

the Ramblers Walk about Britain

Ramblers 9 day **Walk About festival** is ready to go and runs from 3 – 11 September. There's a toolkit describing various apps tweets and posts. Register how far you've walked at ramblers.org.uk/walkabout Any length walks can be added from short health walks half day walks to full walks to help all types of walkers to give us a try. Groups will even be given some flags to wave during the festival. (Supported by the People's Postcode Lottery)

Gloucestershire Walking Group helped launch ramblers Thames Path 20th Anniversary Source to Sea walk on Saturday 9 & Sunday 10 July beginning at Thames Head ending day 1 at Cricklade, day 2 at Lechlade.



To many people it's a surprise this National Trail is only 20 years old. Its existence is due in large part to the efforts of Ramblers in overcoming the issues previously preventing its creation. It is about 184 miles long.

Lost Ways Initiative (or restoring the record). 2026 is the cut off date for claiming historic rights of ways (some may be in use but not shown on the map). Open Spaces Society and British Horse Society organised a seminar at Elkstone which ran through map based system.



Interested in mapping? email lostways@gloucestershireramblers.org.uk

Cheltenham Spa Walkers approaching Paradise.

As well as enjoying going out for a walk CSW members, like many other ramblers have long experience in Footpaths. This walk included a local permissive path in parallel with an old route removing a need for a diversion.



The way ramblers supports members within Cheltenham and District is being reviewed so look out for possible change in local group structure.

Gloucestershire Area

News Brief to end July 2016

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In July **Ray Chaney our Chair** decided to retire as Chair. Thanks go to Ray for pressing forward the work of ramblers for the past 18 months. Meanwhile our Vice-Chair is holding the fort while we seek a possible new Chair for the period to the AGM in January.

Ramblers has a new interim Chief Executive Officer - **Natasha Clayton**. Yorkshire born, Natasha takes the reins from Benedict Southworth.



Dates for Diary

Mon 29 Aug	Winchcombe Country Show
Sat 03 Sep to Sun 11 Sep	Walk about Festival
Tue 13 Sep	Area Groups Council 7:30pm Twigworth
Sun 18 Sept	Cotswolds AONB Living Landscape
Sat 12 Nov	South Cotswolds AGM
Thu 17 Nov	Cleeve AGM
Wed 23 Nov	Area Groups Council (pos)
Sun 27 Nov	Cirencester AGM
Sat 17 Dec to Sun 8 Jan	Festival of Winter Walks
Sat 14 Jan 2017	Area AGM Tabernacle Stroud

An ongoing diary of Group and Area meetings etc allows any interested member to come and see how we work

Group and Area Relations – ongoing. Mike Bailey Area Membership Sec has run a mini workshop with some Area officers and will present a few ideas/proposals on 13 Sep.

Winchcombe Country Show Mon 29 Aug Bank Holiday.

Once again we're honoured to share a gazebo with Winchcombe Welcomes Walkers. If you'd like to help erect the stall or meet and greet walkers for a few hours on the day, don't hold back let us know! It's a great day out with lots of other Country folk (and sheep).



events@gloucestershireramblers.org.uk

Cotswolds AONB Living Landscape Festival Sun 18 Sep

Ramblers in Gloucestershire have worked hand in hand with the Cotswolds AONB. 2016 is its 50th anniversary. On Sun 18th the AONB is holding a living landscape festival at Aldsworth National Trust Lodge GL54 3PP £4. Free parking cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/explore-and-enjoy/50th-anniversary/cotswolds-living-landscape-festival/

Footpath Success Map – Report an issue see it appear at ramblers.org.uk/news/news/volunteer-success-stories/map-of-successes.aspx