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## **Combined Annual General Meeting Documents – 23rd November 2025**

Evesham Ramblers committee invite its members to read the most recent Annual General Meeting documents. Redactions may occasionally occur in the interest of member privacy and safety. We hope you enjoy perusing the minutes and reports, if you have any comments or would like to join the committee, please contact Sheila via the website [www.eveshamramblers.org](http://www.eveshamramblers.org)

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### **Evesham Ramblers AGM Proposed Agenda for Sunday, 23rd November**

The Evesham Ramblers 2025 AGM will be held at **Aston Somerville Village Hall at 1:30 pm**. All members are welcome to attend. A buffet lunch will be provided at 1:00 pm, prior to the start of the meeting.

The proposed agenda is shown below. If anyone has any comments on this or has any suggestions for additional motions to be added please let Sheila know by Weds 12th November pm.

1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Minutes of previous AGM (taken as read)**
3. **Matters Arising**
4. **Annual Reports and Accounts**
  1. Group Chair's Report
  2. Group Treasurer's Report
  3. Group Membership Secretary's Report
  4. Group Walks Coordinator's Report
  5. Group Footpath Officer's Report
  6. Group Website Administrator's Report
5. **Election of Group Officers:**
  1. Group Chair and Secretary  
(Sheila O'Brien has offered to continue in post until the next AGM)
  2. Group Treasurer  
(Donna Davidson has offered to continue in post until the next AGM)
  3. Group Minutes Secretary (Vacancy)

4. Group Membership Secretary  
(Kath Smith has offered to continue in post until the next AGM)
5. Group Walks Coordinator  
(Simon Keir has offered to continue in post until the next AGM)
6. Group Footpath Officer  
(Jon Dudley has offered to continue in post until the next AGM)
7. Group Website Administrator  
(Sandra Chapman has offered to continue in this role until the next AGM)
8. Committee Member  
(Sue Chapman has offered to continue as a committee member until the next AGM)

6. **Feedback and comment with regard to:**

1. Evesham Welcomes Walkers / 2026 Evesham Walking Festival (Simon / Sheila)
2. Evesham Ramblers Publicity and Social Media (Kath / Sheila)
3. Evesham Ramblers Social Events (walking weekend, picnics, meals etc) (Sheila)

7. **Motions** - None received to date

8. **Any Other Business**

**Start time 1pm**

**Estimated finish time 3pm**

**Location:** Aston Somerville Village Hall, School Road, Aston Somerville, Broadway, WR12 7JD

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## **Evesham Ramblers AGM November 2024**

Village Hall, Childswickham, 1.00pm on Sunday, 24 November 2024

1. **Attendance and Apologies**

**Present:** Anna-Sofie Warmington; Simon Coxall-Apps; Anna Tustin; Vic Bass; Lynn Grant; Gloria Curtis; Simon Keir; Marion Tunwell; Donna Davison; Sue Chapman; Hugh Toplis; Jon Dudley; Sheila O'Brien; Isabel Carvalho

**Apologies:** Brian Hibbert; Katy; Linda Price; Kath Smith; Eleanor & Dev; Victoria; Darren; Sue T.; Ali Jeanes; Carolyn Ralphs

**2. Minutes of last meeting:** Approved

**3. Matters arising:** No matters arising

**4. Annual reports:**

**4.1.1 Group Chair's report** - Annex 1

Sheila especially thanked Donna for her initiative in organising the Macmillan picnic in September 2024. It was a very successful event, and Donna is happy to repeat it again next year on **1st September 2025**.

The Evesham Ramblers' weekend away next year will be organised through **HF Holidays** for the first time, and will take place in **Dovedale, Peak District**. The club is taking out a **club membership (£100)** so that all members attending the weekend can benefit from a group discount.

**4.2 Group Treasure's report** – Annex 2

It was noted that the Club currently has sufficient funds available to support new initiatives or suggestions that contribute to the improvement and development of the Club, for example, the purchase of OS maps.

**4.3 Group Membership Secretary's report** – Annex 3

Total members: 150

**4.4 Group Walks Coordinator's report** - Annex 4

Simon reported that it had been a successful year of walks, offering a good variety for members. However, the shortage of walk leaders remains an ongoing issue. Simon thanked Donna for her contribution as a new walk leader with the group. Brian and Jenny have also recently started to lead walks. It was agreed that former walk leaders will be contacted to see if they would be willing to resume leading some walks in the future.

**4.5 Group Footpath Officer's report** – Annex 5

**5. Election of Group Officer's**

5.1 Group chair and secretary: Sheila O'Brien

5.2 Group Treasurer: Donna Davison

5.3 Group minutes secretary: Isabel Carvalho

5.4 Group Membership secretary: Kath Smith

5.5 Group Walk Coordinator: Simon Keir

5.6 Group Footpath officer: Jon Dudley

5.7 Group Website Administrator: Sandra Chapman

5.8 Committee member: Sue Chapman

## 6. Feedback and comment regarding:

**6.1 Evesham Walking Festival** – The event will take place from 25th to 30th June 2025. The website is scheduled to go live at the end of January. Evesham Ramblers will take an active role and lead seven walks during the event. Participants will be required to confirm their attendance via a booking form, and each walk will carry a nominal fee of £3. There will be a limit on participant numbers, and some walks are expected to sell out quickly. Each walk ticket will also entitle participants to a 20% discount at Mountain Warehouse.

