



Dear *York Rambler members*

I hope you are able to enjoy the warmer weather for your walking activities, particularly as all our different sections are continuing to offer a full programme, which can be found on the York Ramblers website. We are even planning another series of walks in the evenings.

I'm very grateful for all the support our volunteer walk leaders give, which enables us flourish.

After arranging the programme for the longer Wednesday walks for twenty years, ensuring we had volunteer leaders every week, and before COVID, sometimes two walks a week, Steve Hoather has given up this role. We are very grateful for all he has done. Fortunately, Mike Norman has taken it over, and the programme is continuing without any problems.

We were also sorry to lose Avis Strudwick as the coordinator of the Public Transport walks section. After organising this section so successfully for many years, she has been forced to resign due to ill health. Fortunately, Annette Bond and Anne Cornford have taken over, and the PT walks continue to take place every week.

You will see the details of our next coach ramble, which offers three excellent walks finishing at Howarth.

I'm delighted that Steve Hoather has taken over coordinating the parish footpath surveys that many of you are involved in. Thanks to Simon Lyle for the work he has put into the scheme.

The issue of risk assessment has been under discussion recently, and I should like to reassure members that all our walks are 'recced' beforehand, any potential problems identified, and on the day of the walk are highlighted to the group before starting, and dealt with during the walk.

It's been a pleasure to welcome several new members on our walks, and to find that they have enjoyed the experience of walking with the York Ramblers.



Ian Reavill
Chairman



SOCIAL EVENING WALKS

Come and join us!

Now that the evenings are getting lighter, York Group are trialling summer evening walks. From 20 April there will be a schedule of fortnightly walks running on a Thursday and starting at 6:30pm. As with all our other led walks, the evening walks will be posted on the York Ramblers website with a full description of the walk and the location. The walks will be between 3-5 miles in length and end with a 'pub stop' for those of you wishing to quench your thirst and have a friendly chat with fellow walkers.

Stephanie Windsor
Social Secretary



COACH RAMBLE

Spring Coach Ramble to Haworth

Sunday 21 May 2023

ONLY £15 – but book early because these trips are popular.

After the success of last year's coach rambles we thought a trip over to Haworth would be an ideal opportunity for all our members to join us, whether it's choosing from one of our stunning guided-walks, or just spending a day in the lovely town of Haworth, which just so happens to be the 'Haworth 1940's weekend event', where the village is transformed with decoration, stalls, dances and re-enactments along Main Street and the park.

For those of you that are joining the walks, we have a selection of three walks, all of which are guided by experienced walkers.

- **A WALK** led by Alastair Bloom – linear walk from Hebden Bridge to Haworth (approx. 12 miles)
- **B WALK** led by Jan Dixon – linear walk from Hebden Bridge to Haworth (approx. 9 miles)
- **C WALK** led by John Cocker – circular walk starting and finishing in Haworth (approx. 7 miles)

We would like to thank both Annette Bond and Anne Cornford from Public Transport Walks for organising this event, and of course to all our walk leaders for taking the time to recced and lead the walks.

A booking form with all the details of pickup points and payment details are attached, but it is also available on our website www.yorkramblers.org.uk. Alternatively if you have difficulty in obtaining a booking form then please ask one of the walk leader.



PARISH PATHS

Steve Hoather has now taken over from Simon Lyle the organisation of Parish Footpath surveys. We would like to thank Simon for all his work, which should enable a smooth transfer of this very valuable exercise. Steve has now contacted most of the existing volunteers to check whether they are willing to continue in 2023, and nearly all have confirmed their willingness to do so.

However, the following parishes are at present uncovered – Skipwith, Kelfield, Appleton Roebuck, Tollerton, Shipton, Stillingfleet, Alne, Coxwold, Newburgh, Barby with Osgodby, Thornton on the Hill, Ulleskelf, Elvington, Askham Richard, Earswick, New Earswick, Bishophorpe and the City of York Wards of Dringhouses and Woodthorpe, and Westfield.

For those who have not been involved before, this exercise means "adopting" one (or more) parishes, and walking each footpath within that parish once each year, reporting any problems to the appropriate Council for action.

If you would like to volunteer to cover any of these Parishes, please contact Steve Hoather on hoathersteve@gmail.com or 01904 783433. Steve will be able to provide a copy of the guidance leaflet and a map of the paths in the relevant Parish."