

Rutland Group - Report for 2022

This year has seen the group get back into the swing of regular fortnightly Sunday walks, after the uncertainty of the pandemic, with numbers on those walks averaging 20 to 25. Membership remains stable at around the 140 mark.

Sadly, two of our members have died suddenly in recent months - Keith Busfield, committee member and publicity officer, and Sue Bispham. They are much missed.

On the social front, members enjoyed an annual lunch back in the spring at Rutland Water Golf Club, and more recently, an excellent afternoon tea at Launde Abbey. This followed one of our regular Sunday walks - and our 'bare bones' AGM.

Rutland Ramblers has, in the last year, invested in a number of items for the benefit of its members, including additional first aid kits for walk leaders, the training of four of our walk leaders in First Aid skills (with the support of Lutterworth Group), and the purchase of a pair of 'walkie talkies'. The latter are made available to walk leaders and their back markers, and are proving very useful.

Finally, as a proactive group, we continue to make our voice heard on various local planning applications that potentially affect Rights of Way, including the current controversial Mallard Pass Solar Farm proposal in east Rutland and Lincolnshire.

Michael Gillon (Secretary - Rutland Ramblers)