

Report to Area 2025: COALVILLE RAMBLERS

Our group has been very active this year with holidays and day trips.

In December, 33 of us attended our annual Christmas meal which was held at The Birch Tree in Coalville, organised by Geoff Branton. We held a raffle and raised £83 for our social fund.

In January, 14 turned out in the freezing cold for a Sherry evening at The Priest House where we got together to talk about ideas for future events for the group and to socialise.

4 of us attended the Area AGM and annual walk at Wing in Rutland where we could network with members from other Ramblers groups from area.

As the funding continued for First Aid training, we had 4 more attend in January and April and they all completed the training and gained certificates. Unfortunately that funding has now finished but Lutterworth are still offering training dates and there are other places, like the Red Cross that offer it free.

4 more did some training with The Red Cross recently and reported back that the training had some issues and some of the advice was incorrect, so I think we will just use training through Ramblers in the future.

In April, our 4 night holiday to Eastbourne was attended by 24. A variety of walks were put on, using local buses and taxi's on one day as it was Good Friday and the bus we needed wasn't running! The weather was windy but kind to us. The iconic Seven Sisters walk was the highlight and other walks around Jevington, Alfriston and East Dean were included. Some of us joined in with a pub quiz one evening with the locals which was good fun.

In May we organised a day trip to Dovedale using several cars. 20 attended and completed an 11 mile walk.

August came and a coach ramble to Upper Hulme and the Roaches was arranged with 26 attending. Some from the Loughborough group joined us and we were rewarded with some fabulous views.

Exmoor and Minehead was our next holiday which was a self- drive and organised by our treasurer David Jackson. We mostly stayed in The Premier Inn and did a variety of walks, coastal, Dunkery Beacon circular and then a drive into the heart of Exmoor to Tarr Steps on day 3. The weather was generally mild and no rain which was a bonus. 21 came along and group meals were arranged.

1 week ago, it was our turn to host the Area Quiz night. 8 teams of 4 participated with a very good quizmaster and once again Loughborough was the winning team!

Area Rep report.

I represented Coalville Ramblers interests at 3 Area Executive meetings and at the Area AGM along with 3 other Coalville members.