



Bury St Edmunds Ramblers

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Autumn Update – September 2021

Dear "Bury Ramblers"

This will be my last "Chairman's Letter" so, whilst I always value the opportunity to thank you for your support for Ramblers, this comes with special personal appreciation to you all for your continuing membership – especially those of you not able to actively participate in our walks and activities, or whose usual enjoyment of our programme has been curtailed since last year.

It's been lovely to see those who've been on the fringe recently getting back into things again and provision of walks building up. We are indebted to those who have generously continued to "go the extra mile" in contributing to the life of Bury Ramblers and, as always, we would encourage those of you who walk regularly with the group to consider leading a walk as well – as outlined later in this update.

Whilst it continues to be impracticable to print and send out programmes as previously, covid has pre-empted perhaps a review of our erstwhile arrangements – especially in the face of rising costs and environmental considerations.

Our Members' Day in November, which includes our AGM, is a good way to keep in touch and to share thoughts and ideas, and in recent times the day has become very much a social event in itself – so we are really looking forward to meeting in person again, after last year's meeting had to be online via zoom! It would be great to see you there, and you are welcome to come just for the morning of course if unable to stay for walk and tea.

With warmest good wishes always,

Rosie

Chairman, Bury St Edmunds Ramblers



There's always a story...!

(Ron shares an amusing version of the legend of the Hartest Stone at the start of our July "Week Of Walks" – WOW! – arranged instead of our usual Long Distance Walk this year)

It has been a difficult time over the past 18 months and we are grateful to those who have valiantly kept our programme going since being able to resume walks and as restrictions have further lifted.

Initially "pop-up walks" – which could be arranged and published online at short notice – were a beneficial way to get walks out without delay, but we would now like to have a more structured approach again: Our aim is to produce a 3 monthly rolling "Online Walks Programme" to help forward planning for leaders and participants, as previously, with as many Saturday, Tuesday and Friday dates filled as possible.

It's a great time to start leading walks as you can specify size of group if you feel more comfortable with a smaller number, and lots of help would be available if required – and don't feel it has to be "a new walk" as we're enjoying rediscovering lots of our old favourites!

It's been encouraging to see those of you not online accessing walks through family and friends, and printouts could be available on request – it is important to us to reach everyone with programme information.

Thank you for your support all round and happy walking!

Julia Bradbury – Programme Co-ordinator

Footpath Maintenance Update

We are pleased that Ramblers' Working Parties have resumed, and are now co-ordinated Suffolk wide.



In the past you may have expressed an interest in footpath maintenance or have been involved in it.

Lynne Bambury would be delighted to hear from anybody who might like to participate locally – contact details overleaf.

Date for Diaries!
Bury Ramblers'
Members Day
AGM

Sat. 6th November
(details herewith)

AREA AGM

Sat. 5th Feb 2022

hosted by
Waveney Group
(details to follow)

PLEASE HELP US TO KEEP YOU IN TOUCH:

To receive regular news from **Bury St Edmunds Group** you need to be signed up via the "Sign Up" link in the home page "Updates" box on our Group website.

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!

For regular updates from **Ramblers Central Office** you will need to ensure that your permissions are set to allow this on the main Ramblers website

If you need any assistance, Dave Hodgkinson our Website Manager, *contact details overleaf*, will be very happy to help.

Holidays...



are an integral part of our programme of walks and social events, and we're delighted that after all the planning and replanning our "Autumn Break" postponed from April is now on the near horizon! We also look forward to our next April Break on the Isle of Wight, postponed from April 2020 to April 2022 but it's getting closer! – *details sent out at the beginning of this year and copies available from Rosie.* And our Flexi Break will return 10th June to Friday 17th June 2022 in the Peak District around Leek – *details on our website or contact Gavin.*