



The 2021 Annual Report of the Sheffield Ramblers Group (SD3)

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Sheffield S1 2EW
starting at 7:30pm



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AGENDA

1. Chairman's welcome and opening remarks
2. Apologies for Absence.
3. Appointment of Tellers
4. Approval of the Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting
and any matters arising (The 2020 AGM was Postponed)
5. Adoption of the Annual Report for 2020/2021
6. Treasurer's Report – Adoption of Accounts for year ending September 30th 2021
7. Vote of Thanks to the Independent Examiner
And Appointment of Independent Examiner for the accounts ending Sept 30th 2022
8. Election of a) Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer
b) Other Executive Committee Members
c) Group Representatives on SYNED Area Council and other bodies
9. Agree which Officers will authorise Bank Transactions on behalf of the Group
10. Affiliations to Kindred Organisations
Recommendations are: CPRE; Peak & Northern Footpaths Society;
Friends of Kinder; the Peak District Green Lane Alliance (PDGLA);
Friends of the TransPennine Trail and the Open Spaces Society.
11. Any Other Business / Notices
a) Formation of a Walks Committee
b) Consultation on Bingham Park Cafe Proposals
(Please inform Chair/Secretary prior to start of AGM)

After the formal meeting and a short break:-
Andrew McCloy, Chair of the Peak District National Park
will lead a discussion on local countryside issues,
including the effect of Climate Change on our National Parks

ALL MEMBERS INVITED TO ATTEND & PARTICIPATE

(Please DON'T attend this meeting if you are feeling unwell or are suffering from the onset of the most common Coronavirus symptoms such as a high temperature, a new irritating & continuous cough or a change in or loss of your sense of taste or smell)
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Minutes of the Sheffield Ramblers 2019 AGM

Quaker Meeting Rooms Sheffield November 11th 2019

Acting Chair: Les Seaman
Secretary Malcolm Dixon
Guest Speaker: Paco Gonzalez

25 members were present with apologies received from Neill Schofield, David Cadet, Dave Jefferies, Judy Gathercole and Margaret Seaman.

In a break from tradition it was agreed to have our guest speaker on first.

Paco Gonzalez introduced himself as the Sales & Reservation Manager of the Ramblers Worldwide Holidays company - a trusted & specialist holiday company that worked all around the world apart from in Australia. Founded in 1946 when it was part of the then Ramblers Association. Split in the 1970's when the Ramblers became a charity but remain a close partner. RWH were a not for profit company with surpluses used to support various charities.

They relied on a team of expert & well travelled team of planners, reservation & travel specialists. Their first brochure appeared in 1947 when you could stay in the Alps for £5! They had developed since then and covered most of the world with their expertly led walks programmes split into 3 brands - Ramblers Walking Holidays, Ramblers Cruise & Walk and Adagio- the latter providing a more relaxing sightseeing & walking holiday.

Groups were kept to a maximum of 20 individuals, but could organise a holiday for a larger private group that wished to walk together. They aimed to provide a safe & secure holiday with like minded companions with all the planning done for you including the transport links, which now involved more rail rather than jet travel.

Their walks were graded 1-9 Easy upto Challenging, but most were 4, 5 or 6. A number had 2 leaders and were able to offer 2 differently graded walks most days. They aimed to have a walk for everyone and catered for special interests such as birdwatching, etc. Also organised walks in the UK. Had a house at Hassness at Buttermere in the Lake District. Also other centres and along a number of the long distance national trails.

The RWH Travel's mission was to generate funds for walking charities by providing outstanding outdoor activity holidays worldwide. Again split into 3 ideas - with Heart & Sole giving gifts to communities & projects abroad; Ramblers Holiday Charitable Trust which gave grants of money to specific outdoor projects (such as the Bradfield Paths Regeneration Project) and The Walking Partnership which returned money to nominated Ramblers Groups when someone books a UK holiday getting £10 pp, a short haul holiday netting £20 pp and a long haul holiday netting £30 pp to whichever Ramblers Group they had nominated to receive it - they didn't even have to be a member. Our Group had received £320 this way last year and £390 already this year.

Following some questions from members, Paco finished his presentation and was thanked for his interesting talk by the Chairman and given a round of applause.

