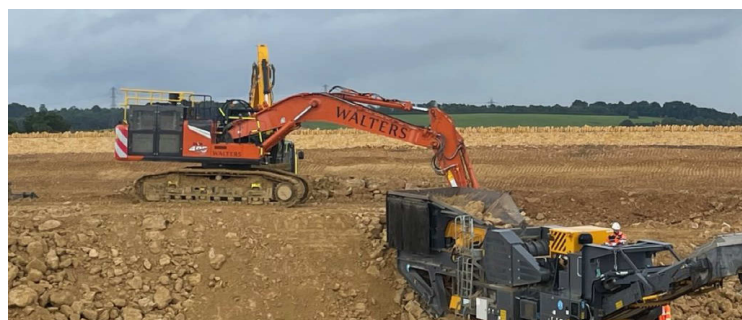




Walking Together Saturday 10 May 2025 Witcombe and Bentham Village Hall

Groups from across Gloucestershire are holding a walk on the same day as a way of publicising the work we do. Mix and match your walks. Morning walks afternoon walks, all day walks and hear about our efforts to find lost ways. Hosted by Cheltenham Rambling Club.

Crickley Hill, Cranham Woods, Birdlip, Brockworth, A417 scheme. For a full programme see page 4.

Gotherington AGO6 AGO12 Missing Link

At a new housing development in Gotherington, it was found that where footpath AGO12 heads north to footpath AGO6 on the OS map a hedge gap had been boarded up. Unfortunately during construction of the site the level of the ground had been raised. Cleeve Group and GCC became involved. Eventually a soil and stone ramp (which should grass over) together with a gate and handrails were installed.



Events

Walking Together 10:00 Sat 10 May

Events throughout the day
Cheltenham Rambling Club
Groups, Clubs, Members
Visitors, All Welcome.

Winchcombe Walking Festival 16-18 May

Walks in all directions
throughout the long
weekend. Find our stand!

Vacancies!

There are always opportunities to lend a hand. Meetings are via zoom video link. Maybe attend to see how we operate.

Area Council Meetings

Wed, 19 Mar 7:30pm
Wed, 28 May 7:30pm
Wed, 30 Jul 7:30pm
Wed, 24 Sep 7:30pm

Find us: Meetup, Facebook

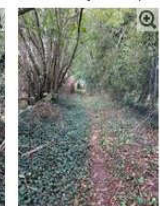


Fix-My-Street

The county council Fix-My-Street system is available to report and monitor path issues. If you find something that needs reporting, a useful link with appropriate settings can be found under Footpaths and Groups on our website.

Public Footpath overgrown and inaccessible

Reported via mobile in the Public rights of way category
anonymously at 12:36, Thursday 22 September 2022





Gloucestershire Walking Group 25 years Celebration

From mid 2000 a Younger Ramblers programme offered walks on the 2nd Sunday of every month for members in their 20s 30s and early 40s. The Group was inaugurated on 17 December 2000.

The Group has continued to flourish and naturally get older. To continue the cycle of re-invigoration, a 20s-30s sub-group was created nearly ten years ago.

GWG proposes celebrating its 25th Anniversary with a 25 mile walk, at about the time those first walks began, on the longest day Saturday 21st June. The route will be divided into shorter walking sections.



2024 AGM at King's Stanley Saturday 18 January 2025

The day began with a 5 mile walk south of King's Stanley circling around the Cotswold Way through Penn woods.

Following a bring your own lunch Ann Adams, Chair of South Cotswold Ramblers, the host Group, gave a brief overview of group activities. The walks programme includes weekly flat walks of about four miles, longer walks of 6-8 miles and 10 mile faster paced hilly walks. The Group also responds to footpath and planning matters with the assistance of Area Officers. Their annual picnic and walk on Saturday 21 June at Hatherop School allows a full range of members to get together and socialise.



Charlie Morriss, Area Chair, opened the AGM and thanked the Group for organising the day. Many post holders had offered to continue the same as last year but some roles became vacant and could be co-opted during the year. Bernard Gill was elected as Vice-Chair and Secretary, Michèle Holden as Minutes Secretary and Walking Environment, Gwen Chaney as Treasurer, Gerard O'Driscoll as Membership Secretary.

Thanks were given to David Pinkard for his efforts with Walking-Cycling for the past two years, and to Charlie Morris for giving a year as Chair. Affiliated Organisations Cotswold Rambling Club, Cheltenham Rambling Club and Stroud Rambling Club would continue to be represented at Area.



