

Area Secretary Report – December 2023

As the year draws to a close, reflecting on my 3 year tenure as the Area Secretary for the Leicestershire & Rutland Ramblers brings immense joy and fulfilment. Serving this vibrant community of outdoor enthusiasts has been a rewarding journey where everyone shares a deep appreciation for the beauty of our natural surroundings.

Throughout the past year, the groups have organized numerous memorable hikes (and I still haven't managed to attend a single one! Oh to be retired!) which have fostered a unity among members who share a passion for exploration and a love for the great outdoors.

The role of Area Secretary has allowed me to witness the positive impact the Ramblers activities have had on individuals, promoting physical well-being and mental rejuvenation as well as on the protection of our natural environment. The dedication and enthusiasm of our members including our Area Reps has been inspiring.

As the year concludes, I express my deepest gratitude & thanks to all Ramblers for their participation, passion, and commitment and especially to our Area Exec Committee for your friendship and patience! It has been an honour to serve as your Area Secretary, and I look forward to observing another year of your adventures and following the continued growth of this thriving community.

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