Notice was given that Paco would be nailing RWH plaques to some of the refurbished Bradfield stiles the following day if anyone wanted to come along as part of a publicity photo opportunity.

Following a short break we moved onto the Group's AGM business.

Annual Report - A small printed booklet had been produced & distributed which included the Agenda, last year's AGM Minutes and brief reports from the Group's Secretary, Treasurer and other Officers.

The Minutes of the November 12th 2018 were approved and accepted as a True Record.

Moved: Terry Howard Seconded: Les Seaman

AGREED

Angela Coles was thanked for taking them.

There were no Matters Arising.

5) Reports:

Terry reported that we didn't have a footpath officer as such, but the Group was working alongside the other two Sheffield Groups helping to launch a Footpath Warden scheme and the Bradfield Path & Stiles Regeneration project, photos of which were on display in the lobby outside. Work on that had been done by Sheffield members, especially the FixIt team but also with members of the other Sheffield Groups and Rotherham Group, and he thought this relationship should and would be continued.

He was also proposing that Christine Whittaker take over as the designated person to receive DMMO proposals & liaise with the SCC in place of David Woodhead.

On **Access** there were concerns that we didn't lose access rights whatever came of the Brexit discussions and whatever legislation replaced the EU's CAP regulations.

Vigilance was always required & he highlighted a proposal to have a natural burial ground on open access land at Riggs Head near Stannington. (19/012774/FUL) Many objections had already been lodged and any more had to be in by November 28th. Cath MacKay added that this was first known application for a development on access land since the passing of the CRoW Act in 2000, so would be an important test case when it went to a Planning Enquiry. We obviously hoped it would be refused as letting it go ahead could alter the land's future status as access land as well as setting a worrying precedent for possible other developments on access land.

The Group's **Rambles Report** was accepted with a plea for more people to volunteer as walk leaders. Liz Savage reported that one of the Coach Rambles had to be cancelled due to a cycle race but there had been atrocious weather. Otherwise would have broken even.

Membership - Simon Gray highlighted that there were now 998 members in the 3 Sheffield Groups.

Public Transport - John Brightmore reported that Hulley's were now operating a half hourly X70 Chesterfield-Bakewell. May prove an alternative way to Bakewell when 218s were busy. Timetable leaflets were only available in Chesterfield or online.

Also highlighted a number of train cancellations, some possibly due to driver training issues. Problems getting Derbyshire Wayfarer tickets were highlighted. No longer for sale on buses, and only available in Derbyshire. Can't be bought on trains either only at ticket offices.

Visually Impaired Walkers - nothing to add apart from reporting that the formidable Betsy Wilson was still around although not as active. Also walkers were not just from Sheffield but also from Rotherham, Barnsley and even one from York and one from Retford.

IT & Website - nothing to add apart from the whole website design is being reviewed and we will need someone to take over running it once Dave Jefferies steps down in a year's time.

6) Treasurer - Jackie Knight only wished to highlight that we had spent £300 on tools for the Fix-It team - mostly for the Bradfield Paths Project but remained in stock in Terry's cellar. This had depleted our reserves somewhat but was likely to be a one off cost.

As already reported Coach Rambles had nearly broken even but we had a Self Funded Pot which covered any shortfall in this activity.

It was reported that the many other Fix-It tools were stored at various members' garages but they were listed and we knew where they were and would be made available again once we had a new Fix-It Coordinator and the team started working again. Jackie also repeated that if you, or even a friend, member or not, went on a Ramblers Holiday they should nominate our Group to receive money through the Walking Partnership scheme. We had received £320 this way last year and £390 already this year.

That the Annual Report and Financial Report be Adopted AGREED

7) That the Independent Examiner, Mr Wad Klos, be thanked for his services and elected to examine the accounts next year if willing. AGREED

8a) Election of Officers

Chairman - there were no volunteers and nominations.

