

Mendip Ramblers Annual General Meeting 2017

Held at Gurney Slade on Saturday 28th October

- 1 Members were welcomed and apologies received from Mary Birchall, Peggy Fortunati and Mary Dadley.
 - 2 The list of members present is attached
 - 3 The minutes of the last AGM were accepted as correct
 - 4 Chairman's address.
 - 5 The treasurer's report was given and is attached, Peter Gatenby proposed and Les Stather seconded the adoption of it.
 - 6 Mrs Simpson was appointed as auditor for 2018.
 - 7 Appointment of Committee Members. Mike Plaskitt was reappointed Chairman. Proposed by Martyn Hart and seconded by Peter Gatenby.
 - 8 Tony Dyson was reappointed Treasurer and Janet Morland secretary. The other committee members for 2017-8 are Mary Davis (membership) Brian Underwood (footpath officer for west Mendip), Les Stather (footpath officer east Mendip and web master) Peggy Fortunati (Programme coordinator), Mary Dadley (publicity), Jane Dyson (socials) Martyn Hart (festival coordinator) Catherine Fitzgerald, Colin, Mo Bennet and Nancy Moynihan.
- Officer and sub-committee reports.
- 9 Mary Davis gave her membership report.
 - 10 Les Stather gave his footpath report.
 - 11 Peggy gave her report.
 - 12 Mary Dadley reported that publicity had worked for the festival and it attracted a number of new walkers.
 - 13 There were 2 socials in 2017, a BBQ at Holcombe and the Christmas Meal at Orchard Leigh
 - 14 There was no report from the working party, they continue to put in stiles and bridges and help to keep our footpaths open.
 - 15 Spring Holiday in Torquay 2018. 50 places booked and there is a waiting list. 8 walk leaders will be needed.
 - 16 Mendip Walking Festival in 2017 was in Butleigh and was a success. The next one will be in Ditchat. Kevin will shadow Martyn for it as this will be the last festival that Martyn will organise and Kevin will take over for 2019. Gus proposed thanks to Martyn for the festival and Tony Dyson seconded this.

Mendip East Footpath Officer Report for AGM 2017

SM 18.4 Oakhill

An altercation between a landowner and walker on SM 18/4 at Oakhill was reported to me. The walker had already informed the police of the physical assault that had allegedly taken place.

I informed SCC rights of way who informed me that this was a civil matter for the police to deal with. I also took advice from Carl Earl, Area Footpath Officer, who agreed that we did not need to do anything.

The locked gate issue on SM 7/53 Doultong

The following response was received from Clare Haskins

No, I have taken no action on this one as it is very low priority. I don't particularly want to spend money opening this route as it goes through very wet woodland – not exactly easy walking. The landowner is welcome to apply for a diversion if he/she wishes but it would not be instigated by us as there is a viable well used alternative available at the moment.

Footpath diversion at Norton St Philip FR11/15 and FR 11/16

This has been approved. We did not object as it was due to a housing estate being built and the diversion is fine.

Walking In the fields near Critchill and Gibbert Hill Frome

People have been walking their dogs along a track behind Critchill School into the fields. There is an article in Frome Times - 11th May 2017- requesting people to contact Duncan Bardsley who is looking for "Evidence of Use" so he can get it dedicated as a path. I have written to him stating that he may have a problem if people have simply been getting access into the field and walking around it. A path has to go from point A to point B. This issue seems to have gone cold

Access to the Coffin Trail Coleford

Bridleway FR 4/67 was created some years ago. There used to be a stile off the road at the bottom of the hill where it crosses the stream. This used to be the main access to FR 4/67. Paul Gilson has put a case forward stating that a stile onto the path at this point should be reinstated. I have written to Clare to see if the modification for the bridleway included stopping up the access from the road where the stile was.

It transpired that this stile should never have been there as the path is a bridleway.

Clare reported As the route is a bridleway there was no question of replacing the stile – if anything was to go there it would have to be a bridle gate and as the bridleway exits through the field gate it was considered unnecessary and would also constitute a danger to encourage horse riders to exit onto the road on a corner

I informed Mr Gilson, after consultation with SCC ROW, that the only way he could get a stile replaced here would be to get the row downgraded to a footpath and that would be impossible as the horse riders would object.

Lost path in Shepton

Bob Berry gave me the paperwork behind a claim for a lost path from Waterer Way to Compton Road in Shepton Mallet. I have checked on the interactive map and this has been registered as a claim ref 738M.

FR 14/75 The Lighthouse Tytherington.

The official diversion mirrors the path we walk

WN4/6. North Brewham

Carl Earl has told SCC that a S130 will be issued as we have been waiting for a report from Claire for 10 months. Carl has been asked to chase up this as an urgent matter

SM 4/11 Cranmore Station

No objection to the proposed footpath diversion

Mendip Ramblers Statement of Accounts as at 30/09/2017

Opening balance 01/10/2016

Restricted Funds	£1,617.44	Workparty Donation	£979.44
		Ramblers Holidays	£270.00
		Book Sales	£368.00
Self-Funded	£4,922.17	Holiday pre-payments	£2,650.00
		Holiday Residuals	£2,262.65
		Social Residuals	£9.52
General Funds	£243.79		
Total	<u>£6,783.40</u>		

Income

Area Funding	£403.16	4 of 4 quarter payments
Ramblers Hols	£40.00	
Deposit Interest	£0.00	
Fundraising	£350.25	Walk festival donations
Holidays	£9,830.00	
Socials	£1,079.52	
Work Party Donation	£400.00	
Book Sales	£50.00	
Total Receipts	<u>£12,152.93</u>	

Expenditure

Courses	£0.00	First Aid course
Walking Festival	£0.00	Hall Hire etc
Festival Prog/Publicity	£7.20	
Programmes	£454.55	
Tools	£229.92	
Work party costs	£160.00	
Trailer Insurance etc	£108.76	
Meeting/AGM Costs	£14.30	
Admin	£42.97	
Holidays	£9,972.80	
Gates donation	£283.00	£283.00 From Ramblers Holidays
Socials	£1,055.00	-£24.52 From Social Residuals
Total Expenditure	<u>£12,328.50</u>	£498.68 From workparty donations

Funds as at 30/09/2017

Restricted Funds	£1,325.76	Workparty Donations	£880.76
		Ramblers Hols	£27.00
		Book Sales	£418.00
Self Funded	£4,803.89	Holiday pre-payments	£1,010.00
		Holiday Residuals	£3,759.85
		Social pre-payments	£0.00
		Social Residuals	£34.04
General Funds	£478.18		
Total Funds	<u>£6,607.83</u>		

At bank	£6,830.83	
To bank	£60.00	
Awaiting presentation	-£283.00	
Total	<u>£6,607.83</u>	£0.00
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