

Trafford Ramblers Report 2024

I must first sadly have to report that June Mabon died earlier this year. She will be sadly missed both as a founding member of our group but also as our footpath secretary. She monitored with her inspectors the public rights of way in Trafford, fought for recognition of rights of way and with her maintenance team helped keep the public footpaths open.

We have continued to have regular weekly Thursday walks of 7 to 12 miles in Cheshire, Lancashire, Wales and the Peak District. And our fortnightly Saturday walks of 4-5 miles in or closer to Trafford continue to be very popular. They are organised by Sheila and Lesley with occasional assistance from other walk leaders.

In addition there are irregular additions to our walks program. We have trialled some longer walks on Saturdays, have walks on other weekdays in addition and recently this summer had 4 mile evening walks. You need to check our website for these or any other walks added at short notice. More recently we have went to Grassington with an overnight stay, walking on the Thursday and Friday. Similar trips may be organised.

Our Thursday Christmas Mince Pie walk and annual walk and lunch have become a regular events. And our Saturday group have a regular summer cafe walk and Christmas Lunch.

This year we again went to the Lake District in May, to Keswick. we had a programme of Monday to Thursday with an shorter introductory walk on the Monday afternoon. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday we had 3 walks, leisurely, moderate and strenuous each day. On Wednesday we had a group booking to the Theatre and a group meal on the Thursday evening. Again the trip was very popular and enjoyed by all and plans are being made to go to the lake district again next year.

I must thank the members of our committee for all there work in organising activities this year and particularly our walk leaders without whom we could not exist.

Richard Longbottom
Chair Trafford Ramblers