



Annual General Meeting 3rd November, 2018

This is to give notice that the Annual General Meeting of the Hampshire 40+ Walking Group will be held in the Gilbert Room of the Twyford Parish Hall, on Saturday 3rd November, 2018, commencing at 2.30 pm. Access to the Gilbert Room will be possible from 2pm.

The AGM will be preceded by a short walk from nearby Shawford starting at 10:30 am, and by refreshments from 2:15pm.

As per the Constitution, the committee, comprising the Honorary Officers and ordinary committee members, stand down at the AGM. All are eligible for re-nomination/re-election.

The Officers and Committee cover the following roles of which only the Officers (*) need be appointed by the AGM. Unfilled roles may remain vacant or may be filled by other members co-opted at the discretion of the committee.

Chair *

Secretary *

Treasurer *

Membership Secretary

Walks Coordinator

Deputy Chair

Footpath, Access and Walking Environment

Area Representatives (max 2)

Social Secretary

Trips Away Coordinator

Press and Publicity Officer

Web Master

Ordinary Committee Members (without specific responsibilities)

HAMPSHIRE 40+ WALKING GROUP



Annual General Meeting Agenda

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Apologies for absence**
- 3. Approval of last year's AGM minutes¹ and any matters arising**
- 4. Presentation and approval of the Annual Report**
- 5. Presentation and approval of accounts²**
- 6. Election of Honorary Officers, Committee members and independent examiner**
- 7. Any other business**
- 8. Q&A**
- 9. Close**

¹ See Addendum #1

² See Addendum #2



Annual Report 2017-2018

This report covers the period October 2017 to September 2018

Chairman's Report

I'm very happy to reflect on another year when everything has run smoothly. The Group has been able to enjoy its usual varied programme of weekend walks, made the most of the fabulous summer weather and sunsets with regular evening walks, and benefited from opportunities for trips away and socials. As last year I'd like to thank all of you for helping us to have a successful year. New members always say they feel really welcome and we're such a friendly group. So hats off!

As you know the Group wouldn't exist without its volunteers and that's perhaps most true of our walk leaders. My thanks to them all, whether leading as "regulars", "new regulars" (particularly encouraging) or less frequently. Every contribution is appreciated. I must also thank all members of the committee for their work and support. As is required, all members of the committee stand down at the AGM, but may seek re-election. I thank all of them for their support and involvement and I particularly thank Carol for three years on the committee - she has decided not to stand for re-election this year. I also thank Terry and David for representing us at the Hampshire Area Council meetings this year; one year is apparently enough!

It has been a particularly busy year behind the scenes. We've had to do some paperwork for GDPR, work out how to switch the website to its new home (which is centrally funded), and process new guidance from Ramblers central office. We also finally got ourselves organised to design and purchase some "business cards" which have been well received and are already proving their worth! We've also had 17 membership or similar enquiries to the info@ email. And of course there's an on-going commitment to monitor, moderate and communicate through our associated Facebook group.

Happy walking !

Stephen Cocks

Social

Our Christmas Party 2017 was spent at the Holiday Inn, Winchester. A very enjoyable evening with thanks due to Richard and Viv for organising. At risk of forgetting something there was also a pre-Christmas meal organised by Jamie, a Curry night organised by Rakhee, and a cinema/meal evening organised by Hasna.

In more recent times seven members accepted an invitation from Meon Ramblers to a Barn Dance in Gosport, and we look forward to our Christmas Dinner Dance 2018 at Botleigh Grange, organised by Mandy, and Jamie and Hasna's pre-Christmas meal at the Railway Inn.

We are always happy to support anyone willing to help organize such events, whether individually or as part of a "sub committee".

Treasurer's Report

Final accounts will be available at the AGM.

The finances of the Group have continued to be maintained in a satisfactory fashion.

The finances of the Group are divided into two elements, firstly main income & expenditure in support of the Ramblers objectives and secondly income and expenditure related to social activities e.g. Xmas party, social events.

