

**THE RAMBLERS
LEICESTER & DISTRICT GROUP
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Saturday 18th November 2017 at The Linford, Newtown Linford.**

The AGM was preceded by a walk of approximately 5 miles led by Anne Bates (due to Terry being ill). We then enjoyed a buffet lunch. A talk was given by Piers Lindley who is the Senior Access and Development Officer (Rights of Way) for Leicestershire County Council. Terry thanked Piers for his interesting and informative talk.

Present were:

Terry Bates (Chairman), Howard Watmore (Vice Chairman & Area Rep), Bob Collins (Treasurer), Charles de Podesta (Secretary), Dave Siddons (Programme Secretary), John Rhodes (Coach Secretary), Howard Freeman (Webmaster & Publicity Secretary), Jenny Freeman (Map Librarian & Statistics), Anne Bates (Minutes Secretary), Frank Russell (Social Secretary), David Utting, Ian Gamble, John Hancock, Brian Jeffs, Ray Grocock, Diane Grocock, Bob Preston, Diana Baxter, Ros Harris, Chris Bancroft, Ruth Richards, Anthony Richards, Marcus Broughton, Judy Souter, David Murphy, Marilyn Pile, Mike Goodrich, Mike Ross, Rachel Hooke, Mark Woodall, John Hancock, Graham Reeves, Glen McPhail, Tom Merry, John Sommervill, Rosemary Stokes, Dave Bell, John Jackson, Melanie Smith, Richard Smith,

1. Apologies for absence

Ray Phipps, Linda Phipps, John Bolland, Cynthia Bolland, Richard Blount, Lynda Blount, Liz Murphy, Eileen Pott, Shirley Bell, Janet Reeves, Brenda Greer, Julie Hart, Anne Whichcord, Juliet Youngs, Larissa Barker, Penny Bates, Carole Underwood, Bernard Underwood.

2. Vice Chairman's opening remarks

Howard thanked Anne Bates for stepping in to lead the walk.
A big thank you to Jenny Freeman for organising the buffet food.
Dave Siddons has done a great job of the AGM report, thank you.
Thanks go to Bob Collins our treasurer for all his hard work – the accounts are healthy with assets at £1442, up by £109 from 2016.
A special thank you to all the Committee.
Janet Reeves is stepping down as the Tuesday Evening Walk Organiser – many thanks for a great job over many years.
Thanks to Ruth and Anthony for organising our charity meal at the Chef & Spice. Well over £1000 raised so far. Ruth and Anthony will go down in ramblers' folk history for their efforts in raising so much. Reminder that meals for the New Year's Day meal need to be booked by 30th November.
Roberts Coaches are proposing a 20% increase in their prices.
Remembering those who are no longer with us – Alan Burks, Graham Botterill, Paul Dimmer and Heléne Arnold – a minutes silence was held.

3) Minutes of the Previous AGM

These had been circulated and were passed *nem con*.

4) Matters Arising None.

5) Treasurer's Report

Bob Collins, the Treasurer, presented his accounts for the year ending 30th September 2017.

The accounts were passed *nem con*. Proposed by Dave Siddons and seconded by Dave Bell.

6)

- Chairman's Report
- Secretary's Report
- Walks Programme Reports
- Membership
- Maps & Statistics
- Publicity & Website
- Coach Rambles

7) Election of the Committee

A block vote was taken for those wishing to continue as committee members. Proposed by John Jackson and seconded by Anthony Richards.

Chairman	Terry Bates
Vice Chairman & Area Representative	Howard Watmore
Hon. Secretary	Charles de Podesta
Hon. Treasurer	Bob Collins
Programme Secretary	Dave Siddons
Footpath Secretary	Vacant
Coach Secretary	John Rhodes
Maps & Statistics	Jenny Freeman
Publicity & Website	Howard Freeman
Membership Secretary	Ray Phipps
Social Secretary	Frank Russell
Minutes Secretary	Anne Bates
Member without portfolio	Eileen Pott

Honorary Auditor – Alan Mawby willing to continue.

Proposed by Anthony Richards and seconded by Dave Bell.

Charles de Podesta willing to take on role of Footpath Secretary.

Proposed by Dave Siddons and seconded by Howard Watmore.