EC would continue to elect a Chair at each meeting

Secretary - Malcolm Dixon proposed: Malcolm MacKay, seconded: John Taylor

Treasurer - Jackie Knight proposed: Terry Howard, seconded: Malcolm Dixon

As reported: Angela Coles, David Woodhead, David Cadet & Pat Langford were stepping down and were 'Thanked' for their services over the years. AGREED

8b) Executive Committee:-

Christine Whittaker - proposed Terry Howard AGREED

Christine Hewitt proposed Pat Langford AGREED

John Brightmore, Linda Cooley, Judy Gathercole, Simon Gray, Terry Howard, Dave Jefferies, Malcolm MacKay, Liz Savage, Neill Schofield and Les Seaman would continue to serve on the EC. AGREED

Anyone else who might be interested in joining the EC was invited to come along to a meeting and see how the EC worked. Wouldn't necessarily have a designated officer role. Dates were: Dec 2nd at 10:30am; and in 2020: Feb 17th at 10:30; April 27th at 19:30; July 6th at 10:30; Sept 14th at 19:30 and Nov 9th for AGM at 19:30. Also: Dec 7th at 10:30. All would take place in one of the upper rooms here at the Quakers Meeting Room.

8c) Judy Gathercole and Malcolm Dixon would continue as the Group Representatives on the SYNED Area Council. Their AGM would be on Saturday January 25th 2020 at the Victoria Methodist Church, Strafford Road, S2 2SE.

Les also attends as Area Access Officer, as do others as Members without portfolio.

9) Jackie Knight, Liz Savage and Malcolm Dixon would continue as signatories for the Group's cheques and to authorise any online banking payments.

10) Affiliations to other kindred organisations:

It was moved that we continue to Affiliate to CPRE, Peak and Northern Footpaths Society, the Peak District Green Lanes Alliance and the Open Spaces Society.

They assisted our interests and influence in the whole of the Peak District.

Moved: Terry Howard Seconded: Cath MacKay CARRIED

As we hadn't heard anything from the Friends of Kinder for some time and didn't know if it was still active, it was decided not to renew our affiliation this year.

11) Any Other Business / Notices

a) Terry Howard reported that a photo display of the various stiles that the FixIt Team & others had repaired was on show in the lobby outside. 34 (of 35) stiles had been completed, with Fixit's role being pivotal. A lot of money had been raised to cover the project's costs from various bodies and sources such as Ramblers Holidays and Bradfield Walkers Are Welcome. We now needed to publicise the work we had done to justify such money being raised and to show how it had been spent.

He therefore wanted to announce that a Publicity Event was to be held on Wednesday February 26th 2020 where we officially launch the Project. People would be invited from the various sponsoring organisations and from those who actually did the work.

People were asked to meet at the Bradfield Village Hall at 12noon for a picnic lunch. Trevor Bagshaw, Bradfield Parish Council Chairman, would welcome the guests and say a few words about the Project at around 1pm and it would finish around 2pm when we would disperse.

Two walks were being organised:- a simple walk from Worrall to Low Bradfield and a longer circular walk started from the Bradfield Car Park led by the Sheffield 40's Group. It was also hoped that the Sheffield Group's Wednesday Walkers would organise a walk that would incorporate the Bradfield Event. (Noted: many members would be at Patterdale that week) This would be an opportunity to get some positive publicity and to thank the Fix-It Team.

b) Members may be interested that at 18:00 on Thursday November 14th at the Showroom Cinema there would be a showing of a 90 minute documentary film called "Quiet Flows The Don" tracing the river from its source at Woodhead down to Goole where it joins the Humber.

Meeting closed at 20:56, with the Chair thanking everyone for attending on a fairly inclement evening and wishing them a successful year and safe journey home.

Minutes taken & written up by Malcolm Dixon (Nov 13th 2019)



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Secretary's Review of the Year Oct 1st 2020 to Sept 30th 2021

I'm pleased to say that Sheffield Ramblers Group has got through the 12 months since October 2020 although it has been difficult for many of us at times. We were then in Tier 3 and had to stay within South Yorkshire for our walks despite many of us living near the Derbyshire border and having regular walks there. We then had a two week 'fire break' lockdown when we couldn't even do that. That was relaxed for a short period only to be reinstated again just after Christmas and remaining in place until March, when we got the first of the Government's four steps to re-opening British society again.

