



Member Update - June 2026 Walking Together Chedworth Sat 9 May

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Over 80 walkers enjoyed the seventh Walking Together event. Led by Gloucestershire Groups and Affiliates, walks ranged from 4 to 12 miles. The nearby Macmillan Way and Monarchs Way proved popular. Routes included visits to Stowell Park, Withington, a Roman Temple, Chedworth Roman Villa and a tour of Chedworth village. North Cotswold Group hosted, welcomed walkers and provided refreshments at the village hall. Grateful thanks go to walk leaders, back markers-everyone that made this possible.

Winchcombe Walking Festival Fri 15 to Sun 17 May



Our stand was again present at this popular 3 day event. The weather was mild, ideal for walking, and ranged from a short evening walk, a steam train trip and the 26mile Winchcombe Way challenge.

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Area Council Meetings

7:30pm via zoom
Wed, 29 Jul Intermediate
Wed, 30 Sep Year End
Wed, 25 Nov Intermediate
2027 Sat 16 Jan AGM
(Hosts Cleeve Group)

Find us: Meetup, Facebook



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Recruitment Drive - Help us help you.

Treasurer

No financial qualification needed, just an ability to keep records up to date - a list of money in and money out.

The role only takes a few hours a month, and is rewarding as everyone likes to be paid. An annual request is made to Ramblers Central Office for funds for next year. Our current Treasurer, has been in post for a number of years, would like to retire and will support someone shadow the role for a while. It keeps Ramblers going in the County.

If you're interested in helping with the role please contact:

treasurer@gloucestershireramblers.org.uk

Main	Payments	Con
50.00	To CO	832.40
	To Area	1.636
	To Group (bundling)	
	To Group (other)	228
	To BSW Council	177
	Wales programme	
	Wales related	
	Wales leader training	
	Wales publicity	248
	Publications/goods costs	203.02
	Campaigns/correspondence	92
	Practical work	37
	Fundraising costs	
	Meetings (inc. AGM)	1,835.40
	Admin	
	Other	
	Total payments	2,579

Welsh Council, Sat 21 and Sun 22 March 2026



Gloucestershire Ramblers is invited to Ramblers Welsh Council as a visitor from bordering Counties. The event has a conference feel over 2 days and is a good way of meeting reps from Areas across Wales. It includes morning walks, get togethers, breakout workshops, as well as a discussion of what's been done and what's coming up. This year it was held in the historic spa town of Llandrindod Wells.

General Council Sat 25 April 2026 Birmingham NEC

Two Area reps attend Ramblers General Council (Or AGM) on behalf of local Members. In recent years it's become limited to formal business matters such as review of the annual accounts, appointment of auditors, approval of the annual report and appointment of new Trustees. Past meetings were more of a conference style with opportunities for discussion and gave time to celebrate achievements such as Ramblers involvement in the King Charles III England Coast Path.

A Resolution by the Board proposed to change the way the organisation is run and how Trustees are elected so that Members could vote directly. However there was concern this would give large urban areas a greater proportion of representation vs the current system with a geographical spread of representation of two to three delegates for each of the 59 Areas. Is it better to govern through referendums or appointed members? After a wide debate, the proposal was narrowly defeated.

Gloucestershire Area Council meetings are where Ramblers operation in the county is discussed including the above resolution. These are usually every two months and include reps of Groups and Affiliates as well as Individual Members. If you would like to come along and see what we do, please get in touch.



Gloucester Vale Conservation Volunteers

is our latest Affiliated Organisation.

GVCV has been carrying out conservation work in Gloucestershire for 30 years. About twice a month, on Sundays, they carry out tasks including: Woodland management – such as Coppicing, Scrub clearance and other grassland management, Footpath maintenance, Pond and other wetland habitat management.

<https://www.gvcv.org.uk/>



M5 Junction 10 Improvement Coombe Hill, Uckington

Works have begun to replace the limited access motorway junction with a full roundabout. Several thousand homes are planned for the vicinity so the proposals also include a Cheltenham East Distributor Road. A Bat tunnel is included and available for use by walkers and horseriders. There will be a diversion of the crossing from Withybridge Lane to the bridleway opposite - part of the historic Gloucester to Evesham Road.

Cleeve Group is checking connectivity especially during construction where paths may be diverted onto roads. The scheme includes a cycleway and footway through the new roundabout. The current M5 bridge will be demolished. www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/J10



Thames Path 30 Celebration Relay



It was 5 years ago that GWG took part in two days of Relays to begin the Thames Path 25th Anniversary. Friday 6 June 2026 saw Cirencester Ramblers and other organisations gather again, at the source near Coates. It's 30 years since the 1966 official opening of the Thames Path.

Now a National Trail, the Path was envisioned by David Sharp of The Ramblers, who liaised with 37 local authorities and the Countryside Commission (now Natural England) to bring the route to life. The relay continues throughout June from source to sea along the path's 185 miles to Woolwich.

https://www.nationaltrail.co.uk/en_GB/trails/thames-path/thames-path-30th-anniversary/





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 organised the May Walking Together here with everyone in the Hall.

Walks have continued around Guiting Power to find more of the old stone pipes manufactured there, the Wolfords and at Longborough.

Evening walks are planned to take place throughout the summer.

Gloucester Ramblers

The walking together day on 9 May was well and enthusiastically attended by Gloucester group members. Meanwhile a full and varied programme continues in Gloucester with both weekend and mid-week walks every week. Walk participation has continued to rise with most walks now attracting around twenty people. One walk - on 1 April - set out with 35 walkers. The Summer programme includes evening walks. The new full programme has been made possible by Members completing the walk leader guidance training. Gloucester group's annual barbecue takes place in July. We continue to generate responses about footpath issues.



South Cotswold Ramblers

South Cotswold liaised with landowners and the local Parish Council to improve accessibility of footpath MHO52 at Horsley. A tricky stile has now been replaced with a pedestrian gate. The Group continues to enjoy a 3 day walk programme with short walks on Monday mornings.

Cleeve Ramblers

The Group has been experimenting with shorter walks on a Wednesday with a pub lunch. This one at Shurdington was aimed at walkers with mild or moderate arthritis, recovering from an injury, or just wanting a more leisurely walk of about 4 miles. The path shown ASH53 is supposed to be a rare 5 metre wide Byway Open to All Traffic. However it's signed as a footpath and obstructed with a couple of lorry containers. Forwarded to colleagues at Gloucester Group who monitor the patch.