8) Matters previously notified

No comments were received.

9) AOB

John Jackson has put together a letter of the coach needs and circulated it to several coach companies. This was prompted by Roberts Coaches informing of a 20% price increase in the future. A few of the companies contacted have replied and are not quite as expensive as Roberts. If Roberts coaches are still used it will mean that the fare may have to rise by £2 per person. Meal prices are also increasing and it may be that the evening meal is cancelled.

First Aid

Mike Goodrich feels that First Aid training is essential.

Howard Watmore was in contact with the Red Cross about First Aid training, but in the meantime Area has it on their agenda for the next roadshow.

John Jackson asked why First Aid training has been in the pipeline for 2 years now with no outcome.

Howard Watmore said that the Red Cross are willing to put on a First Aid course within the city limits, this would be free for those over 65 years of age.

Anthony Richards said that First Aid training should be offered to all leaders first before opening it up to all walkers.

Howard Freeman asked if all leaders should do a First Aid course – Charles de Podesta said that First Aid training is not mandatory. Bob Collins informed meeting that central office is intending to organise First Aid training.

John Jackson said we need to be aware of what we can and cannot do to assist in cases of accident/illness.

Charles will clarify the situation regarding accidents/illness and incidents for further discussion at the next committee meeting.

Incident Reporting

Charles de Podesta said that we don't report enough incidents. Any incidents occurring on walks should be sent to the secretary as he needs to inform central office for their insurance cover.

Charles will issue incident forms to all leaders.

Anthony Richards pointed out that incident forms can be downloaded from the website and we should be supporting Charles to report incidents to central office.

Terry Bates felt that not all minor accidents needed reporting but Charles and others feel that all accidents/incidents should be reported as the leader may be sued for negligence.

Central Office Survey

Charles de Podesta said that the recent central office survey highlighted that ramblers want help with walk leadership, I.T. and First Aid.

Howard Watmore informed us that the Area AGM is on 27th January 2018. Leicestershire & Rutland Walking Group are the hosts. The meeting is at St Peters Church Centre, Glenfield. Gather from 9.15am to start at 10.00am. Guest speaker will be Peter Tyldesley of Bradgate Park.

Terry Bates thanked Howard Watmore for standing in and taking the meeting due to him feeling unwell.

Meeting closed at 2.45pm

REPORTS FOR 2017 - 2018

CHAIRMAN 'S REPORT

This year has been one to forget in the health department. Last November at the AGM my nose would not stop bleeding. It needed cauterising that month. Over the Winter of 2017 – 2018 I was very ill. I was finally diagnosed with Rheumatoid Arthritis and Osteoarthritis. The drugs needed to treat these bring their own problems. Finally, in August/September I was able to complete the Tuesday walks again.

I would like to thank Howard for standing in for me at the last AGM. He did a good job at the last minute. Howard has also organised the First Aid courses at The Linford Club in Newtown Linford. They were a huge success for us and British Red Cross.

Dave Siddons was very ill earlier in the year with cancer. He had many visits from ramblers while in hospital and is looking much better now.

We have had to put up with a really bad Winter in 2017/2018. The snow forced a coach ramble to be aborted. Luckily the bad weather was followed by a great Summer so we should be able to take anything the weather gods throw at us next!

Ian Gamble very kindly donated 2 walkie talkies to the club so that leaders and back markers can keep in touch. Thank you, Ian.

The fundraising meal at the Chef and Spice last November raised a lot of money for the Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Rutland Air Ambulance (sadly I missed it as I was at the hospital). I will be at the next meal this November, all being well. Many thanks to Ruth and Anthony for their hard work in organising it.

Other social events this year are trips to Welford Road Cemetery, Radio Leicester and the Jaguar factory. Well done Frank.

A skittles match was organised by walkers from the Thursday group and this proved to be a success. We hope for more.

Anne led the last AGM walk and also the New Years' Day walk as I was unable to. Some said she did a better job than me so I might ask her to do them again!

26 ramblers joined the 2017 AGM walk with another 13 attending the AGM meeting.

Finally, I wish to thank the whole committee, the walk organisers, and other organisers. Also, many thanks to all the leaders for doing such a great job again. Without you all we would not be the best group in the land!

