

**THE RAMBLERS**  
**LEICESTER & DISTRICT GROUP**  
**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**  
**Saturday 21st November 2015**  
**at The Linford, Newtown Linford.**

The AGM was preceded by a morning walk of approximately 5 miles led by Terry Bates and then we enjoyed a buffet lunch. A talk was given by Peter Tyldesley, Land Agent & Surveyor to The Bradgate Park Trust. Terry Bates thanked Peter for his very interesting and informative talk.

**MINUTES**

**Present were:**

Terry Bates (Chairman), Howard Watmore (Vice Chairman & Area Rep), Bob Collins (Hon. Treasurer), Dave Siddons (Programme Secretary), John Rhodes (Coach Secretary), Ray Phipps (Membership Secretary), Anne Bates (Minutes Secretary), Jenny Freeman (Map Librarian & Statistics), Howard Freeman (Publicity Secretary & Website Manager). Dave Bell, Shirley Bell, Bernard Underwood, David Utting, Glenn McPhail, Jed Sturman, Diana Baxter, Diane Grocock, Ray Grocock, Graham Reeves, Ian Gamble, Janet Jones, John Hancock, Avril Hobson, Tom Merry, John Owen, Linda Owen, Marcus Broughton, Chris Grant, Marilyn Grant, Rosemary Stokes, Marilyn Pile, John Howells, Mike Ross, Sheila Rollason, Simon Rollason, Rachel Hooke, Mark Woodall, Chris Bancroft, Brenda Greer, Mary Rooks, Mike Godfrey, Mike Goodrich, Paul Dimmer, Penny Bates, Tom Merry, Bryan Ulyett, Andy Burnett, Linda Phipps, Peter Tyldesley, Juliet Youngs, Bob Law.

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Phil Freer (Hon. Secretary), Frank Russell (Social Secretary), Cynthia Bolland, Maria Dimmer, Janet Reeves, Anthony Richards, Ruth Richards, Bob Preston, Julie Hart, Carol Underwood, John Somervill, Charlie de Podesta, Mary Cooke, Alan Mawby, Brian Jeffs, Neil Walton, Teresa Walton, John Jackson, John Talbot, Judy Souter, Larissa Barker, Jenny Fox.

**2. Minutes of the Previous AGM**

These had been circulated, and were passed *nem con*. Proposed by Mary Rooks, seconded by Howard Watmore.

### **3. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

Mike Goodrich pointed out that last year's AGM minutes were proposed by Howard Watmore, who was not present at the AGM meeting in 2013. This was an incorrect procedure.

At the AGM last year David Utting asked if it would be possible to put the pub postcodes on the programme. Dave Siddons answered that it is not possible, the principal reason is that it involves more work and is unnecessary. If anyone really wants a postcode, they can get it by going on to the Ramblers website, where it is provided automatically from the map reference we give them.

### **4. Chairman's Opening Remarks**

Terry Bates welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked those present for turning up. 38 ramblers joined the walk this year. 50 present at the AGM. Terry asked if everyone was still happy with the AGM format of walk, talk and food - everyone is very happy and want it to continue.

John Owen asked Terry if it might be possible to arrange a Bradgate Park Rangers Ramble for the next AGM, Terry will make enquiries.

Once again Dave Siddons has produced an excellent AGM report, many thanks to Dave for all his hard work in producing this.

John Jackson is standing down as Footpath Officer. Terry asked if anyone was interested in taking on this post.

Leicester Group hosted the Area Quiz in October. There were 17 ramblers from Leicester, 17 from the other 7 groups, making 34 plus the Roy Denney the quizmaster. Leicesters' team of Dave Bircumshaw and Charlie de Podesta were the winners.

A Posh Pie Night took place on November 13th at Beaumanor Hall. A very enjoyable evening, 33 attended and helped me to celebrate my 73rd birthday. Ruth and Anthony Richards organised this event and as it was so successful they have already booked another evening on February 19th.

Other social events planned for 2016 are:-

Leicester Group Quiz Night - March 18th at The Linford, Newtown Linford.

Skittles Night - April 9th at the Rose & Crown in Thurnby.

Our membership has increased by 11 new members, this is a rise of 2.4% which is a lot better than the national average of minus 0.2%

Terry thanked the committee, the sub-committee and the walk organisers. Thanks to Brenda Greer for her work as Assistant Map librarian. Also many thanks to Mary Cooke for distributing the programmes.

