

### November is Group AGM Season !



Members of Groups from all around the county get together, some in a village hall, some in a pub, to review the last 12 months.

Group AGMs are listed in the box to the right, often with an optional walk - Come along and discover more about our efforts to benefit walking and walkers and maybe make new friends too.

### Winchcombe Country Show - Monday 28 August 2023



We displayed our activities with Winchcombe Walkers are Welcome.

One of the great things about the show is that it attracts a wide range of visitors and is held on the well-drained school sports field. It was interesting that a number of people were using small-wheeled scooters and some let us know that good grass paths are more comfortable than hard or loose gravel



**Gloucestershire Area Annual General Meeting**  
 Sun 21 Jan, 2024 10:15am  
 Yorkley Community Centre  
 GL15 4RS Walk 1:30pm  
 Hosts: Forest of Dean  
 An opportunity to meet colleagues from all groups

### Group AGM Dates 2023

Sat, 11 Nov, 1:00pm  
 South Cotswold Group  
 Frampton Mansell VH  
 GL6 8JA. Walk 10:00 am

Wed, 15 Nov, 3:00 pm  
 Gloucester Group, The Pavilion, Birchall Ln. Upton St Leonards. GL4 8AD

Sat, 18 Nov, 12:30pm  
 Cleeve Group,  
 Southam Village Hall GL52 3NS Walk 10:00am

Sat, 18 Nov, 1:30pm  
 Forest of Dean Group  
 Yorkley Community Centre  
 GL15 4RS walk 11:15am

Sun, 19 Nov, 1:30pm  
 Cirencester Group,  
 Ampney Crucis Village Hall  
 GL7 5RT Walk 10:00am

Sun, 19 Nov, 1pm, GWG  
 Corner Cupboard, Winchcombe, Walk 10:00am

Sat, 2 Dec: 1:30pm  
 North Cotswold Group,  
 Blockley Little Village Hall  
 GL56 9BB Walk 10:00am

### Area Council Meeting

Wed, 29 Nov 7:30pm

### Area Meeting 2024

Wed, 31 Jan 7:30pm

### Walking Together

Sat, 20 April 10:00 am  
 Temple Guiting Village Hall

Find us: Meetup, Facebook





## Countryside Officer & Footpath Secretaries' activities across the County

### Redmarley Unclassified Road 40273

There are two main means of access when walking in the countryside - Roads and Public Rights of Way. There are a number of classes of roads shown in various colours on OS maps. As well as A and B roads there are C (or 3) roads as well as class 4, 5 & 6. Lower class white roads are public when marked with green blobs.

40273 is a class 4 ancient holloway, whose closure is being opposed by Ramblers, Open Spaces Society and Trail Riders.



### Drainage

Water logged paths can be perhaps the biggest issue as we move through autumn into winter. Sometimes a bridge can be installed.



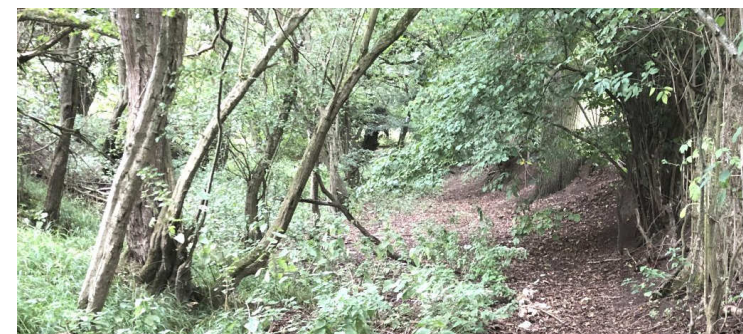
At Hempsted on the Glevum Way, Gloucester circular walk, the use of a drainage pipe is being considered to prevent waterlogged paths.



Twin-walled pipes can be dropped into ditches.



It's hoped that part of a legacy, kindly left by a Member, can help fund the project.



**STOP PRESS**-Path Saved at Cheltenham Magistrates

### National Grid Pylons, Cleeve Hill

National Grid have begun a project to remove pylons and bury a 4-mile stretch of electric cables near the Cotswold Way within the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty between Postlip Mill and Dowdeswell. The intent is to reduce the visual impact of the overhead lines. A route for the cable trenches has been proposed ready for consultation and can be viewed at [nationalgrid.com/electricity-transmission/cotswolds-project/](http://nationalgrid.com/electricity-transmission/cotswolds-project/)

Works are anticipated to start in 2025 with the pylons disappearing in 2029. No path closures are currently planned during the excavation and construction.