These steps were made possible by the creation and widespread rollout of anti-Covid vaccinations with Members starting to get their first jabs by early February and their second around 12 weeks later. By April more freedoms were granted and although we were only going out in groups of six and had to pre-book with the leader - at least we were able to get out again. The Group celebrated by putting on a mini-walking festival during the week beginning April 12th with walks taking place every day to encourage people out. Some walks were repeated to give more people a chance to enjoy them.

However it has been a slow process since then. There have been fewer walks available for our members to enjoy since restrictions were lifted. This has been due to a number of factors. Some members were still hesitant about going out in large groups; others hesitant about using public transport; others unhappy about the extra burdens of either leading or going on a walk - having to book a place, having to be registered as a leader or having to fill out a risk assessment prior to the walk. None of these are onerous in themselves but together can be - and have been - off putting.

We have to accept that Covid is still with us and some restrictions, however minor, will remain for some time to come, especially as the number of infections remain high. Some restrictions such as limits on numbers and booking have mostly being relaxed and we have learned to live with many of the others such as mask wearing on well ventilated buses. Being, at least, doubly vaccinated has allowed many of us to feel more confident about going out again. We were even able to enjoy two coach rambles to Bolton Abbey in August and along the Yorkshire Wolds Way in September.

We all know that walking out in fresh air is good for you and safer than meeting indoors. We want to encourage more of our members to join us doing that. But we need more walk leaders to come forward to take us there and start filling up our walks programme again. Pre-Covid we usually had three months worth of walks planned but currently we only have had a few offered and most are going in at short notice, which is not always convenient. We are grateful to the relatively small handful of leaders who have put on the walks we have been able to offer but we do need more people to be involved in our walk leading, so we can offer a more extensive and varied programme.

Would YOU be willing to lead a walk for us? Are there routes you've discovered during those lengthy lockdowns last year that other people might find interesting and want to join you on? Or routes you've seen in books, magazines or online and would like to try? If you've never done it before and are unsure about what's required - don't worry! We can provide the necessary training and mentoring. You'll need to be registered with the Ramblers Central Office (which gives you insurance cover), you'll need to do a recce, possibly with someone else, and then fill out a risk assessment form - basically just a check list - which sounds daunting but really isn't, and we can help you with that too. Why not come out on one of our regular Tuesday, Wednesday or Sunday walks (and we are happy to try other days and times) and ask the leader what's involved. Alternatively get in touch with the Walks Committee or one of our EC members.

As well as walk leading, we also need people to help fix many of our paths. That might be lightish work - checking paths are clear & waymarked or cutting back vegetation, through to heavier work such as replacing stiles and gates or putting in steps. Due to Covid and cutbacks, the Council Rangers have not been able to do much of their usual work for the last 18 months. We can step up and help provide that assistance. We have previously

had our Fix-It Team of path volunteers who went out regularly to do particular projects. But lately that has mostly been done, when able to due to the Covid restrictions, by just two volunteers, Christine Whittaker & Steve Hughes. Our thanks for their efforts.

As well as the need to recruit more volunteers willing to "Fix It" we also need someone to take over coordinating these activities. Do get in touch if you're interested in helping with this.

A lot of our footpath work had to be put on hold during the lockdowns and restrictions although members continued to report paths being blocked to the Sheffield PROW people and they took what action they could given their own limits on time and personnel. We are pleased to say that St John O Donnabhain, a Sheffield 20's member, has come forward and offered to take over as our Footpath Officer. He has previous experience working on the Don't Lose Your Way and Slow Ways projects. It also good to see the three Sheffield Groups' Footpath Officers are getting together again to look at common footpath issues and problems.

Those of the Group's Executive Committee who could continued to meet regularly using Zoom to review the Covid situation and restrictions and to keep the walks programme & other activities available and going. By September we were even able to have a hybrid meeting with six of us in a room together and the rest joining on Zoom but it was a bit of a headache because of the technical problems using the new equipment. Hopefully that has been sorted out by now. Luckily we were able to continue our discussions using emails, phone calls and when out of walks.