Terry reminded everyone that they are welcome to use The Linford at any time.

## **5. Treasurer's Report**

Bob Collins, the Treasurer, presented his accounts for the year ending September 30th 2015

Howard Watmore asked if money received from Ramblers Holidays and leaders' expenses could be put into a social fund. Bob said that monies from Ramblers Holidays have to be treated as donations and cannot be diverted into a social fund. Leaders should claim expenses and donate the money rather than actually claiming money. This boosts leaders' expenses in total and shows Central Office more of the true cost of running the group (if everybody actually claimed expenses the total would be over a £1,000!) and would also allow us to keep a higher bank balance (up to a maximum of 80% of expenditure). Donations can be designated but only for charitable purposes (social events should be self-funded).

Bob can justify the cost of food for the AGM as we do not have to pay room hire.

The accounts were passed *nem con*. Proposed by Mary Rooks and seconded by Chris Bancroft.

## **6. Other Reports**

All reports were made available to members present.

Linda Owen thinks that our website is excellent.

Mary Rooks commented on John Jackson's Footpaths report, regarding the carrying of secateurs on our walks. Mary wishes that more leaders would carry secateurs on their walkouts, so that they could clear any overgrown areas around footpaths and stiles.

Mike Goodrich is considering taking on the Footpaths Secretary job. Mary Rooks gave Mike a printout of the job description from the Ramblers website. Mary stated that 4 1/2 hours a week is mentioned in the Ramblers job description. Terry has advised Mike to speak to Dave Bell or John Jackson who have both held the post of Footpaths Secretary.



morning leaders wanted to repeat a walk they have already lead this would be very acceptable. Also it means they would not need to do a second walkout. Bob would like to increase the frequency of these walks to weekly if possible.

Mary Rooks asked that Terry thank John Howells the Area Chairman for attending our AGM. Terry thanked Mary for reminding him. Terry thanked John Howells for coming and hoped he had enjoyed the day.

David Utting gave thanks to Terry and Anne for their hard work - Terry pointed out that it was not just down to Anne and himself, but a joint effort from all of the committee.

Meeting closed at 3.11pm



## REPORTS FOR 2015 - 2016

### CHAIRMAN 'S REPORT

Another year has gone by and our group goes from strength to strength. During the 2016 – 2017 programmes there were 326 walks listed. They included Sunday all day, Sunday short walks, Coach (now 4 walks available), Saturday mornings, Saturday all day, Tuesday mornings, Tuesday evenings, Thursday mornings, Thursday strolls, Thursday all day and the AGM walk. Can any other group in the country beat that? Of course this can only be achieved by the hard work and commitment of good leaders. We are very lucky to have so many fantastic leaders. To the leaders, the committee, the coach sub-committee, the walk organisers, Brenda Greer and Mary Cooke I say a very big thank you.

If anyone would like to lead a walk or join our committee, please give me a call. Our volunteers are getting older and we do need 'fresh blood'. Our membership is fairly static, but we are getting a larger proportion of members actually walking now.

Social events are going strong, with skittle nights, a quiz night and a pie night on offer.

In the last 3 years our group has unfortunately had to call out the Air Ambulance on 3 occasions - on a Tuesday morning, a Thursday morning and the coach. Fortunately, the coach didn't need the services of the Air Ambulance in the end. We have tried to thank them by holding 2 raffles. Our last raffle raised £300.

The hot weather has caused a few problems on walks this summer. More drink stops were needed to counter the heat. A hat was a must.

The new format AGM with a walk, lunch and speaker is proving popular with the membership. The members attending have tripled since we held our AGM at the Regent Club.

*Terry Bates*

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

I took on the job of Secretary early in 2016 and am still in the process familiarising myself with the role.

We have been in communication with the National Ramblers on several issues over the last year.

They were keen to promote the national "Walkabout" festival which took place in September 2016. From a local point of view this primarily involved extra publicity & promotion being given by the national organisation to existing local walks. It is not yet possible to tell whether this has resulted in an increase in membership or participation in walks. We will await the statistics to assess the impact.

Earlier this year I did attend a Volunteer Development Day in Nottingham. This was an interesting day aimed at providing advice & support for members who organise, promote and lead walks. Our own group is lucky to have a large number of walk leaders who can offer advice and support to new members who require it. Nevertheless the day was useful in providing some interesting advice on leading walks and a chance to meet ramblers from different groups across the region. New walk leaders might find these days useful in future. Dates are currently being planned for a new programme in 2017 and members will be kept informed.

