

Walks Coordinator Report - AGM 24th November 2024

WALKS PROGRAMME

The figures below show how successful we've been in offering walks since the last AGM.

	Offered	Cancelled	No walk offered	Leaders
Friday Ambles	22	1 (flooding)	0	8
Sunday Walks	42	4 (injury/ M4 closure/ no pre-walk)	10*	16

* Includes coach trip, Xmas Eve, New Years Eve

All available Fridays were taken, and my thanks go particularly to Jean Aellen who coordinates this programme and who has arranged replacements where cancellations occurred, sometimes at short notice.

For Sundays we often start the 3 month programme with very few scheduled walks, but I'm extremely grateful to those leaders who commit to walks as the dates approach. Despite this, we've had a few more vacant dates than last year (7 compared with 3) at least partly due to one leader leaving the group. With an average length of 8.5 miles it is probably true that our Sunday walks are getting shorter, but there are still walks of 10 to 12 miles, and especially in the winter months I think it's quite acceptable to have a range of distances, so we attract walkers of differing abilities.

LEADERS

Huge thanks to all our leaders, some of whom have offered multiple walks (up to 8!). While the figures look as though we have 24 active leaders, in fact 3 of these have led Friday and Sunday walks. One pleasing observation is that 2 people who have previously led walks but not for us, or not for a long time, have stepped up and offered walks. We also had a visiting leader on Easter Sunday in the person of Geoff Mullet, an original founding member of the group.

WALKS MANAGER

The Ramblers Walks Manager platform has now been in use for over a year. This automatically feeds across onto our Severnside website, but I still need to create independently the 3 monthly programme for members who have difficulty using online resources. Thanks to Christine for mailing out changes to everyone. With Walks Manager, any leader is able to input a walk, although it has to be 'published' by myself or Ken before it will appear in any programme. Some leaders are doing this, the others are still sending me all the details as before, often on the template from our website. I'm equally happy with either. In any case, I need to be contacted to make me aware that a walk needs approval.

NEXT YEAR 2025

Almost every date is available – if you think you'd like to lead a walk please get in touch.

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