Main expenditure during the past 12 months has been very modest. Given the Ramblers guidelines for levels of Main Reserves held (which should be no more than 40-100% of anticipated expenditure) and in the absence of any significant anticipated expenditure the Committee decided to return £500 back to the local Area Ramblers and to decline the annual Ramblers Grant (of approximately £250). We retain ample funds to fund anticipated expenditure in the next 12 months.

The Social Fund account has over the last 12 months seen transactions supporting the Xmas parties of 2017 and 2018 and the Lyme Regis meal. At the year end the associated bank account is carrying a healthy balance, the majority of which will be used in November to pay the balance of the 2018 Xmas party where only a deposit of £10 per head has so far been paid.

Neil Elder

Membership Report

Membership within Hants 40 group has remained at a consistently healthy level this year. Hampshire Ramblers reports the membership for October 2018 as 176 which is up by 2% from last year, an achievement as members who have resigned/left have been replaced by new members.

Business cards produced by the committee have assisted in communication thus encouraging new walkers to join the group.

Carol Ransome

We also encourage any Ramblers members assigned to other groups (and in particular to “No Group”) who now find themselves mostly walking with the Hampshire 40+ group to reassign their “Home Group” via the Ramblers web site.

Walks Programme

Another successful year of walks, aided as always by a small but dedicated group of walk leaders. I'd like to mention particular praise for the excellent and varied summer evening walks lead by Elaine and Phil. Making the most of the wonderful weather and offering shorter walks than our normal weekend offerings.

The change of website initially created an unforeseen issue with there not being a provisional calendar. However the introduction of the Facebook schedule has alleviated this since its introduction in June, thank you Lorraine for nagging me to come up with this solution. It has also given me a chance to reflect on the number of walks the group has run. Taking July to September, 3 months inclusive, we had 29 walks totalling 290 miles ... anyone want to do the maths on the average length! This suggests that the group has had something in the order of a hundred walks or more since the last AGM 😊

The introduction of GDPR presented some personal data challenges but the guidance from Ramblers has helped. To date I have nine completed expression forms and we have a work around for the website

in the event of a leader submitting a walk having not completed their expression form.

Since taking up this role my mantra has been to always ensure we had at least one walk a weekend. I'm pleased to say that this has been the case, the exception being one weekend this year when the snow intervened.

In an ideal world I'd like to see more walk leaders to lessen the load on those that do more than their share, even though I'm sure they enjoy it 😊 Also a walks program which is published further in advance would aid those attending, both new and old, plan their diaries thus swelling attendance.

All in all a great year, all thanks to the volunteer walk leaders.

Steve Nicholas

Trips Away

This year we've enjoyed weekend trips to the Cotswolds (April), Lyme Regis (June) and Wiltshire (August). All were well supported with the Lyme Regis trip, in particular, proving popular with 30 walkers taking part. The formula of choosing a location and date, and everyone sorting out their own accommodation in B&B, cottage, or camping seems to work well, and the Saturday evening meal option is also becoming a regular event.

In 2019 we may have trips to Pembrokeshire, Quantocks and perhaps the Lake District.

AOB Topics

- Walk start times
- In Case of Emergency
- AOB

Q&A

2017-2018 Committee Members

Chair	Stephen Cocks
Secretary	Mandy Norris
Treasurer	Neil Elder
Membership Secretary	<i>Carol Ransome</i>
Walks Coordinator	Steve Nicholas
Area Representatives	<i>David Morris, Terry Jones</i>

2018-2019 Committee Election

All committee members stand down at the AGM and then are eligible for re-election, along with any Ramblers members who would like to volunteer for any of these posts.

We're always looking for new walk leaders to enable us to maintain our very full and varied programme of walks. Injuries and other personal commitments mean that a number of our experienced walk leaders are not able to lead as often. You do not need to be able to read a map (although it is a useful skill) as full training and mentoring is available to any volunteer new to walk leading.