



Coalville Group - Annual report 2022

We have had a very successful year with an increasing membership and well populated walks programmes with good attendances. A number of new initiatives for the group were introduced, and some social activities resumed.

At the last group AGM we had 210 members which has now increased to 241. This clearly makes us the second largest group in the Area.

Our walks programme continued with the traditional Wednesday and Saturday/Sunday walks, which are generally between 7 and 12 miles, but were supplemented by a regular Thursday walk of 5-6 miles. The Thursday walk is classed as a more leisurely walk, and has been very successful in attracting new members, and providing a regular walk for those existing members who are unable to manage longer walks.

The walks programmes also included a joint walk with the Lutterworth group and walks as part of the YHA Festival of walks event.

In January we launched our Facebook page, which has also been successful in attracting new members, as well as proving popular with our existing members. Regular postings promote forthcoming walks, and most walks undertaken have a post walk posting with photos.

As well as the Facebook page, the group is regularly promoted in various local magazines.

In April we held a Walk Leaders Workshop providing advise to members who were interested, but hesitant at becoming a Walk Leader. Majority of those who attended went on to lead walks during the year.

We had two coach outings, one to the Birmingham canals in May, and one to Stratford-upon-Avon in October. On both we were blessed with nice weather and were well attended.

We had our group AGM in November, at which point our Chair and Walk Programme Co-ordinator stepped down after many years of office. Fortunately, we had willing volunteers to step in and join the committee. The committee meet every other month.