

Leicester & District Ramblers - Chairman's Report 2024

This has been mainly a successful year and we now have our biggest walks programme ever, with a walk on every day of the week but Monday.

Our walks now cater for those who want a short leisurely stroll (4 miles) to those who want an energetic hike (15 miles). We also have a programme of 'car free' walks.

I believe that the total number of 350 walks in our annual programme is the most comprehensive in the country.

There is also no doubt in my mind that we have the best website, due to the diligence and skill of our webmaster.

All this would not be possible without the hard work of the committee, and the work organisers, who rely on the support of many walk leaders. Our success is due to an amazing team effort by all. I would like to thank everyone for their support.

5 committee members will not be standing for next year. Bob Collins, our treasurer, has been a safe pair of hands, and we are grateful for his many years of service. Also, Ray Phipps has been a very reliable membership secretary for many years. We will also miss the many words that have been emitted by our Publicity Secretary Dave Wheeler. Although John Stafford has only filled the Records Officer slot for two years, he has worked very hard to digitise the signing on process. We have been impressed by his determination to get Ramblers HQ to answer his questions. Also, Eileen Pott has decided not to continue as coach secretary.

We have also encouraged our members to take advantage of the map reading and first aid courses on offer.

There have been several well attended social events, with positive feedback from those who attended.

We look forward to a successful and enjoyable 2025.

Mike Goodrich

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