Terry Bates

SECRETARY'S REPORT

CORRESPONDENCE. The group receives a small but steady flow of enquiries from prospective members. Mostly these come through the national website. We respond to them all in a positive manner but we do not know how many of these people choose to engage with the group on a regular basis.

This year we have received several messages from pubs keen to encourage walkers. Details of these pubs are passed on to Walk Organisers and Leaders. I also provide the landlords with contact details for other walking groups in Leicestershire (Ramblers and otherwise).

EMAIL SYSTEM. We now have a functioning email system for contacting members using the Mailerlite system. Our database is updated every two months or so when our group receives membership updates from the national organisation. This year saw the introduction of new data protection regulations (the EU General Data Protection Regulation - GDPR) which directly affect our email communications with our membership. We have worked hard to comply with these regulations by following national guidelines from The Ramblers. We exercise a strict policy of using the mailing system only to inform members about activities of this Group. We get regular requests from third parties to circulate information to our membership and all of these are denied. The mailing system does have a limited reach. Of our 436 members we can currently reach about 175 or so by email. For the rest we either have no email address or the members have not given explicit consent (via the national Ramblers) to be contacted by email.

INCIDENTS. The group has received no reports of incidents or accidents in 2018.

WALKING STRATEGY. On behalf of this Group I have attended one meeting with Leicester City Council who are developing a Walking Strategy as part of the Leicester Local Plan. There is little to report back from this as the group meets infrequently and communicates poorly. I still hope we might be able to make a contribution in the future.

Charles de Podesta

MAP LIBRARIAN & STATISTICS REPORT

Our walks programme continues to be very well supported. Slightly lower numbers reflect the weather difficulties we have had this last year; too wet or too hot! All walk leaders must remember to send me their walk reports either by email or by snail mail, otherwise I cannot get accurate statistics. Walk co-coordinators please remind your members to do this.

Statistics- Average attendance on walks

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	
Sunday full day	15	14	15	15	15	14	
Saturday full day	9	8	8	8	8	8	
Tuesday Morning	16	23	24	25	23	22	
Tuesday/ Wednesday Evening	21	13	20	18	11	9.5	
Thursday Morning	23	26	24	21	23	22	
Thursday full day	9	9	9	10	10	10	
Sunday shorter day		12	12	9	7	11	
Saturday Morning				5	7.5	5	
Coach walk	46	43	46	47	43.5	41	

Map Library

Even fewer Explorer maps have been borrowed for coach walks this year as more walk leaders seem to be using electronic means to print out maps and plan their routes. We have an extensive library of maps in areas *within 2 hours drive of Leicester*, waterproof copies of the Lake District and various others that have been donated. All members are entitled to borrow these for a month for their own use. I now hold all our maps, in county and out. Email me in the first instance with your requests with at least 4 weeks before you need them. Js.freeman@ntlworld.com

Jenny Freeman

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

For the first time in many years I have to report that membership of the group has fallen quite dramatically. We have had about 450 members for quite a few years but despite me sending out 25 “new member” packs in the last year our membership has fall from 452 this time last year to a figure of 418. This represents a drop of over 8% when the national average fall is only 1.82%

The membership is made up of the following categories.

Individual	165
Joint	147
Individual concession	60
Joint concession	29
Life (various types)	17

