

Leicester & District Ramblers Group – Report to Area 2022

With the Covid restrictions being relaxed, the walks programme was expanded during the year with the programme including 350 walks, up from 260 in the previous year. Numbers on the weekly morning walks gradually increased to pre-pandemic levels, and the new 4mile walks attracted increasing numbers. These new short walks appeal to new members who are unsure of their ability, and older members who are slowing down. The longer walks on Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday are very popular among the more energetic folks. The coach rambles were started again, but did not attract the expected attendance. We think that Covid was the main reason for this low turnout. Hopefully we will get a better attendance in 2023. Membership has increased from 407 to 413. Due to the skill and effort of our Programme Secretary and our Webmaster, we have made big strides to move completely into the digital age. We have also dispensed with filing our walk records on paper, storing them on line. Our Footpath Secretary continued his efforts in solving problems by again reporting over 100 incidents to the County Council. Several members have noticed significant improvements in styles, bridges, etc. due to his efforts. Our publicity efforts have continued with several interviews being broadcast on Radio Leicester.

At our recent AGM the Chairman Terry Bates, and several key committee members stood down. The New Chairman, Mike Goodrich, intends to promote the health aspect of walking. There are some key positions on the committee still vacant, and efforts are being made to fill these asap.

Mike Goodrich

Chairman - Leicester Ramblers 23rd November 2022.