I am grateful for the support I have had from my EC colleagues over these difficult months. My thanks go to: Stuart Bloom, John Brightmore, Linda Cooley, Judy Gathercole, Simon Gray, Christine Hewitt, Terry Howard, Andy Irwin, Dave Jefferies, Malcolm MacKay, Jackie Knight, Liz Savage, Catia Sciamanna, Neill Schofield, Les Seaman and Christine Whittaker - for all their work, assistance & companionship over the last twelve months. We still don't have a regular Chairman but rotate the position around the EC. It might be useful to have one person doing it in future. Having a Minute secretary would be useful too.

A couple of those EC members stepped down during the year and a number of the others have indicated they wish to step down at this AGM (and would have done earlier if it wasn't for Covid) and others wish to give up their current roles. We are all grateful for all the work they have done over the years helping steer the Group forward. However, it now means we need new people to put themselves forward and take over from them. Could YOU be one of them? Please consider it.

The EC meets roughly every two months through the year, with possibly additional time and discussion done via emails or when out on walks. Our first Meeting after the AGM will be Monday December 6th at the Quaker Meeting Rooms starting at 7:30pm.

Dave Jefferies is one of those intending to step down at the AGM. He was and is instrumental in designing and operating the Group's website and online walks programme for the last few years. His imminent departure means we have had to look at designing a new website and deciding to move to using the national Ramblers Group Walks and Events Programme (GWEM) sometime in the next 12 months. That work was initially done by Catia Sciamanna and latterly by Stuart Bloom who is using a Ramblers.Net Joomla template used by many other Ramblers Group. An outline of what is planned for the new look website is given later and we hope to be able to show his "work in progress" at the AGM.

Nationally we shall be seeing the Ramblers sporting a new logo and branding and with its own new websites for members and providing assistance and guidance for Group and Area volunteers.

We shall continue taking the Sheffield Ramblers Group forward – promoting it and the joys of walking in and around Sheffield and its delightful urban green spaces and countryside surroundings. Please enjoy your walking – whether with us or on your own or with another group.

Malcolm Dixon, Group Sec (secretary@sheffieldramblers.org)

RAMBLES REPORT 2021

What a year we've had!

Last year I closed the rambles report saying: "It looks as if it will be a long time before we can get back to a normal programme but we'll keep you up to date with any changes or curtailments and hope we can get back to normal as soon as possible."

Well, as far as restrictions are concerned we are pretty well back to normal now, though it took a good while! And, while some leaders and walkers preferred until recently to walk in smaller groups, most walks over the last few weeks have had no limit on numbers. We even managed to fit in a couple of coach rambles which I think people really enjoyed – it was good to get out together again.

I hope we can continue to build the programme, and numbers on walks, over the coming months. Our Christmas meals are in the planning stage as I write so look out for details on the website soon or ask when out on walks. Again, it will be good to get together and celebrate as usual.

As ever, we could do with more walks leaders as, especially on Sundays, the same few people are leading a lot of walks. Our walks also tend to be quite late going in to the programme and this is especially true of Sunday walks. I think those who are leading on Sundays sometimes wait in the hope that someone else will enter a walk! Could any of you step up?! If this sounds ungracious, it isn't meant to be and we really are very grateful to those who keep our programme running. The more people who can lead even one or two walks a year the less the burden will fall on a small group of leaders. It is a long time since we ran any leaders' training courses or navigation courses. If you would be interested in some kind of training please let us know and, if enough people would like to, we can arrange a course.

Finally, this will be my last report as I am stepping down as rambles secretary at the AGM. So far, we are still looking for my successor – PLEASE - could it be you?!!

Judy Gathercole

RAMBLERS FIX IT REPORT - 2021

I am afraid the Fix It team has been much diminished since Jan Randall retired, and the tasks undertaken have been basically that of path clearance. However, keeping an area of paths clear has been beneficial for many walkers, and for the Sheffield Footpath's Officer whose staff is now much reduced. The areas that were allocated to the group were footpaths around Bradfield, Stocksbridge (including Hunshelf Bank), Bolsterstone and Langsett.

Although very little work was carried out during the beginning of the Covid shutdown, there was a lot of path clearing required in preparation for this year's Sheffield Walking Festival. Unfortunately, by then the work was quite difficult as the paths had not been maintained for a while, and of course there had been very few (if any) walkers on many of the paths. Those walkers that we did meet whilst working on the footpaths were very complimentary, which was encouraging.