Ray Phipps

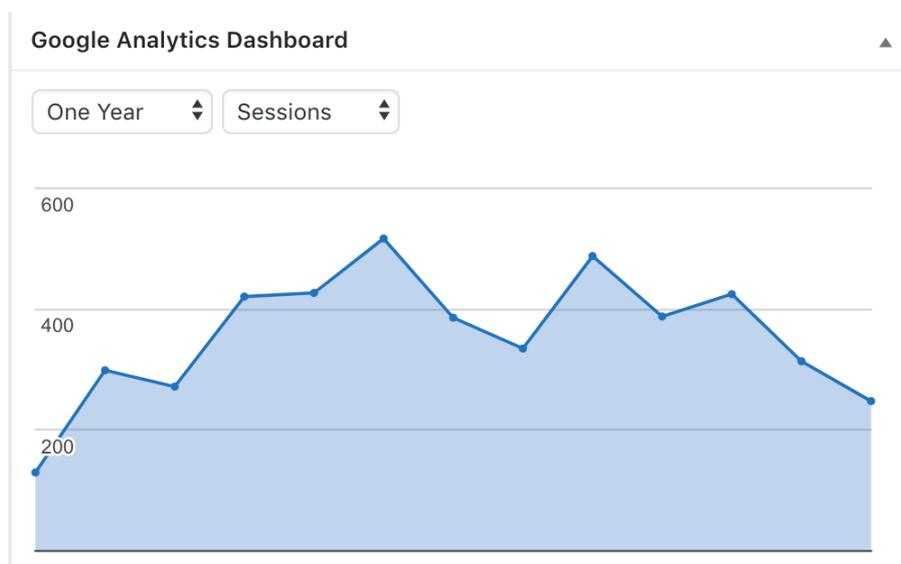
PUBLICITY SECRETARY & WEBSITE MANAGER'S REPORT

The website usage reports are generated by Google Analytics and, sometimes, make interesting reading. Usage continues to rise, year on year. We appear to have a fairly high bounce rate of 66% but judging from the location of our users this rate doesn't indicate a lack of interest, rather the opposite: since it's possible to access the walks calendar from the front page this means that users need only to go to the home page, get the information needed and then depart.

Website usage varies over the year as can be seen from the sessions graph below:

The 2 session peaks are in March and June with the lowest point in October 2017. The number of users was highest in June (339) and August (295).

Of the 4650 sessions recorded it's no surprise that 72% focused on the home page



and only 10.5% on the full calendar.

However, only 0.6% of sessions were on the committee member's page and about the same were on the walk leader information files page.

The location of users is fairly predictable, with the highest figure

coming from Leicester. The majority of other users are from within Leicestershire and Nottinghamshire though there are odd exceptions: for some reason over 6% of sessions came from Paris and 1 each from Vilnius and Wuxi (China). Clearly some people have spelling problems or too much time on their hands.

It is interesting to note that the GPX pages are getting some usage, so please continue to email me gpx files of local and remote walks, even if they are outside the UK.

Google analytics gathers information about the browser that people use and also the operating system. The commonest operating system at 40% of users is Windows and the next highest is the mobile operating system, iOS, on Apple tablets and mobile phones. Thirty two percent of users reached the site via tablet and 15% by mobile phone.

A small number of visitors to the site came via our Facebook page, which is promising - so far, social media links haven't been used by us: perhaps we should start a Twitter account.

Howard Freeman

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

The social calendar for 2018 consisted of three visits. The first was a guided walk around Welford Road Cemetery. Fourteen people came. The only problem was that you had to stay close to the guide to hear everything she said. The next visit was to Radio Leicester, but only five members turned up. At the time of writing we still have the visit to the Jaguar car factory at Castle Bromwich.

I now have to think about 2019. If anybody has any ideas, please let me know. I am thinking of a guided tour of the National Gas Museum on Aylestone Road, perhaps a ten-pin bowling evening. Also, tours of the Abbey Pumping Station and their collection of buses, trams etc from Leicester, and a guided tour of the Bell Foundry, Loughborough have been suggested..

Frank Russell

WALKS & PROGRAMME SECRETARY'S REPORT

I have had a traumatic year, having spent five weeks in hospital while the *Beast from the East* was on, and am now having ongoing chemotherapy, though am pretty well back to having a normal life - in fact I did lead two D Walks on coach rambles in August and September. I am especially grateful for the many hospital and home visits I had from fellow rambles while I was recovering from a serious operation. It

just goes to show that our Ramblers Group is so much more than just a walking club and the visits were greatly appreciated.

The walk statistics shown elsewhere in this report speak for themselves, but we still have problems finding leaders for Saturday morning walks. These were introduced to let those ramblers who were working during the week to enjoy the same walk + pub meal that the Tuesday and Thursday walkers enjoy, but they are not as well supported as we had hoped. If they are to continue, they need to be better attended, and we are always looking for more leaders so that they can become a weekly event.

Mick Voss has had to step down from organising the evening walks; our thanks to him for keeping them going during the past year. However, Dave Bell is stepping into the breach for the forthcoming year, and has already organised the walks programme which, as last year, will be on Wednesday evenings. Thanks, Dave.

