

Trafford Ramblers AGM 2023

Walks Coordinator report 1 December 2022 - 30 November 2023

As ever my thanks go to the stalwart group of walk leaders who enable us to enjoy lovely walks every week throughout the North West. More leaders are always welcome - please let one of the committee know if you are interested in leading a walk.

Our walks this year:

- By the end of November 2023, 17 walks leaders will have led 70 weekday walks. We have walked in Greater Manchester, Derbyshire, Lancashire, Staffordshire, Yorkshire, Cheshire, Merseyside, North Wales, and Cumbria. In addition 27 Saturday Strolls have been led by Lesley, Sheila and Kas (see report below).
- There has been at least one walk every Thursday apart from one walk in January and one in March which were cancelled because of hazardous weather conditions. There were 7 Monday walks led by David W, Andy, Terry and Neil. Outside our usual walking routine, Christine led a walk at Ingleborough in July, and David W led some strenuous walks around Edale, Hayfield and Castleton.
- The group held a very successful walking festival in May based in Keswick organised by Kath and Phill supported by several walk leaders. There were a variety of moderate and strenuous walks on offer. We would like more walk leaders for the 2024 festival so do please offer if you can. Committee members can help with routes.
- Numbers on walks have been good, typically in the mid-teens, with 20+ on some walks. It is a balancing act to offer walks of sufficient variety to suit all walkers but where there is a 'high moderate' or strenuous walk we have tried to offer a less demanding walk on the same date.
- Pre-booking and a brief risk assessment have become the norm.
- There have been some issues with the new Ramblers Walks Manager system particularly specifying the precise start point of walks by postcode, grid reference and What3Words.
- Starting in December we are trialling some monthly Saturday walks aimed at members who cannot walk during the week and Strollers who would like a longer walk.

Rosie Hurley

Saturday Strollers report

The fortnightly Saturday Strolls led by Lesley, Sheila and Kas remain very popular. The 4-5 miles circular routes are flat and easy, local to Trafford and take around 2 hours. The strolls generally start from venues where walkers can have lunch together after the stroll.

There are regularly 25+ attendees, who continue to pre-book a place on the walk via a dedicated email address: rtgstrollers@yahoo.com.

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