



Dear *York Rambler members*

It's been a very encouraging start to the year for our group, in spite of some pretty challenging weather and footpath conditions. I've been so impressed that all our walking sections have continued to offer a full programme of walks, with no cancellations for bad weather. Our thanks go to Linda, Tuesday walks, Judith, the Amblers, Mike, Wednesday walks, and Anne and Annette for the public transport walks. They managed to find leaders for their programmes, but it's becoming harder to get people to lead. This is in spite of the fact that all our walks are very well supported. I want to make a plea for members to offer to lead a walk. If you've never done it before, but think you could have a go, we will help you plan a walk, recce it with you, and assist you on the day of the walk. Please have a chat with your walking section leader when they ask for walk leaders. There is also online training for new walk leaders on the Ramblers website.

Since Christmas, we have seen a dozen new members join the York group, and I have met some of them on walks already. This is very encouraging, as many groups are losing members.

At our last committee meeting, we decided to arrange a coach Ramble on Sunday 2nd June, there will be a choice of three walks, all finishing at Saltburn, further details can be found in the Newsletter and will be on the website.

Following the success of the summer Thursday evening walks, Stephanie Windsor will be arranging another programme, which will be advertised on our website. Yet another walking day!

Finally, I am delighted that the parish paths surveys are nearly all covered. Steve Hoather has managed to find people to survey the parishes that hadn't been adopted, but there may be some that are still in need of attention. I believe that this is a very important part of our Rambler's work. Please contact us if you would like to be involved.

I look forward to meeting many of you on our walks.



Ian Reavill
Chairman





TUESDAY WALKS

Linda Gall

Tuesday walks of 7 to 9 miles continue on a fortnightly basis. There was an average of fifteen walkers on each walk in 2023 and we visited the Yorkshire Dales, Moors and Wolds and a number of walks closer to home.

Thanks to all those who have volunteered to lead walks.

WEDNESDAY AMBLERS

Judith Tosh

In the past year there has been an Amble on most Wednesdays. Generally they have been between 6 and 8 miles in length taken at a steady pace with consideration of everyone in the group. The ambles have been in varying directions from York, nearer to York in the late autumn to early spring and then further afield when, hopefully, the weather improves. The choice of location is generally at the volunteer leader's discretion. It is thanks to these volunteers that the ambles take place. New leaders are always needed so that the existing leaders are not overloaded with doing a recce and leading a walk so keeping the group going. All walks are published on the national Ramblers, the York, and E Riding and Derwent websites.

SUMMER EVENING SOCIAL WALKS

Stephanie Windsor

After the success of the evening walks last year thanks to everyone who led the walks, these will begin again this year on Thursday May 2nd. They will run fortnightly on alternate Thursdays and are usually between 3 - 5 miles. The walks begin at 6pm, are relatively local and usually finish in a pub local to the walk.

Please contact me via text on **07780 546246** or email stephaniewindsor6@gmail.com if you would like to lead one of these walks.

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY

NORTH YORK MOORS

It was mentioned at the recent AGM in November by Vera Silberberg, that those members who did not want to go or were unable to go on long walks may be interested in an alternative form of exercise, and possibly might like to volunteer with the NYMNP, details can be found on the following link - <https://www.northyorkmoors.org.uk/communities/volunteering-in-the-north-york-moors>



COACH RAMBLE

Summer Coach Ramble to Saltburn

Sunday 2 June 2024

Cost £15 per person

I hope you can join us on this year's coach ramble. There will be 3 walks starting at different locations near Guisborough, and all ending in Saltburn. Whether you decide to go on one of our three guided walks or spend the day at leisure exploring Saltburn, it will be a wonderful day out.

A. Walk led by Roger Brook – From Newton-under-Roseberry C.P. we ascend through woods to the summit of Roseberry Topping.

12 miles

B. Walk led by Paul Shepherd – From Hutton Gate near Guisborough we ascend to the cliff viewpoint of Highcliffe Nab where we join the Cleveland Way. We continue on the National Trail to finish at Saltburn-on-the-Sea.

9 miles

C. Walk leader to be confirmed – From Tocketts Lythe just outside Guisborough we take a lane to Waterfall Gill then ascend to join the Cleveland Way. We continue on the trail to finish at Saltburn-by-the-Sea.

6 miles

Thank you, Annette Bond, Anne Cornford and Tony Tew, for organising the event and thank you to all our walk leaders for taking the time to recce and lead the walks.

A booking form is attached with all the details for payment, and pick up points. The form will also be available on our website. www.yorkramblers.org.uk

Alternatively, if you have difficulty accessing a booking form please ask one of the walk leaders.

PARISH FOOTPATHS MONITORING

FEBRUARY 2024

Steve Hoather

Out of 85 parishes (or groups of parishes), 59 have been reported as surveyed and any problems reported to the relevant council. Several others were part completed, and the wet weather towards the end of the year did not help!

Most volunteers have said they are willing to continue in 2024, but inevitably there are a few who are no longer able. I am therefore looking for new volunteers for the parishes of Strensall with Towthorpe, Yearsley, Oulston and Thornton on the Hill.

All we ask of the monitors is that they walk all the public rights of way in their chosen parish sometime during the year, and report any problems found to the relevant council. I will send an explanatory booklet and Ordnance Survey map of your parish if you volunteer.

Anyone who would like to take on one of the above parishes please contact me on hoathersteve@gmail.com or **01904 783433**.

Many thanks.

YORK GROUP COACH RAMBLE

Sunday 2nd June 2024 to Saltburn

A walk led by Roger Brook – linear walk from Roseberry Topping
(approx. 12 miles)

B walk led by Paul Shepherd – linear walk from St Leonards Road South
(approx. 9 miles)

C walk led by (TBC) – linear walk from Tocklett House, Skelton Ellers, Guisborough
(approx. 6 miles)

COACH PICKUP TIMES:

08:25 Hospital Fields Road at Ingleby's Depot (on-street parking)

08:30 Memorial Gardens

08:50 Co-op garage, Great North Way, off A1237 at Nether Poppleton Roundabout

COST – £15 per person

Please book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

HOW TO BOOK

Simply send an email to me, Tony Tew, at tony.tew@hotmail.co.uk with your full name and phone number (preferably mobile), pickup point (Hospital Fields, Memorial Gardens or Poppleton), payment method (BACS or cheque), and an indication of what your walk preference might be (A, B, or C). Alternatively, please fill in the form below and either email it back to me or send it by post to:

Tony Tew, 19 Carr Lane, York YO26 5HT.

Payments:

Our preferred method of payment is by BACS directly into the Ramblers bank account:-

Payable to **York Ramblers (ER7)**, **Sort Code: 60-83-01**, **Account no: 20129521** and use your name as a reference. If paying by cheque make it payable to The Ramblers Association, fill in the booking form below and post it to me at the address above. Any queries then please phone **07852 529312** and leave a message and I'll get back to you.

Assume your seat is booked unless told otherwise, although where possible a confirmation email will be sent prior to the event. Cancellations up to 2 weeks before the event will be refunded on condition that the seat can be filled.

BOOKING FORM
2nd June 2024 Coach Trip to Saltburn

Name(s):

Pickup point:

Payment (BACS or cheque):

Email address/phone
number:

Walk Preference (A, B or C):