

RAMBLERS TRAFFORD GROUP

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT

AGM Thursday 19 November 2020

Membership numbers (by payment method) as of 31 October 2020 were;

Annual	183
Concessionary	30
Monthly	25
Life	1
Pending payment	5
	TOTAL; 244

This compares with 236 members at the last annual report in 2019, a increase of 8 members over the year. As is usual there have been minor fluctuations as some member's payments lapsed and some movement to/from other Ramblers groups.

Covid-19 impact;

During the pandemic there appears to have been an increased awareness of the benefits of outdoor activity, specifically walking. Despite the ongoing restrictions in numbers of walkers RTG had 18 new members join in the period July to October in contrast with just 4 between March and June.

The website and Facebook pages have helped to raise the group profile and have attracted enquiries about accessing group walks. The newly formed members Whatsapp groups have also been invaluable in keeping walkers in touch with each other during the pandemic.

Membership Secretary admin changes;

Membership information is now accessible to the Membership Secretaries at group level from the central Ramblers databank with daily updates.

Membership changes to the group are updated locally monthly with all new members being sent a personal welcome email from RTG.

I would also like to extend my personal thanks to Angela Hilton, our retiring Chair, for her input to the group over the past 10years. In addition to her role as Chair she has led walks for both the Thursday and Saturday groups and has always had a warm welcome for new walkers.

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RTG Membership Secretary

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