The way the programme is disseminated is being changed for the next programme. Howard Freeman, who is the webmaster, is taking receipt of all the information about the walks from the walk organisers in a form that can more easily be uploaded to our and the RA websites, which he has now agreed to do. This same information will hopefully be used to put together the printed programme which I will be responsible for as before. Hopefully there won't be too many problems!

Dave Siddons

FOOTPATHS SECRETARY'S REPORT

I took up this post at the beginning of the year so I am still fairly new to it. I see two aspects to the role:

Firstly encouraging and enabling our members to report problems with footpaths to the Rights Of WayTeam at the relevant council. Some members report these problems themselves which is fine. But if others are unsure about whether to make a report or how to make a report I am happy to assist. We have lots of members out and about using our footpaths and are in a great position to record problems and help preserve the network for the future. Leicestershire Council ROW Officers do take note of our reports but they can only address footpath problems if they are informed of them.

The second aspect to the role is monitoring planning applications that affect the footpath network and making suggestions or objections when appropriate. This role carried out with the support & co-operation of Ramblers Leicestershire Area Footpaths Secretary, Martin James.

Charles de Podesta

REPORTS BY THE WALK ORGANISERS

SATURDAY MORNING WALKS

Since taking over organizing these walks from Diana Baxter from February 2014, I have maintained the number of walks at a fortnightly rate over the years with the aim of trying to encourage more people, particularly those 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 over the year have varied from none to a dozen with an average of between five and six. Although numbers have not increased as hoped, I think it will still take time for these to build up as 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

WEDNESDAY EVENING WALKS

Mick Voss organized the past year's evening walks, but has now stepped down and has not submitted a report. Dave Bell will be taking over in 2018.

TUESDAY MORNING WALKS

Another fantastic year of walking. Despite the long, cold winter we had good numbers walking, it takes a lot to deter a Tuesday morning regular! Our overall average of walkers each week was 22, highest being 31, lowest number of 11. Our Christmas walk started at Rothley Court. We had a great walk and the lunch at Rothley Court was fabulous. We were seated in a room by ourselves, which is just as well, there were 48 of us and the noise levels were rather high at times!

The weather during the Summer did see some people struggling to complete a walk on the hottest days. Terry was also struggling in the heat, so he sorted out a short cut back to the pub on 3 occasions and took a small number of grateful walkers with him.

On a walk from Heather a farmer dashed out from a field to ask for our help. The farmer needed a big group of people to make lots of noise, (can't imagine where he got the idea that ramblers are noisy – maybe he heard us from afar coming up the lane!) He was taking 2 cows to a show at the weekend and wanted to see how they would react to a noisy crowd. So, we gathered around the enclosure where the cows were standing quietly, we talked loudly and clapped our hands. The cows completely ignored us! The farmer was very pleased and thanked us for our services. Plans to include new venues have not come to fruition. So many pubs do not do food at lunchtime on Tuesdays. We'll keep looking though.

Under attack! A recent walk from Wanlip proved to be very painful for several ramblers. A hornets' nest must have been disturbed by ramblers in the leading group, causing hornets to attack those in the rear group. The stings managed to penetrate socks and also the sleeve of a fleece! The stings were incredibly painful. Some ramblers were so badly stung that they had to leave the walk near Rothley and be taken by car to the pub. So, if anything like this happens to you on a walk – don't hang around to investigate, make a hasty exit from the area before you can be stung again! A very nasty experience which left some in a great deal of discomfort for several days.

Our leaders continue to do a fantastic job. We have welcomed 2 new leaders this year. We still have Thursday morning leaders helping out for which we are very grateful. Many thanks to our dedicated leaders who give their time and energy to sort out our fantastic walks.

Anne Bates

THURSDAY MORNING SHORT WALKS & ALL-DAY RAMBLES

Short Morning Walks

The number of people attending, averaging 22, is much the same as last year. We seem to have levelled out on numbers, but many more than this on a walk makes it difficult for the leader to keep a check on progress and the pubs may not be able to give a satisfactory and efficient service with large numbers. We are still attracting new walkers especially from other walking groups who do not have the range of walks we continue to offer.