We have also received communication from Martin James the Area Footpaths Officer requesting volunteers to help with monitoring our footpath network in liaison with the Local Authorities. I have circulated this to walk leaders and am aware of a couple of people who have offered help. But there is still time to come forward if others are interested in helping with this work.

*Charles de Podesta*

## MAP LIBRARIAN & STATISTICS REPORT

Our walks programme continues to be very well supported. Walk reports come back to me in droves and several leaders have given me a map of their route. These will be passed on to the area path officer to be logged. Many thanks to walk leaders who help me make my job a little easier.

### Statistics- Average attendance on walks

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-2016
<b>Sunday full day</b>	15	14	15	14	15	15
<b>Saturday full day</b>	8	8	9	8	8	8
<b>Tuesday Morning</b>	13	12	16	23	24	25
<b>Tuesday Evening</b>	22	15	21	13	20	18
<b>Thursday Morning</b>	30	23	23	26	24	21
<b>Thursday full day</b>	8	8	9	9	9	10
<b>Sunday shorter day</b>				12	12	9
<b>Saturday Morning</b>						5
<b>Coach walk</b>	39	43	46	43	46	47

## MAP LIBRARY

Several Explorer maps have been borrowed for coach walks but members also seem to be using electronic means to plan their routes. We have an extensive library of maps in areas within 2 hours drive of Leicester. All members are entitled to borrow these for a month for their own use. I hold the out of county maps and Brenda Greer holds the Leicestershire copies. Email me in the first instance with your requests.

Js.freeman@ntlworld.com

*Jenny Freeman*

## **MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Locally and nationally membership of the RA has been steadily, but slowly, declining.

At this time last year (end September) I reported that membership of the group stood at 455 whereas this year it stands at 451 - a drop of only 4. At the same point 2 years ago membership was 452. Nationally there has been a drop of 1379 or 1.3 % over the last 12 months.

The other groups in our Area show similar results. I asked the individual membership secretaries why their figures showed some gains and losses but like our own there appeared to be no real reason why overall membership was static.

The one thing they did agree on was they thought that their members were more active. Strange that we should say this but there are an awful lot of members who join the RA to support the work it does and whilst they may actively walk, they do so on their own.

*Ray Phipps*

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## **PUBLICITY SECRETARY & WEBSITE MANAGER'S REPORT**

In the early part of 2016 the website was attacked by spammers and compromised. After much aggravation and expense the website was cleaned up. It was then completely rebuilt and anti-spam software installed. Since then we have had no problems.

The number of people accessing the calendar pages is as it was before our problems, including (oddly) visits from Russia and the Netherlands.

*Howard Freeman*

## **SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The last few months have consisted of two skittles evenings which were well supported. The next one will be in April. A quiz night was organised in March, and two pie nights during the past year. There are plans for a pétanque evening in June.

It is not a good idea to have too many events, but I have thought about a clay pigeon shoot, although it may be too expensive. If anyone has any ideas, let me know.

*Frank Russell*

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## **WALKS & PROGRAMME SECRETARY'S REPORT**

I have little to add to what the other reports say, except to congratulate all walk organisers and leaders for the tremendous amount of work and effort they put into making our Group so dynamic. I can only guess at how many members actually come out on walks, but I suspect that the majority are leaders.

We are anxious to make the Saturday morning walks a weekly event, but at present we don't have enough leaders coming forward to make this happen. There is no reason why leaders of Tuesday and Thursday morning walks shouldn't offer the same walk on Saturday (removing the necessity of doing another walk-out) if they can sacrifice another morning. But any member who would like to help out with these walks will be welcome – just contact Bob Collins.

I have not put on the Mapreading and Compass Work seminars this year as I have not been aware of any demand for them.

*Dave Siddons*

## REPORTS BY THE WALK ORGANISERS

### SATURDAY MORNING WALKS

I took over organizing these walks from Diana Baxter, who has not been able to do any walking since January 2014 due to a hip problem. I have maintained the number of walks at a fortnightly rate over the year with the aim of trying to encourage more people, particularly people who are working. When I joined Staines Ramblers in 2000 these well supported walks of the same format attracted me, as I was working then – it left the afternoon free for shopping, etc.

