

Trafford Ramblers Annual report 2022-3

We have continued to have a successful year of varied activities. Our walks programme consists primarily of Moderate Walks of 7-10+ miles on Thursdays mostly within an hours drive of Trafford. Luckily this stretches from the Peak district to North Wales, Staffordshire to Lancashire/Yorkshire. Our fortnightly Saturday walks are more local and of 4-5 miles and are very well supported. They continue to be well managed by Sheila and Lesley. In addition we also have occasional walks on Mondays usually on our programme.

We now have an annual Mince Pie walk in December, a Thursday one and a Saturday one. And we now have an annual shorter walk and meal which first started with the 10th anniversary celebration walk and meal

This year in May we stayed in Keswick for 3 nights with a varied programme of 5 walks and an evening meal which proved so popular that we are repeating this next May.

The new Ramblers walks manager has proved a challenge for our walks coordinator due to teething problems but also design difficulties..

Our Footpath secretary June Mabon retired at the end of 2022. She was one of the founding members of the Trafford group in 2010, and has worked tirelessly maintaining and improving footpaths in Trafford. She organised regular monitoring of Trafford footpaths, reported both to the group and the council and organised and lead footpath maintenance teams. She was recognised by the Ramblers and has previously won the Presidents Volunteer award. June's most recent success occurred in 2023. Because of her work over many years a path became officially recognised as a right of way adjacent to the Bridgewater canal. An article in Autumn Walk magazine page 12 describes the triumph.

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