The Chair thanked everyone for attending, and closed the meeting at 1:30 pm.

South Cotswold provided a different type of theme for this year's speaker. Brian Witcombe (the Group's Treasurer) recounted his research into sword swallowing after taking an interest in the subject while a consultant radiologist.



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



Our AGM in November again proved popular. Several longstanding committee members of the committee gave a year's notice and encouraged newer members to step forward. Despite poor weather and muddy conditions, our walks have been well supported, and numbers of 20 or more are frequent on midweek walks. The usual pre-Christmas "Hats & Jumpers" walk was very well attended and enjoyed by all. In January we held our Annual Lunch at the Old Elm in Churchdown. Over 50 members attended and enjoyed the food and a quiz, as well as good company. John Bent-Marshall (Secretary)



North Cotswold Group

North Cotswold Ramblers held its AGM at Little Hall Blockley after a short walk from the village. The Chair reported a successful year with many paths checked, a biweekly walks programme and two holidays. The Group continues to self fund and is arranging for a reprint of the popular Diamond Way book in the spring. The route was created in 1995 to coincide with Ramblers '60' Diamond Anniversary and follows a diamond shape around the Group territory.

Spotted at Andoversford. A rare sign shows a Road Used as a Public Path (RUPP). Following the 2000 CRow and 2006 NERC Acts many RUPPs became Restricted Byways (RB) for walking, riding, cycling and horse drawn carriages. A few were designated as Byway Open to All Traffic (BOAT) to include motor propelled vehicle use. Some claims for revision are still outstanding.



Forest of Dean Ramblers



Forest of Dean Group recently walked the newly waymarked Three Choirs Way near Ashleworth. Gloucestershire, Herefordshire and Worcestershire Ramblers Areas funded the waymark badges. There was a good turn out for the AGM & walk around Yorkley with its trig point.



Witcombe Walking Together

Saturday 10 May 2025

gloucestershireramblers.org.uk/wt25 wt@gloucestershireramblers.org.uk

Programme

Members & prospective members are welcome to join walks below.

Meet:10:00 am
Witcombe and Benthams Village Hall, Pillcroft Road, GL3 4TB
Car parking available. Bus 10
Grid Ref: SO 9043 1598
W3W :///passenger.apricot.lights

Hosts: Cheltenham Rambling Club



10.00	All	Welcome. Walk Leader Introductions inside Witcombe Village Hall – by Cheltenham Rambling Club Chair.
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All Day Walks

Start Time	Group	Description	Miles	Leader and Backmarker
10.15	Cheltenham Rambling Club Forest of Dean	Sheepscombe via Ebworth returning via Cranham (ascent 1700 ft).	11	Carol S. Liz J.
10.18	Cheltenham Rambling Club	Prinknash via Roman Villa, Buckholt Wood. Return Coopers Hill, Droys Court.	8	Robert A. Janet A.
10.24	North Cotswold	Cranham via Roman Villa, Coopers Hill, Buckholt Wood. Return Witcombe Woods, Gt Witcombe (ascent 1500 ft).	8	Sarah R. Dave R.
11.30 late start	Gloucestershire Walking Group	Birdlip pub lunch: Gt. Witcombe, Royal George, Barrow Wake.	6	Margaret A.

Morning Walks

Start Time	Group	Description	Miles	Leader and Backmarker
10.21	Gloucester	Centre of Gloucestershire – a flat and easy walk through Benthams, Brockworth and along the Horsbere Brook. Picnic at the hall. Connects to afternoon walks.	4	Diane T. Rob T.

Afternoon Walks

Start Time	Group	Description	Miles	Leader and Backmarker
1.10 pm	Cleeve	A417 Missing Link works. Benthams, Air Balloon, Crickley Hill, Greenfield Farm	4	Gerry O'D
1.15 pm	Cheltenham Rambling Club	Gt. Witcombe Church, Reservoirs, Roman Villa – a short walk with some elevation (c300 ft).	4	Mary H. Dave T.
3:15 pm	All	Tea cake etc. at the hall.		
3.30 pm		Brief talk of local interest / Lost Ways.		

Arrival by bus Number 10: from Gloucester the stop is Shurdington Road opposite Toby's Restaurant. From Cheltenham the Delta by Marriott Hotel. Take the footpath to the left of the Marriott driveway, next to the mural painted utility box, which leads to the Village Hall.
Bring stout shoes or boots, suitable walking clothing/rain gear as well as water and a picnic.
Tea, Coffee etc available at the Hall. Activities subject to change. Times and miles are approximate.