And it wasn't all bad, we always managed to find a nearby cafe for a mid day treat!

Christine Whittaker

MEMBERSHIP REPORT 2021

At the beginning of October 2021, Sheffield Group SD03 membership stood at **515** members (in October 2020 the membership was 513). The membership secretary's hope that new members would be attracted was borne out with thirty seven members joining during the year, as well as some reinstated and transferred into the group. Recruitment in the early summer months was particularly strong with fifteen new members joining between the beginning of May and the end of July.

Membership within the three Sheffield groups, and nationally, has been maintained.

Simon Gray, Membership Sec

ACCESS REPORT 2021

We have again managed to encourage many more people into the countryside this last year. The pandemic has made the open moors a safe place to be and therefore attracted more people to use them.

There has been much more publicity and discussion on the environment and the great benefits of the countryside for both recreational use and sustainability of the planet. A lot of the focus in our region has been on the Heather and Peat moorland within the Peak District, moorland management such as heather Burning and water retention schemes have denominated this conversation.

The Government have put forward several proposals since leaving the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) such as Environmental Land Management Scheme (ELMS) which includes, improving Access, planting trees and hedges. Due to the Pandemic and changes in Government personnel we still await firm proposals.

Locally there have been no major changes of land ownership and the Sheffield Moors Partnership are now being more proactive on moor management.

Moorland closures for land management and other restrictions (i.e. No Dogs on Midhope, Hallam, Bamford and Strines moors) have not changed these last 12 months.

So let's continue to enjoy the open moorlands and stride out through Heather and Bracken. Enjoy Your Roaming.

Les Seaman Access Officer

THE PUBLIC TRANSPORT REPORT 2021

Bus and Rail services have returned to near normal levels since most Covid 19 restrictions were lifted in July. However suddenly in September a national Bus Driver shortage was announced and reduced timetables were implemented on some routes in Sheffield and elsewhere on 1st November. So please always check the relevant websites and timetables before travelling.

The X57 and 257 services to Ladybower and over the Snake Pass have proved very useful and Hulley's are to be congratulated for introducing them. But the X57 has had problems due to road blockages and diversions and both these services are operating reduced timetables due to the alleged Driver shortage.

For people who do not have (or do not want) Internet access the lack of any printed information is appalling and I fear that Operators and Transport Authorities will try and use Covid as an excuse not to bring it back. Any mention of the excellent Peak District Timetable books has disappeared from the Derbyshire CC website and printed information in the Sheffield Travel Centres is nil which given the track record of SYPTE is not surprising.

Please note that Derbyshire Wayfarer Tickets can only be purchased from Sheffield Rail Station on the day of travel and are no longer available by post from Derbyshire CC.

On the trains Northern Rail were planning on bringing back paper Timetables from December 19th but this is not now happening. This matter is being taken up with Northern management.

On the Penistone - Huddersfield Line Platforms were lengthened for 3 coach trains to be operated but only 2 coach ones have appeared due to cost reductions imposed by the Treasury. The User Group for the Line are actively looking into this.

The long promised capacity improvements to the Hope Valley Line around Dore & Totley Station have finally started but we won't see the outcome for some time. Members report that the ticket machine on this busy station is often out of order for weeks on end.

Still no news on the possibility of new stations along the Sheaf Valley corridor or services along the line upto Stocksbridge, although a viability study is promised for the latter. There was no news or support for HS2 Northern Leg or East-West TransPennine Line improvements in the recent Budget. Money is promised for the refurbishment of the Supertram system but not for any extensions to the network.

Let us hope for better news and improvements in 2022

JOHN BRIGHTMORE - PUBLIC TRANSPORT REP.

The New Website

We are in the process of redeveloping our website based on a template system that is already used by a large number of Ramblers groups. Why are we doing this?