Numbers on the walks have varied from one or two to sixteen with an average of about five. I think it will still take time to build up numbers until more people become aware of them. This is why I am happy for leaders to repeat a Tuesday or Thursday morning walk on a Saturday to avoid two walkouts and thus any disappointment at a low turnout. Unfortunately, I can only do them myself infrequently, as I do not drive.

I would like to thank all the leaders and people who have supported the group over the last year.

*Bob Collins*

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### TUESDAY EVENING WALKS

I think we can class the summer Tuesday evening walks 2016 as the year of more than average rainfall. At Glen Parva only 5 turned up, at Medbourne only 7, and after driving through floods to get to Kings Norton, only 2 people came, so we went to the nearest pub. Torrential rain again at Countesthorpe, and only 3 people came, and at Thornton, a shorter walk was possible for the 6 people who turned up. I am pleased to say that the remaining 10 other walks went well, with an average of just over 17 on them.

So a big thank you once again to all the leaders who turn up in all weathers and do a great job. We again enjoyed our end of season dinner at the Black Boy Pub at Hungarton, so here's hoping for better weather in 2017, which will be my last year for organizing the walks.

*Janet Reeves*

## **TUESDAY MORNING WALKS**

Yet again Tuesday morning walkers have been blessed with fine weather most weeks. I can only recall getting wet twice. Occasionally the weather was just too hot, a couple of times a few walkers took a shortcut back to the pub for a much needed cold drink and a rest inside away from the sun! Our Tuesday morning walks are very popular and continue to attract new walkers. We have recently had members from the Loughborough group join us for a few Tuesdays.

Numbers walking on Tuesdays remain high, generally in the low to mid 20's, averaging 25. The highest number attending was 38. Our 2015 Christmas lunch walk was from Market Bosworth, followed by lunch at Bosworth Hall. 34 hungry ramblers had an excellent lunch and enjoyed a sociable time with good company.

Tuesday morning leaders deserve a very big THANK YOU. Sincere thanks to those who lead on a Tuesday mornings but are not themselves Tuesday walkers. The dedication and hard work of leaders is why our Tuesday group is so popular and successful.

*Anne Bates.*

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## **THURSDAY MORNING SHORT WALKS & ALL-DAY RAMBLES**

### **SHORT MORNING WALKS**

Numbers attending are slightly down this year at about 23 with some big swings in attendance from week to week. One week it was 12, the next week 41. One reason for this is the increase in privately organised walking holidays this season where groups of our members have gone away for a few days and often over a week.

We are still attracting new walkers with the odd one from nearby counties who have seen our programme on the website and come to try us out. The programme of walks we produce as a group with its wide offerings to suit all tastes and abilities is as good as any in the country and certainly better than most. I have been asked several times about how we manage it. Answer: imagination, initiative, dedication and consistent hard work.

Village pubs in the County are still closing. Most do open up again after a shutdown period; however many reopen with a different format, i.e. offering only Italian, Chinese or Indian food, not always to our taste, or they move up-market, pricing themselves over the level we want to pay. If we rule these pubs out it causes a reduction in the planned spread of walk venues due to fewer lunch stops. To offset this situation less conventional venues must be considered. We already visit a few Golf Clubs and have been welcomed and offered good meals at reasonable prices; others could be included on future walk programmes, but there are other places to try such as Bowls Clubs, Sports and Garden Centres. I have checked out Barwell & Melton Bowls Clubs and I'm sure their menus and prices will be well received by our members. Others establishments mentioned need to be given the "once over" to check their suitability.

Starting at these different venues also gives walk leaders the chance to plan rambles in new areas offering greater variety of walks to members, so widening the range of paths covered, thus helping keep them open and easy to use for all.

#### LONG WALKS

Overall members attending are about the same as last year, but again with wide swings due to group holiday arrangements. Walks arranged out of the county have a lower attendance but are still worth including so members have rambling options in other areas.

#### STATE OF FOOTPATHS

Regular walkers will have noticed the deterioration in the state of footpaths as the financial restrictions are showing up in the reduced maintenance these rights of way now receive. The most common fault I have noticed is damaged Marker Posts. Although reported they are not being replaced and the situation is causing concern. The other pressing problem is overgrowth. Obviously this is an ongoing problem, but County Hall is ignoring it in their efforts to save cash. The answer is for walkers to carry secateurs to trim back growth as they go along, or if serious, notify the Committee who will see if some volunteers will clear it. In the absence of help from the authorities members will have to use their initiative and tackle these problems for the benefit of all.

