Broxtowe Ramblers

OFFICERS' REPORTS for 38th AGM 2026

CHAIR – Tony Bowman

No report received.

SECRETARY – Trish Jacobs & Dinah Northall

TJ continues to keep appropriate contact with committee members via email when she receives information which needs distribution and/or attention from our group. Due to health and family issues TJ has decided to step down from this post at the AGM.

DN creates agendas, takes minutes of meetings and keeps track of actions assigned to committee members. Recently she has been liaising with the Peak District National Park regarding changes to annual car parking permits which we have purchased on behalf of the Group for use by walk leaders.

TREASURER – Wendy House

Main funds

This year the Broxtowe Ramblers received the basic allocation of £315 from CO towards our main funds. We have requested the basic allocation again for 2027 of £325. This is based on £105 per group + £1.15 per member. We have also received donations totalling £100 from RWH travel Ltd.

We have paid out £372 for 17 walk recce claims. Intially they were capped at £20 per recce but we have recently increased the cap to £30. We hope to continue at this rate for now. Other main fund expenses this year include, £60 towards the costs of first aid training for 4 members. £80 for the renovation of Lew's bench. We also spent £78 on renewing our annual Peak District parking for walk leaders to use.

Self funds

Our group has been on 2 holidays this year and a social outing involving a walk and pizza.
Most of the transactions in the bank account were for these events.
At the end of this financial year (30.09.26) the group has a closing balance of £714.01.
£196.53 in it's main funds and £517.48 in it's self funds.

John Stroud is examining the accounts, this is the 21st year he has volunteered to do this. I'd like to thank him on behalf of all the members for taking the time to do this, it is very much appreciated. I've attached the end of year accounts, a simpler version is available if any one wishes to see them.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY – Ralph Middlemore

At the end of September 2026 we had 188 members, this is 11 members fewer than this time last year. Overall, the Nottinghamshire Area has 2,228 members. The table below shows how the membership is distributed around the county.

		13.07.26	13/10/26	Net gain	Boundless*
NE01	Newark	178	183	5	0
NE02	Nottingham	325	329	4	3
NE03	Retford	81	78	-3	1
NE05	Worksop	70	69	-1	0
NE07	Rushcliffe	287	280	-7	0
NE08	Broxtowe	184	188	4	5
NE09	Gedling	145	145	0	0
NE10	Mansfield & Sherwood	166	169	3	0
NE11	Southwell	78	79	1	0
NE14	Collingham	39	41	2	0
NE15	Vale of Belvoir	90	87	-3	0
NE50	Notts Derby Walking Group	209	218	9	0
NE51	One Step Walkers	208	206	-2	1
NE70	Robin Hood Way	3	3	0	0
NE96	Not in a group	165	156	-9	10
	AREA TOTAL	**2,228**	**2,231**	**3**	**20**
	NATIONAL TOTAL	108,844	108,885	41	5,924

WALKS COORDINATOR – Colin Tucker

Sadly Colin Tucker has had to stand down from this post due to health issues. Ralph Middlemore and Andy Carr have kindly stepped in to ensure walks can continue to be published on the Ramblers website through the Walk Manager.

WEBMASTER – Colin Tucker

Since Colin had to stand down the Group website has become out of date. Ralph Middlemore has managed to do some essential work including posting the AGM documents. We should welcome a new Webmaster.

WELFARE OFFICER – Trish Jacobs

Trish Jacobs has had to stand down from this role. Wendy House has continued to send cards on behalf of the group to those members with health or other problems.

SOCIAL SECRETARY – Liz Carr

As a group we are aiming to organise social events which fit alongside our walking programme. We have several events planned into the programme:

Wreath making - 28 November
Tollgate brewery walk and visit - 06 December
Nottingham City Blue Plaques and literature tour, visiting The Bell for Xmas refreshments - 23rd December.

We tried to plan a visit to the **Wolds Vineyard** at the end of summer, but unfortunately could not get the minimum quota of people committed at that time. However, as there was positive feedback, the visit will be considered again, for the following year. Hopefully, we will get 10 people, who will commit to a spring tasting session, and any numbers above that will be a bonus.

Other events which we are looking into:

Nottingham City Ghost walk - late January
Guided Mystery Adventure walk - date to be discussed.

AREA REPRESENTATIVE – Keith Jacobs

Area Council has found it difficult to function as efficiently as it usually does as it has lacked a Rights of Way Secretary for some time. Any member interested in taking on this role is welcome to apply. Please contact any committee member, who will forward to Area Secretary. The Notts Area AGM will be held at Epperstone Village Hall on 7th February 2027 (hosted by Southwell group).All members are very welcome to attend.

Central Office of Ramblers nationally has proposed a number of quite profound changes to the constitution of the Charity which may result in restructuring of Area and our groups. Broxtowe voted recently (along with a large form). The decision nationally will be made at an Extraordinary General Council meeting on 21st November.

I am standing down from this post and so a vacancy exists for Broxtowe's Area rep. The position involves attending four Nottinghamshire Area Council meetings through the year. These commence at 6.30pm at the Bilsthorpe Miners Welfare (in Bilsthorpe !). Broxtowe's views can be expressed and Area Rep is expected to keep the rest of the committee informed about County wide (or national) developments, through brief reports and attendance at our committee meetings. Please let our Chair (Tony Bowman) or Minutes Secretary (Dinah Northall) know if you might be interested.

GROUP HOLIDAYS REPORT TO BROXTOWE RAMBLERS 2026 AGM

Eastbourne

We had 30 members go on the group holiday to Eastbourne, from both the Broxtowe and Erewash Ramblers. We stayed in the Imperial Hotel in Eastbourne. The accommodation and meals provided by the hotel and the coach travel were excellent. There was a longer walk and shorter walk scheduled for each of the three walking days, and all of the walks took place. We would like to thank Dinah Northall, Richard Coupland and Claudia Gathercole for leading the walks on the holiday. The walks were very popular and well attended, with more members opting for the shorter walks. The weather was inclement on the first day, but thankfully it improved day by day and we enjoyed a nice sunny day on Friday. The local bus services were great, and we all managed to get to our destinations in a timely manner, on buses leaving just after 9.30 am. Some of the members arranged their own outings to Brighton and Hastings, and a good time was had by all.

Elan Valley

We had 29 members go on the walking break in the Elan Valley. We stayed at the Elan Valley Lodge that was in the heart of the Elan Valley Estate, we had exclusive use of the Lodge and we enjoyed a range of walks that all started from the Lodge. We had walks on all days of the break and we had two guides who provide a range of walks that suited everyone's abilities. The terrain is very varied with lakes, woodland, mountain and moors and we were blessed with good weather.