The problem with pubs closing has not eased. However, a couple of pubs which did not previously serve food are now doing so and have been added to our list for the next programme.

Long Walks

Numbers on these walks is up this year with more consistent attendance and we are still attracting walkers from other groups in Leicestershire and from out of the county. These walks are scattered around the Leicestershire with some in neighbouring counties to give Leicester ramblers the chance to visit other areas and see what is over the border.

Walk Leaders

We need to thank all the walk leaders who plan these walks, arrange the meals and pre-walk them to see if the proposed route is suitable. Without the time and effort that these volunteers put into it we would not have the programme of rambles which we all enjoy.

Christmas Meal

I try to arrange these festive lunches at a different place each year. This year it was held at Kirkby House, Kirkby Mallory and the staff here did us proud with a splendid three course meal in a rustic farm house setting.

State of the Footpaths

It does not appear that any maintenance is being carried out on the footpath network in this county. Marker posts are not being replaced and stiles are slowly deteriorating. The financial cut-backs are continuing and the detrimental effects on the paths are becoming very obvious and there are no signs that it is going to improve in the near future. One suggestion that has been made to combat this situation is to call for volunteer parties to go out and mend the stiles etc. and clear the overgrowth. A project of this nature would have to be discussed and agreed with the County Authorities at County Hall. This idea should be brought up at the Annual General Meeting to see what members think.

John Jackson

SATURDAY ALL-DAY RAMBLES & HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

I'm most grateful to our leaders and drivers for their part in another Saturday walking programme. And to everyone who comes along! As usual we walked in diverse countryside from Leicestershire to Derbyshire to the Cotswolds – each walk devised by the person who led.

YHA holidays. This year there was a mini-break in March to the Plague Village of Eyam in Derbyshire. And in September the group went to YHA Ingleton and had a great time, as Chris Bancroft writes:

“Seven Leicester Ramblers and a Coventry Rambler spent five nights at Ingleton YH and had some lovely walks in the Yorkshire Dales. Chris Bancroft led the rather wet walk on Monday afternoon (after the drive up) which included the River Aire and Pennine Way north of Gargrave. Tuesday and Jenny Fox led us via Clapham and Gaping Gill to the summit of Ingleborough, a 12.5 mile walk with 2700 ft ascent, good weather and great views. Wednesday Chris led from Clapham to Janet’s Fosse and then Gordale Scar where five of the group scrambled up past the waterfalls. We went on to walk east and north of Malham Tarn before returning to Malham Cove. Fantastic limestone country on a sunny day. Our three ladies who went on a shorter walk spent time helping a lady in distress who had driven into a dry stone wall! On Thursday, JJ led us on a 12 mile walk with 2300’ ascent, with Whernside and Ribbleshead Viaduct being two of the highlights on another dry day. On Friday Eileen led us on a circular from Settle which took in Giggleswick, Stainforth, Catrigg Force and Attermire Scar, again in fair weather. The YH was of a very high standard, we had all the facilities of Ingleton village on our doorstep and the trip was a great success.”

Keep an eye on the programme and please join us on a Saturday or for one of the holidays.

Jenny Mann

SHORTER SUNDAY WALKS

After a lovely walk over Billesdon Coplow the Shorter Sunday Walkers met up with the Longer Sunday Walkers for their 2017 Christmas meal at The Queen’s Head, again kindly arranged by Brian Jeffs. Now we look forward to December 2nd where Brian has arranged a similar occasion at the Old Thatched Inn at Stanton under Bardon.

To complete our 3 walks across the City following the river, canal and Great Central Way we walk the north section, Abbey Park to Birstall and Watermead Park on Sunday 6th January 2019, lead by Bob Collins.

This year the numbers have fluctuated a great deal largely due to the very hot weather on some Sundays. However on several walks we attracted quite a few local people having noticed the location on the internet, which boosted our numbers.

Many thanks are due to the volunteers who lead these very enjoyable walks; your skill and commitment is much appreciated. Thank you.

Penny Bates

LONG SUNDAY WALKS

The past year's Sunday Walks programme again featured some favourite and some new venues. Numbers attending have fluctuated, but are generally around the mid-teens.

