

Ramblers Leicestershire & Rutland Area AGM 2024

Chair's Report

First of all I would like to thank my fellow Area Committee members for all their efforts over the last 12 months on behalf of Leicestershire and Rutland Area. From my position as Chair I see how much work they put into their roles, and on behalf of all Area members I express my gratitude to them.

Still on that theme, I'm sad to report that Area Secretary Katherine Hardwick has decided to step down from her role at the AGM. Katherine has been a key member of the Area Committee for 3 years, keeping us organised by scheduling meetings, circulating agendas, taking minutes and maintaining contact between Area and groups. Katherine's hard work and organisation will be missed.

I'm also sorry to say that our Communications Officer Georgina Sear is stepping back from the social media and mailout parts of her role, although she has kindly offered to go on editing the Area website and support the groups with the administration of their websites as before. Georgina has put a lot of hard work into her role during the 5 years she has been on the Area committee.

Thank you Katherine and Georgina for all that you have put into your respective roles.

I'm pleased to note that the groups around the Area continue to be very active, so thanks to all of you who give up your time for your groups, whether as walk leaders or as committee members, or indeed both! And of course to all members in the Area who continue to take part in their group's walks and activities.

Finally I would encourage all members in the Area to think about becoming a walk leader or taking on a committee role if they don't already do so. Some might find it a daunting prospect but existing leaders and committee members are always happy to offer advice and guidance, and Ramblers training material can be found online too!

And of course I am now entering my third and final year as Area Chair, so over the next 12 months we need to find a candidate for the Chair's position.

Looking forward to a successful 2024-5 for Leicestershire & Rutland Ramblers.

Rob