

Chedworth Walking Together Event Saturday 9th May 2026

Groups and Clubs from across Gloucestershire hold a walk on the same day from the same place as a way to get everyone together. Mix and match your walks. Morning walks afternoon walks, all day walks and hear about our efforts to look after footpaths and find lost ones. Members & Visitors, All Welcome. See page 4 for more details.



Chedworth across the Valley



Bird Mosaic at the Roman Villa

ZGL64 Hempsted Update



The pedestrian gate on ZGL64 Glevum Way, Gloucester Circular Path at Hempsted not far from the River Severn. Tested with recent heavy rain, it's no longer waterlogged. The path has naturally seeded with grass, weeds & herbs and is well walked.



Two years ago there was a quagmire. The drainage ditch was blocked and happy cows churned up glorious mud.

Gloucestershire Ramblers helped fund:-

- lift the gate 150mm,
- drop a 300mm drainage pipe into the ditch,
- create a traditional (mixed stone and soil) embanked path over it.

The cows provided manure.

Walking Together

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Winchcombe Walking Festival 15-17 May

Once again our publicity stand will be present throughout the weekend. Why not check it out!

Vacancies!

There are always opportunities to lend a hand. Maybe attend a meeting to see how we operate.

Area Council Meetings

7:30pm via zoom
 Mon, 2 Mar Governance
 Wed, 1 Apr GC papers
 Wed, 27 May Ordinary
 Wed, 29 Jul Intermediate
 Wed, 23 Sep Year end

Ramblers GB AGM

Sat 25 April - Area Reps

Find us: Meetup, Facebook





2025 AGM at Churchdown, Saturday 17 January 2026

Gloucester Group kindly hosted the Area AGM. The day began with a climb of Churchdown Hill. Permission had been gained for a tour inside the historic St Bartholomew's church at the summit. Afterwards the walk circled around Chosen Hill before return to St Andrews church hall.

Following a bring-your-own lunch Martin Coles, the Group Chair, gave a brief overview of activities during the year. A number of responses had been made to footpath and planning matters. The walks programme

included both short Wednesday walks and longer weekend walks. Social Activities included a BBQ on Robinswood Hill. Long standing committee Members had retired and new faces stepped forward.



Bernard Gill Secretary and Vice Chair, opened the AGM and thanked the Group for organising the day before running through the Annual Report. Martin Coles temporarily took over while Bernard was elected as Chair before the meeting continued. Michèle Holden was elected as Secretary and Gwen Chaney as Treasurer. Several Members offered to fill vacancies or join in as individual members. Sarah Randell was duly elected as Membership Secretary and Jan van der Lely as Walking Environment Officer.

As they were not standing this year, thanks were given to John Bent-Marshall and Gerry O'Driscoll for many years of service. Affiliated organisations Cheltenham Rambling Club and Stroud Rambling Club would continue to be represented at Area. During the year Cotswold Rambling Club celebrated its 100 Anniversary before agreeing to close. Andy Mudd, Chair of GWG and rep to Area sadly passed away in November. Andy's role in the Group's 25 Anniversary was seen in the June 2025 Member Update.

Members present discussed walk leading, insurance and the structure of Ramblers before the Chair thanked everyone for taking part, and closed the AGM at 2:25 pm.

Janet Gee, Ramblers Trustee, spoke about the challenges of running a large organisation with 106,000 members and proposals for revising governance, organisational structure and size of the Board. There was some discussion of Ramblers role as a respoondee to planning matters. King Charles III Coastal Path is now almost complete thanks to efforts of Ramblers and Natural England.

Gerry O'Driscoll

It was very sad to hear that Gerry quickly succumbed to an illness, just a few weeks after the AGM.

Here is Gerry, on the left, at Southam leading a walk along the lower slopes of Cleeve Hill before the Cleeve Group AGM on Sunday 2nd November.

In recent times Gerry has been Area Membership Secretary, Treasurer, Area Rep. to Ramblers General Council, Cleeve Group Rep. to Area as well as Cleeve Walks Co-ordinator. He was always willing to help, especially when a job needed doing.

Gerry will be greatly missed. Warm wishes are extended to Ruth and family.





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.

North Cotswold Ramblers

The Group continued a series of two walks per month through the winter. Some interesting stone pipe manufacturing features were seen near Guiting Power. Other walks included Longborough to Hinchwick, Bourton on the Hill and Sezincote. The traditional November walk around Blockley preceded the AGM which again concluded with Tony's delicious soups. 2026 began with a circuit of the Slaughters. We continue to monitor footpaths and in Spring have arranged a weekend break near Brecon.



Gloucester Ramblers Group

The year has opened with some added variety to the regular walks. We already held a walk in the Forest of Dean exploring the history of mining. A further walk exploring industry in the Forest of Dean is part of the current walk programme, as is an historic tour of the Gloucester docks and a visit to the A417 'missing link' project. Some figure of eight walks that depart twice from the same place, will allow Members who would like a shorter walk to join the second, flat and stile-free loop.

Midweek and weekend walks continue to be well attended and since Christmas have been joined by a number of new walkers. Walk leaders have taken time to view the new guidance and have helped put together another full programme of walks. During these early months of 2026 many have been sodden as shown in the photo.



At the November AGM a number of long-standing and greatly respected members made way for new faces on the committee. We are extremely grateful to Anita King, David McTeer, John Bent-Marshall and Nigel Bone for all their efforts and imagination over the years. They have richly deserved a rest.

Forest of Dean Ramblers

At the end of November the AGM at Yorkley received a good turn out and where the committee was grateful a number of members offered to join the team.

Following several wet days, the photo shows the beginning of an ascent of the Skirrid, initially hidden by low cloud. However members were rewarded when the sun broke through.

The Group walks programme continues to be varied from short 5 mile ones, to longer ones of at least 12 miles.





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Draft Programme

Members and prospective members can join walks below.

Meet:09:50 am
Chedworth Village Hall,
Fields Road, Chedworth
GL54 4NE
car parking available
Grid Ref: SP054114
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10.00	All	Welcome. Walk Leader Introductions inside Chedworth Village Hall
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All Day Walks

Start Time	Group	Description	Miles	Leader and Backmarker
10.15	Cheltenham Rambling Club, Forest of Dean	Hampnett via Fossebridge, Stowell Park, return via Yanworth. (ascent 1500 ft)	11	Carol S. Sally G-J.
10.18	North Cotswold	Withington and the River Coln via historic airfield, returning via Coln Trail and Monarch's Way (ascent 1000 ft)	9	Sarah R. Charles W.
10.24	South Cotswold	Rendcomb Quiet lanes and a valley return along the Churn, steep climb Conigree Wood (ascent 800 ft)	8	Tina D. Jill S.
11.00 late start	Cleeve	Fossebridge Inn - pub lunch walk	5	Brian P. Barbara B.

Morning Walks

Start Time	Group	Description	Miles	Leader and Backmarker
10.20	Gloucester	Village walk – leisurely walk exploring local features in the village	4	Rob T. Diane T.

Afternoon Walks

Start Time	Group	Description	Miles	Leader and Backmarker
1.00 pm	Area	Chedworth Roman Villa Please bring NT card or entry fee £15. No charge if using café only.	4	Michèle H.
3:30 pm	All	Tea cake etc. at the hall.		
3.45 pm		Brief talk on a local theme.		

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.