



News Bulletin March 2025

Bury Ramblers 50th Anniversary

- The group intend to organise a series of walks to celebrate the 50 years since the formation of the group. Refer to the website for further details later in the year.

Bury Ramblers 2024 AGM

- Meeting was held at The Old White Lion Public House, Bury on December 10th, 2024, at 8pm
- Present: Caroline Knights, Jim Byrom, Simon Holder, Ed Husband
- Apologies: Malcolm Chester, Stewart Brady, Edgar Ernstbrunner.
- For details of the minutes see [The Bury Ramblers website](#).

Club News

- It is with great sadness that we report the death of Reg Norris, who passed away on Sunday 15th December 2024. All our Sympathy goes to Reg's, family and friends.
- Membership numbers remain steady at about 170.
- Caroline Knights has taken over from Simon Holder as the group membership and minutes secretary. Simon was the club secretary for 15 years. The club thanks him for all his work over the years.
- As we have no coach organiser, no trips have been organised since the outbreak of Covid in 2020. Therefore, it has been decided not to organise anymore coach trips. The cost of hiring a coach has increased significantly and it is unlikely we would be able to fill the coach as the number of members attending walks has decreased. Also, we don't have enough leaders willing to lead the walks.
- Due to the high cost of postage for sending out Area Walk booklets and AGM notifications; all future correspondence will be sent by email for members with email addresses. For members with no email address, they will still continue to receive walk booklets by post. We encourage all members to register an email address with Ramblers to help reduce the cost of postage. For those

members who would still like to receive the walk booklet by post please contact the club secretary.

- Note that the new venue and day for committee meetings is The Two Tubs public house in Bury, held every 2nd Wednesday of the Month at 8pm. Members are encouraged to attend.
- We continue to run a guided walks on most Sundays which are usually attended by about 10 to 12 members with an increasing number coming from other Ramblers clubs. But due to injury the number of walk leaders available to lead walks has fallen. Therefore, it has been decided to run guided walks every two weeks instead of weekly. Hopefully, this is only temporary, and will avoid large gaps in the walks programme and allow the remaining leaders to plan their walks better.
- We continue to run a rolling programme, which will inevitably lead to gaps in the walks programme.
- Ramblers now require that all new walk leaders need to complete a training course in order to lead walks. This comes in the form of three modules which have to be completed online. It's not very difficult to do and we would encourage anyone who would like to lead walks to contact The Walks Organiser for more information.
- On 1st Dec. 2024, 15 walkers met at the Pack Horse Inn at Affetside for a short walk around the Bradshaw area near Bolton. After the walk a total of 25 people enjoyed a Christmas meal at Pack Horse Inn. [See Website for photos](#)

Footpath News

- A footpath at Bottoms Hall Cottages, Tottington has finally been re-opened after being closed for over 4 years. Public footpath TOT19 was closed by Bury Council in August 2020 due to the collapse of the culvert next to the footpath. After 4 years of fruitless correspondence with Bury Council by Bury Ramblers Footpath Officer, Edgar Ernstbrunner, to re-instate the footpath, the footpath was finally repaired and re-opened after Bury Council were threatened with Court action. [See Website for photos](#).
- On 24th Sept. 2023 Bury Ramblers organized a guided walk to celebrate the installation of Redisher Wood Steps, which were a joint project funded by Ramblers, LDWA (Long Distance Walkers Association) and Bury Council, and also to promote a section of the new GM Ringway Trail (a 186 mile circular trail around Manchester). 14 walkers completed the walk which included members of Bury, Rochdale, Coach Rambles and Manchester and Salford groups together with members from LDWA. [See Website for photos](#).