It's always nice when we get visitors from other areas who find our details on the web site. But it would be great if we could attract new regular people onto our walks, so why not come and give us a try - we're a very friendly group.

Finally, my sincere thanks go out to my excellent band of Sunday leaders, without their dedicated work we wouldn't have such a varied Sunday Walks programme.

Brian Jeffs

COACH RAMBLES

We have had a difficult year for our coach trips, the reasons for which I covered in my recent submission to our newsletter. Our summer programme could have done with more support and, so far, bookings for our autumn programme are down; irregular support such as this makes it difficult to sustain our coach operation.

On a more optimistic note, we have brought out our 2019 programme of walks, offering a good variety of destinations and my request for leaders has met with a positive response. My thanks to all who have volunteered.

This programme will shortly be displayed on our website. In the meantime, information cards are available from the undersigned.

Our coach trips are open to other groups and the general public as well as members and it would be appreciated if members would do their best to ensure that this fact is widely known, as more new passengers are required.

My thanks to all members who have led walks this year.

John Rhodes

**RAMBLERS' ASSOCIATION
LEICESTER & DISTRICT GROUP
TREASURER'S REPORT 2017/2018**

With respect to the main Group Accounts, the decrease in income over the previous year was due mainly to a fall in donations from Ramblers' Holidays in respect of members' holidays with them (which are expected to continue at an unknown level in the current year). The result has been a decrease in income of 7.3% over the previous year.

Expenditure in the various categories has varied from that in the previous year mainly within expected levels, the main decrease being in Walks Related expenditure. The result is a decrease of 11.8% over the previous year.

The overall net result is a slightly higher surplus of £180 compared to the £109 surplus in the previous year, leading to a net assets total of £1,622, 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 deficit of £319 for 2016/17 has been turned into a surplus of £339 for 2017/18. This has led to a rise in the net assets total to £1,370, which is at a more 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 2018

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	2018 £	2017 £
Income		
Funding from Area	1560	1560
Ramblers' Holidays Donations	180	280
Miscellaneous	<u>-</u>	<u>38</u>
Total Income	1740	1878
Expenditure		
Walks Programmes	279	265
Walks Related - Purchases of Maps	17	61 -
- Leaders' Expenses	<u>689</u>	<u>763</u>
	706	824
Walks Leader Training	2	10
Newsletters/Publicity	249	246
Publication Costs	0	0
Meetings (including AGM)	232	289
Administration	92	95
Miscellaneous	<u>-</u>	<u>40</u>
Total Expenditure	1560	1769
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	180	109

BALANCE SHEET at 30 SEPTEMBER

	2018 £	2017 £
Assets		
Bank Account	1644	1527
Debtors	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
Total Assets	1744	1627
Liabilities		
Uncleared Cheques	<u>122</u>	<u>185</u>
Total Liabilities	122	185
Net Assets	1622	1442

Represented by:

Accumulated Fund b/fwd	1442	1333
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	<u>180</u>	<u>109</u>
Accumulated Fund c/fwd	1622	1442

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 2018

R F Collins (Honorary Treasurer)
October 2018

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 2018.

J A Mawby (Honorary Auditor)
October 2018

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

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2018

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	2018	2017
	£	£
Income		
Coach Fares	6767	6184
Raffle Ticket Sales	134	115
Miscellaneous	<u>41</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Income	6942	6299
Expenditure		
Coach Hire	5540	5204
Drivers	240	240
Leaders' Expenses	705	983
Purchases of Maps	11	32
Raffle Prizes and Crackers	69	97
Miscellaneous	<u>38</u>	<u>62</u>
Total Expenditure	6603	6618
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	339	(319)

BALANCE SHEET at 30 SEPTEMBER

	2018	2017
	£	£
Assets		
Bank Account	1136	773
Prepayments	<u>500</u>	<u>510</u>
Total Assets	1636	1283
Liabilities		
Fares received in advance	<u>266</u>	<u>252</u>
Total Liabilities	266	252
Net Assets	1370	1031
Represented by:		
Accumulated Fund b/fwd	1031	1350
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	<u>339</u>	<u>(319)</u>
Accumulated Fund c/fwd	1370	1031

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 2018.

R F Collins (Honorary Treasurer)
October 2018

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 to 30 September 2018.

