

Area AGM 2025 – LRWG report

LRWG's membership figure continues to hover around 100. We still have a limited programme of walks and as always we encourage new leaders to come forward.

LRWG has been using Meetup.com as a platform for a numbers of years, but we have decided to leave Meetup at the end of December and move to a new platform, Klubraum. Meetup has served us well as a way to promote our walks but in other respects it is less than ideal and we feel that Klubraum will serve our needs better from now on. We will also ensure our programme is visible on our own website and on Ramblers Walk Finder, and we intend to make more use of Facebook too.

There are changes afoot on our committee. Kirsten Wood and Barney Jones are stepping down; thanks to both of them for their efforts on our behalf. Mark Hewitt is stepping down from the role of secretary but intends to stand again in his other roles of Footpath Officer and Area Rep. John Walwyn joined the committee at our last AGM as website administrator, and Lee Charlesworth is standing for election as walks programme manager.

Finally, I hope to revive group weekends away in 2026 with a weekend in the Peak District.

And as always, my thanks to my committee colleagues and to all those who lead walks for the group. It is your efforts that keep the group going.

Rob Jones, Chair of LRWG

Expected committee for 2025-6 (subject to confirmation following AGM on 30/11/25)

Chair – Rob Jones

Treasurer – Phil Vose

Secretary – vacant

Footpath Officer – Mark Hewitt

Walks Programme Manager – Lee Charlesworth

Website Administrator – John Walwyn

Area Rep – Mark Hewitt