation on "The Vision for the High Peak Moors" - the next 50 years and beyond. There will be time for questions and observations. This is not to be missed as it concerns all those moors we love and visit, including Kinder, Bleaklow, Alport, Derwent and Howden (and beyond). Hope to see you all there.

**Terry Howard
Chairperson**

Lost Ways - claim them or lose them

In 2026 all those paths and bridal ways we know of and use, as well as those we don't yet know of (research needed), will be lost forever if they don't have a status. Sheffield Group are wanting to get started on identifying these routes to claim them as rights of way. We have identified a few to get us started so evidence of your use of these routes is needed. Copies of these routes along with claim forms will be available at the AGM or from our Footpath Officer, David Woodhead. However, you must have been using these routes for twenty plus years in order to claim them. Briefly they are:- Ringwood Lane and Cow Gap Lane, Dungworth; Bents Lane Top, Dungworth; Woodend, Grenoside; Thickwoods Lane (top), Upper Midhope; Great Hollins Wood, above Oughtibridge (six paths); Wharncliffe Woods and Craggs from Ewden Bridge (several paths).

**Terry Howard
Chairperson**



And back in 1952So what's new?

Here's an extract from the **Footpaths' Survey** section of the *Sheffield Clarion Ramblers* booklet for 1952-53.

All Parish Draft Maps now being prepared, under the 1949 Act, are soon to be submitted to the County Council, which must complete these Draft Maps, and deposit them for public inspection, by the end of 1952. Unless scrutinised by ramblers, or residents, who know the districts intimately, and who are able to make representations to the Parish and/or County Councils where paths are omitted, or disputed by landowners, etc., we may lose important public footpaths for another generation! This work is necessary for the individual and community. We must be ready to oppose the omission of any paths by our prepared and presentable knowledge of history, fact and usage, or expect to lose as well as gain, from the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act of 1949. (Page 111)

So come along, put your

prepared and presentable knowledge of history, fact and usage

to good use and fill in some footpath claim forms: **Claim them or lose them!**

Linda Cooley

Rambles Programme

The programme for next year is now at the printers and will be available at the AGM. The programme runs this time from December 2014 to end of November 2015. Details of this year's Christmas walks will be included.

There are a few dates not filled for next year but we'd like to remind all leaders (and new leaders in the year to come) that walks can be added on line. Obviously these walks would not now appear in the printed programme but they would be on the website, would also be sent out nearer the time to all who are registered for updates and would be in *The Star* and *The Sheffield Telegraph* the week before the walk.

Judy Gathercole