- To modernise the look and feel of the site
- To bring our presentation in line with National Ramblers and other Ramblers groups
- To take advantage of some functional elements that come with the common template
- To use a standard set of tools that will facilitate ongoing management of the site

The site will include the following key features

- A 'Home' page with details about our group, the types of walks we do and the benefits of joining – this is our 'shop window' page which users will see when they access the site
- A section about our walks programme, with links to our current schedule of walks and to the national 'Walks Finder' system, plus a few other useful features
- A section for walk leaders giving access to guidance materials and resources
- A gallery area for photos
- News, weather, local transport services and other bits of useful info
- A section for other enabling activities we do such as paths access work and the work of our 'Fix-it' group
- Contact details for our officers and committees
- Links – other local Ramblers groups, retailers giving discounts, other walking related organisations

Stuart Bloom, Website Developer

Treasurers Report - year ended 30th September 2021

We did not draw down any funding from Area this year as we had adequate monies for the groups limited needs and were delighted to receive a legacy from a past member of £500.

Our year end balance is £1,176 (main account £1,016, self-funded £160) a decrease of £360 over the previous year (main account -£130 self-funded -£230).

Total receipts were £1,376 and total payments were £1,736.

We received a legacy of £500 from a previous member Carol Walter: "*give and bequeath to the Sheffield Group of The Ramblers the sum of £500 towards their work on access issues and on encouraging new people to take up walking*".

We spent £165 on producing and delivering the annual report.

Subscriptions to other organisations (CPRE, PNFS, OSS) totalled £138.

Hire of a room for two face to face Committee meetings totalled £198.

Group administration costs of web hosting charges and postage/envelopes to send out the Area Annual Report to members totalled £201.

We paid out £1,000 on two coach trips and received £770 payments (after accounting for parking charges of £64 at Bolton Abbey) having accepted that we would fund an inevitable short fall this year from our self-funding pot which now has a balance of £160 at year end.

Sales of Sheffield Country Walk booklets amounted to £76.

The remaining stock of 55 has been written off as there has been a reprint overseen by Area.

We received £30 from Ramblers Walking Holidays in respect of member' bookings.

We have agreed to accept a basic allocation (based on member numbers) of £608 from Area for 2020/21.

Jackie Knight, October 2021

Sheffield Visually Impaired Walking Group

The Sheffield Visually Impaired Walking Group, Was perhaps hit the hardest when the Pandemic was declared, due to the Social Distancing Rule. We were unable to hold any of our organised walks because we could not guide our Visually Impaired/Blind Members.

We were shut down from March 2020 until June 2021 when our walks programme re-started. Since then we have been able to have our 4 scheduled walks each month.

It isn't just the walks we missed, it was the Social Interacting with one another as well. When we re-started we made the walks shorter and quite easy to give our members the opportunity to "Ease" themselves back in.

Our Annual Walking Holiday to Kendal in 2020 had to be postponed however The County Hotel Kept it open for us and we went to the Lakes this year in September and it was fantastic, everyone enjoyed it.

To date we still haven't had our AGM which again has been postponed. We are hoping it wont be too long before we do. We will be having our Christmas Walk and meal soon, so that it something to look forward to.

We are still attracting new members, visually impaired and sighted guides which is pleasing.

All the best for your AGM, and thank you Ramblers for your Team Leaders that lead our members on fantastic walks. Kind regards **David Cadet, SVIWG Chairman**

South Yorkshire & North East Derbyshire Ramblers Area AGM

We hope you will be able to join us and fellow members of our many other local Ramblers Groups and Affiliates at the **2022 SYNED Area Annual General Meeting** on **Saturday January 29th 2022 starting at 2pm.**

This will be a physical AGM at the Crookes Social Club, Mulehouse Road, Crookes, Sheffield S10 1RD

We shall look back over the last eventful twelve months and also look forward to the next hopefully less fraught twelve months.

We shall consider the Area's Annual Report and Financial Statement.

All Area Officer and Area Council positions will be up for election.

We shall be selecting our Area Delegates to the 2022 Ramblers General Council

This is your chance to participate in the good governance of your local walking organisation and help it keep moving forward in these difficult times.

More details on the SYNED website :- <https://synedramblers.org.uk>

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Provisional Date of Sheffield Ramblers Group (SD03)

2022 Annual General Meeting:

Monday November 7th 2022 7.30pm

at the Quaker Meeting House, St James Street, Sheffield