### NEW SHORT WALK ARRANGER REQUIRED

I have arranged these short walks now for about 10 years and it's time someone else did them to bring some fresh ideas and perhaps a new approach to these popular walks.

Sorting out a new walk programme is a simple job these days as there is a documented history of past walks and the dates they took place. Available also is a complete list of the pubs, golf clubs and other likely starting venues in Leicestershire and Rutland together with their telephone numbers. These lists and a calendar are all you need to produce a new programme. There is plenty of help and experience available to get you started.

*If any member is interested in this small but important job please contact myself or a committee member.*

*John Jackson*

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### **THURSDAY MORNING LEISURELY STROLLS**

These 3-4 mile walks continue to be offered on selected Thursday mornings, but with little take-up. For anyone who, for whatever reason, just doesn't want to walk fast, or for long distances, or forever climbing over stiles, these are an ideal way to get a bit of outdoor exercise followed by a good meal in a pub with the other regular Thursday walkers. We are also offering a 'D' walk (a leisurely stroll of around 5 – 6 miles) on some of the coach rambles, and these are planned to avoid stiles and to give the opportunity of plenty of time for rests.

I will not be organising any leisurely strolls in the next programme before May, as I will be hobbling about getting used to a second new hip for a month or so!

*Dave Siddons*

## **SATURDAY ALL-DAY RAMBLES & HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**

In addition to the Saturday walks to venues near and further away, we have enjoyed a weekend at Wilderhope YHA where a very muddy walk led by John Jackson sticks in the memory.

In September we had a memorable few days at Troutbeck YH. The weather here was 'mixed' from brilliant sunshine, through pouring rain to low cloud and mist. The misty day was the one we had selected for walking parts of High Street and adjoining summits - expertly led by John Bastow. On the last day of this holiday we did the famous Morecambe Bay walk (with some 400 others) in the capable hands of the Queen's appointed Guide, Cedric Robinson and his team

*Jenny Mann*

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## **SUNDAY SHORTER WALKS**

This year there have been some very memorable walks and mostly enjoyed in very good walking weather. Highlights have included: Afternoon tea in Saddington Church Yard after a delightful walk lead by John Rhodes in July, the hidden delights of paths circling Desford, lead by Marilyn Pile in June and a terrific walk lead by Betty Jennings which took in Mountsorrel monument and quarry, The Heritage Cafe and museum off Kinchley Lane, Swithland Reservoir and Rabbit's Bridge, where we saw a famous steam engine (The Oliver Cromwell ) pass through, with information provided by enthusiasts waiting on the bridge. Finishing in glorious sunshine with a lovely stretch alongside the River Soar and the canal back to Barrow.

For the first time a post walk Christmas meal was arranged at Launde Abbey for our December 2015 walk which proved very popular. This year however we will be teaming up with Brian Jeffs and the Longer Sunday Walks Group to have a festive meal together in The Forest Hill Golf Club at Botcheston. My grateful thanks to all the brilliant Walk Leaders who made these walks possible and so enjoyable.

*Penny Bates*

## **LONG SUNDAY WALKS**

My sincere thanks go out to the excellent band of Sunday leaders; without their dedicated work we could not have such a varied Sunday Walks programme. Special thanks must go to Carole Underwood and Doug Golding for offering to lead their first walks in this current programme.

The past year's Sunday Walks have again featured some favourite and some new venues, and it's always nice when we occasionally get visitors from other areas who find our details on the web site. Numbers attending are generally around the mid-teens, but it would be great if we could attract new people. So if you, or someone else you know, may be interested in joining us, we would love to see you.

*Brian Jeffs*

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## **COACH RAMBLES**

We have had a reasonably good year for our coach trips although attendance levels on our summer trips (June – September) were disappointing and resulted in losses being sustained. It is appreciated that there are other attractions at this time of year but the purpose of publishing our walks programme in the previous autumn is to help ramblers plan their activities around these dates, if at all possible.

With regard to the walks programme, your coach committee is always pleased to receive suggestions regarding possible venues that can be considered for inclusion in the next programme.

We are still welcoming new walkers on our trips although the number is down on previous years.

Our 2017 programme has been published and will shortly be displayed on our website. In the meantime, information cards are available from the undersigned.

My thanks to all members who have led walks this year and to those who have already agreed to lead walks in 2017.

