



Bury St Edmunds Ramblers

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Winter 2020 Newsletter



Dear "Bury Ramblers"

A huge thank you for your continuing support for Ramblers, with special appreciation to those of you whose usual enjoyment of our group walks and events has been affected by Covid-19 restrictions this year and, as always, to those of you who are not active walkers but who, through your subscriptions, help to support the work of Ramblers in protecting rights of way and defending the beauty of the countryside for the benefit of all.

– and a very warm welcome to new members.

We are delighted that we are now able to restart group walks again, whilst taking steps (literally!) to protect the health of our members and our community, and we look forward hopefully to more normal times ahead of us during the coming year!

Sadly of course we will not be able to get together as we would do usually for our annual Late New Year Lunch, but we will be looking at the possibility of a summer alternative perhaps.

Plans are currently going ahead for our April Break 2021 based in North Wales, and I am so pleased that we have been able to rearrange our IOW trip in 2022 for which details are enclosed.

Please see enclosed minutes of our recent AGM for other updates, which are also on our website including reports given in full.

With kindest good wishes to you all, especially those of you for whom this year has been especially difficult, and for whom this Christmas will be very different, and wishing you all a happy and healthy New Year,

Rosie

Chairman, Bury St Edmunds Ramblers



Welcome back to Ramblers walks!

When out walking with friends or family (not a Ramblers group) the "rule of 6" applies across all 3 tiers of restrictions in England, BUT Ramblers are exempt from this restriction, having met the protocols, and put in extra measures to reduce risks of Covid-19 – and a letter of explanation can be held for reference if required.

We have also obtained a quantity of Ramblers pin badges, which can be worn on jackets or rucksacks by anyone taking part in our group walks – available on request, at no cost, from committee.

Whilst our group walks are allowed to take up to thirty people, we are generally setting lower limits to help manage physical distancing, both at meeting points and during walks – and those limits are included in our walks descriptions to give everyone the opportunity to make an informed choice before booking.

Smaller group sizes means that walks are quickly filled, resulting in some inevitable disappointments of course



and we are indebted to those of you who are already "going the extra mile" in leading walks for others,

but

PLEASE

may we encourage others of you
who are looking to take part in a group walk
to also consider leading a walk as we go into 2021!

This is a great time to start leading walks
(and a great way to guarantee a place on a walk!!)

Your walk can be offered at short notice, and doesn't have to be a new walk! Do have a chat about it with Julia, Dave H or Gavin.

Handing over:

"Happy Retirement" Carole... and an enormous thank you for all you have contributed to the life of Bury Ramblers as our Group Secretary for 10 years!

Carole was "presented" with a boot planter at our Zoom AGM as a token of our appreciation.



...and "Welcome to Chris", as our newly appointed Group Secretary, pictured here with Carole on a recent "handover walk" –

Chris has been a key member of Bury Ramblers for several years, leading many of our walks, and supervising our Group Facebook – thank you Chris and good wishes in your new role.

Although there are encouraging positives as we go into 2021, ongoing uncertainties in respect of Covid-19 continue to make it impracticable to resume our usual paper programmes, where plans might need to change at short notice, but it's been good to see those of you not online accessing walks through others – and we will continue to send out regular newsletters.

If you have an email address PLEASE DO SIGN UP, if you haven't already, for emails to be sent to you – helping us to help you! Just click on "Sign Up" link in "Updates" box on our home page.