### A417 Missing Link is Underway

Some paths are being extinguished for the scheme. Restricted Byway ACY26 at the far dumper truck has been diverted behind the hedge where a veteran tree has been saved.

When possible, retained paths are being kept open outside working hours and temporary diversions signposted when necessary.





## **Some Group Activities**

One of 59 Ramblers Areas, Gloucestershire has 8 Ramblers Groups : Cirencester, Forest of Dean, South Cotswold, Gloucester, Cleeve, North Cotswold, Gloucestershire Walking Group with its 20s-30s sub-group.

### **Gloucester Group**

We decided to reduce the length of our walking programme from four to three months, starting in January 2024. This means issuing a two-month programme shortly. The main reason is difficulty in filling the programme some time ahead, especially in the fourth month.

Our June walking holiday at Elan Valley was attended by 22 members. The Lodge was comfortable, very good value and the food was excellent. Two guides were provided each day and the walks, plus their local knowledge, were superb.



On 5th July we celebrated our 40th anniversary with an evening walk and BBQ at Brookthorpe Village Hall. 50 members attended and we had a very successful and enjoyable event.

Our AGM will be held on Wednesday 15th November at the Upton St Leonards Pavilion. The Group's Annual Luncheon will be at Lilley Brook Golf Club on Thursday 18th January 2024.

John Bent-Marshall (Secretary)

[gloucester-ramblers.org.uk](http://gloucester-ramblers.org.uk)

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### **South Cotswold Group**

The Walks Co-ordinator, Vice Chair and I have been busy getting to grips with the new Ramblers website that launched in May. All three of us have attended various webinars mostly about the new Walks Manager. We've also been using the same data for our website and are now able to create a printed walks programme. We're still pressing the matter of written risk assessments before a walk.

We're also trying to strengthen our Footpath committee to spread the load over the parishes within our territory and receive support from the Area Countryside Officer, Cirencester Footpath Secretary and Stroud Rambling Club.

We were pleased to have in July our first social event since Covid. We arranged a walk followed by a picnic/buffet at Coaley Village Hall which everyone seemed to enjoy. The weather could have been kinder as those of us who walked got drenched but the walk wasn't mandatory, it was also good to catch up with members who no longer walk or who walk on different days.

Ann Adams

[southcotswoldramblers.org.uk](http://southcotswoldramblers.org.uk)

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### **North Cotswold Group**

We organised many evening walks through the summer, a good reason to get outdoors at the end of a busy day. The group continues to liaise with GCC to help monitor footpaths across its 54 parishes in the north east of the county.













Simon Jones

[www.ramblers.org.uk/north-cotswold](http://www.ramblers.org.uk/north-cotswold)

## Vacancies

Passionate about walking or keeping paths. Think about asking your Group or Area, 'How can I help?' The pay is in smiles and the rewards are excellent.

 <b>RAMBLERS</b> <b>Cleeve</b>	<b>Treasurer (Cleeve Group)</b> Count the funds in and see how it's spent.	 <b>RAMBLERS</b> <b>Gloucestershire Walking Group</b>	<b>Chair (Gloucestershire Walking Group)</b> Friendly demeanour Ensure fair debate  <b>Walks Co-ordinator</b> Someone to gather walks from leaders.
 <b>RAMBLERS</b> <b>Cirencester</b>	<b>Team Member (Cirencester Group)</b> Join the Committee to see how things run.	 <b>RAMBLERS</b> <b>Gloucestershire Area</b>	<b>External Examiner (Gloucestershire Area)</b> Review the accounts once per year
 <b>RAMBLERS</b> <b>Gloucester</b>	<b>Team Member (Gloucester Group)</b> Join in the Committee to see how things run.	 <b>RAMBLERS</b> <b>Forest of Dean</b>	<b>Team Member (Forest of Dean Group)</b> Join the Committee to see how things run.
 <b>RAMBLERS</b> <b>South Cotswold</b>	<b>Footpath Secretary (South Cotswold Group)</b> Help us respond to footpath queries	 <b>RAMBLERS</b> <b>North Cotswold</b>	<b>Walks Co-ordinator (North Cotswold Group)</b> Someone to gather walks from leaders.
	<b>Map Checker</b> Lost Path Researcher		<b>Path Monitor</b> Walk a local path

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