*John Rhodes*

**RAMBLERS' ASSOCIATION  
LEICESTER & DISTRICT GROUP  
TREASURER'S REPORT 2015/2016**

With respect to the main Group Accounts, most of the increase in income over the previous year was due to a 9.9% increase in the funding from Central Office via Area. Donations from Ramblers' Holidays in respect of members' holidays with them (which is expected to continue at an unknown level in the current year) has halved over the previous year. The increase in miscellaneous income is due mainly to a one off surplus of £44 from hosting the Area quiz night. The net result has been an increase in income of 5.4% over the previous year.

Expenditure in the various categories has varied from that in the previous year within expected levels, leading to a net increase of 7.1% over the previous year.

The overall net result is a lower surplus of £93 compared to the £122 surplus in the previous year, leading to a net assets total of £1,333, which is at a satisfactory level.

Members should note that if they take a holiday with Ramblers' Holidays and they inform them that they are members of Leicester Group, they will donate £10, £20 or £30 per person for holidays taken in the UK, Europe or Worldwide respectively to us.

In respect of the Group Coach Accounts, the surplus of £410 in the previous year has changed into a deficit of £388, leading to a net assets total of £1,333 as at the year end, which is still at a satisfactory level. The Coach Secretary's report will advise further on the situation.

Bob Collins  
Hon Treasurer

*(Accounts overleaf)*

**LEICESTER AND DISTRICT GROUP OF THE RAMBLERS' ASSOCIATION**

**FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2016**

**INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

	2016 £	2015 £
<b>Income</b>		
Bank Interest	1	1
Funding from Area	1560	1420
Ramblers' Holidays Donations	120	240
Miscellaneous	<u>77</u>	<u>15</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1758</b>	<b>1676</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Walks Programmes	255	257
Walks Related - Purchases of Maps	-	16
- Leaders' Expenses	<u>681</u>	<u>621</u>
	681	637
Walks Leader Training	6	27
Newsletters/Publicity	260	233
Publication Costs	43	9
Meetings (including AGM)	283	334
Administration	120	57
Miscellaneous	<u>17</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>1665</b>	<b>1554</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>122</b>

**BALANCE SHEET at 30 SEPTEMBER**

	2016 £	2015 £
<b>Assets</b>		
Bank Account	<u>1411</u>	<u>1327</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>1411</b>	<b>1327</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Uncleared Cheques	<u>78</u>	<u>87</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>87</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>1333</b>	<b>1240</b>
<b>Represented by:</b>		
Accumulated Fund b/fwd	1240	1118
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	<u>93</u>	<u>122</u>
Accumulated Fund c/fwd	<b>1333</b>	<b>1240</b>

**Treasurer's Certificate**

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the schedules and vouchers presented for audit formed a complete and accurate record of the Group's financial transactions for the year ended 30 September 2016.

R F Collins (Honorary Treasurer)  
29 October 2016

**Auditor's Certificate**

Having carried out procedures in accordance with the Area and Group independent examination guidelines, I consider the Leicester and District Group accounts to have been properly prepared and give a true and fair view of the Group's finances for the year ended 30 September 2015.

J A Mawby (Honorary Auditor)  
29 October 2016

**LEICESTER AND DISTRICT GROUP OF THE RAMBLERS' ASSOCIATION  
COACH FUND**

**FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2016**

**INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

	2016 £	2015 £
<b>Income</b>		
Coach Fares	6171	6834
Raffle ticket sales	88	90
Miscellaneous	<u>14</u>	<u>3</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>6273</b>	<b>6927</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Coach Hire	5130	5040
Drivers	240	240
Leaders' Expenses	1043	1023
Purchases of Maps	38	62
Raffle Prizes and Crackers	94	106
Miscellaneous	<u>116</u>	<u>46</u>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>6661</b>	<b>6517</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year</b>	<b>(388)</b>	<b>410</b>

**BALANCE SHEET at 30 SEPTEMBER**

	2016 £	2015 £
<b>Assets</b>		
Bank Account	1079	1482
Prepayments	<u>480</u>	<u>500</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>1559</b>	<b>1982</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Fares received in advance	<u>209</u>	<u>244</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>244</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>1350</b>	<b>1738</b>
<b>Represented by:</b>		
Accumulated Fund b/fwd	1738	1328
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	<u>(388)</u>	<u>410</u>
Accumulated Fund c/fwd	<b>1350</b>	<b>1738</b>

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