

Ramblers Trafford Group

Secretary's Report for year ended 30.09.2023

I have attended 3 of the 4 Greater Manchester and High Peak area meetings held during the year plus the AGM.

June Mabon's successes with PROW and bridlepath recognition in Trafford were acknowledged at the Area meeting in July.

Attendance has been much lower this year so there has been less opportunity to hear how other groups organise their programmes. Nonetheless this remains a useful aspect, and includes initiatives aimed at carers and refugees. It is also clear that there is a shortage of volunteers for footpath maintenance in most groups.

GM Ringway is complete with online resources now available. We are considering offering a RTG walk that follows the section of the Ringway that falls within the Trafford boundary in the coming year.

A number of issues have been raised in recent meetings including Don't Lose Your Way and The What About Walkers - Campaign 24. RTG members have been advised of opportunities to attend briefing meetings. The final draft of the Ramblers Refreshed Strategy is currently being circulated.

Unfortunately, due to the accommodation available, Area meetings will in future take place on Thursdays. This obviously clashes with the RTG walks programme so may impact upon our representatives' attendance at Area group meetings in 2024.

Jan Moore

5 November 2023

Secretary, Ramblers Trafford Group.