

The Ramblers, Lancaster Group, Secretary's Report to AGM 2025

Events

We held a well-attended Walk leaders' Day on 8 March. Thanks to Judy and Jean for organising. We are planning a Walk Leaders' Day for 2026, and seek organisers.

Mary Garner worked with a small team to organise a successful Group Holiday in March 2025 to Llandudno. The 2026 group holiday is planned for Melrose.

Summary of the year

The committee continues to meet every two months.

A number of planning applications have been reviewed throughout the year, and responses made to those that affect footpaths or our enjoyment of them.

Our popular and attractive newsletter is published three times a year (March, July and October) and can be sent to your inbox if you subscribe or it is available on the website. Submissions for the newsletter should be sent to newsletter@lancasterramblers.org.uk. We are extremely grateful to Gareth Thomas who edits our newsletter.

We continue to support or are otherwise involved in a number of projects, including the English Coastal Trail, the Lost Ways project and the Slow Ways project. Slow Ways has become independent and organised a successful national crowdfunding during the year. Lancaster Ramblers donated £200. You can find out about Slow Ways via the website <https://beta.slowways.org/>.

Sandra Todd (our webmaster) and David Johnson (former secretary) continue to do a great job maintaining our website. There is lots of useful information on the website, including our walks programme and the walk leader and walker handbooks. The website is always the best place to look for the up-to-date schedule of walks.

Other

Membership continues to fall slowly (245 compared to 276 last year). We welcome all those who have joined us and wish those who have moved on well.

Neil Hebert is retiring from the committee after eleven years of service. I shall miss the great care and attention he puts into everything he does.

Sue Pope, Secretary, November 2025.

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