**6.2 Evesham Ramblers Publicity and Social Media** – It was noted that Evesham Ramblers leaflets will be distributed at the Evesham Medieval Market, local doctors' surgeries, and the library to promote the group and attract new members.

**6.3 Evesham Ramblers Social Events** – It was agreed to continue with the annual walking weekend next year at Dovedale, Peak District, and to maintain the summer evening walks, concluding with a pub meal whenever possible.

**7. Motions** – None received

**8. Any other business** - Concerns were raised regarding legal and insurance issues for joint walks with Evesham Rambling Club; however, Simon and Sheila explained that this should not pose a problem, as the Rambling Club is an affiliate of **The Ramblers**.

Sheila Obrien thanked everybody's presence.

New date for the next AGM to be announced.

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## Evesham Ramblers AGM Chairperson Report 2025

It's been another successful year for Evesham Ramblers. Our membership has remained fairly stable this year. It's been nice to welcome some new members, as well as ramblers from areas who join us occasionally. I hope that even though we are heading into the winter months where the weather can make rambling less appealing, that members still continue to take part in our organised walks.

This year's weekend trip was to a Dovedale HF property in the Peak District at the end of September, and was attended by 11 members. Unfortunately, a few people were signed up but had to cancel before the trip. However, even though we were a smaller group, the weekend was enjoyed by all. We walked all 4 days. Simon did an excellent job of leading walks and finding refreshment stops at lunchtime. We have just booked for next year, which will be another HF holiday in Church Stretton on Friday 18th September, for which we already have 16 members signed up.

The Area AGM meeting has been booked by Noelin in February at Redditch Golf Club. This will be an opportunity to discuss the recent Governance Review Document, which hopefully everyone will have received by now. Our next committee meeting will be early next year. Any members are more than welcome to attend.

Three of our members joined an Area map reading course at the end of August, which they said they found to be informative and useful.

We held evening walks throughout the summer. Attendance was lower than in previous years, which could have been in part because the weather was so hot over the summer. We will continue to offer summer walks next year. We had a good turnout for our most recent Train Walk, from Worcester Parkway to Pershore. We hope to continue doing Train Walks next year. We will continue to help at the Evesham Walking Festival in 2026, by providing either walk leaders or back markers. Hopefully the weather won't be as hot as it was this year. We will also continue to promote our rambling group at local events next year, including the Battle of Evesham festival.

Our Annual Christmas Lunch is being held on December 14th at The Star Inn in Ashton Under Hill. Our Christmas lunch is always a lovely way for our members to get together and celebrate the festive season. If anyone would like to join us who hasn't already booked, it's not too late. Details are on our [website](#) and Facebook page.

Finally, a huge thank you to all of the committee members and walk leaders who help our group run smoothly. We couldn't do all of the activities that we do without the support of you all. And obviously, without our members joining us on walks, we wouldn't have a group, so thanks to everyone who attends our walks and events.

Sheila O'Brien

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## Evesham Ramblers – Financial Report

### 1 Sept 2024 – 31 Aug 2025

**Opening Balance £485.37**

#### Income

|                   |            |             |
|-------------------|------------|-------------|
| Capitation - fees | 4 payments | £252        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>      |            | <b>£252</b> |

#### Expenditure

|                               |             |                |
|-------------------------------|-------------|----------------|
| Summer picnic                 | August 24   | £30.01         |
| HF Holiday membership         | November 24 | £100           |
| Mince pies for Christmas walk | December 24 | £29.99         |
| AGM venue                     | November 24 | £28            |
| AGM catering                  | November 24 | £40.10         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                  |             | <b>£228.10</b> |

**Bank Balance £509.27**

#### Allocation - 25/26

£1.10 per member- 149 members £163.90 + £100 (per group) = £263.90

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## Macmillan Certificate



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## Annual Membership Report 2025

### Vale of Evesham Ramblers

This year membership has remained between 140 – 150.

As of October 2025, we have 141 active (paid up) members, 3 members payment pending, 3 new members and 1 member has transferred in.

The average age of active (paid up) members is 70, however this does not mean that the average age of members who walk regularly is 70. Some long-term older members support the aims of the organisation but no longer walk.

The breakdown of gender is 46% male and 54 % so roughly similar.

16% of members volunteer for the group in some way either as a walk leader or as part of the committee. This means that 84% of members do not volunteer in any way.

23% of members opt out of email communication. This can make it more difficult to reach these members, however we do have a web site, Facebook and WhatsApp as additional means of communicating with members.

Comparisons with other local groups show that we are roughly similar in average age, gender and volunteers however we have a greater opt out of email communication.

Kath Smith

## Walk Coordinator's Report

**Summary:** Another very good walking year in which we have broadly maintained a full programme of twice weekly walks, as well as carrying out a number of additional walks. Our year-to-date record is: 98 walks completed with just 3 cancelled because of poor weather and 4 missed because no leader was available. (See Appendix 1 for a full listing and a summary). A very commendable achievement, given that we are only a small group with a small core of leaders. A huge thank all our Walk Leaders for making this possible

**Other Walking Highlights:** we enjoyed a very successful walking weekend in Dovedale staying at the HF house – excellent accommodation and super walks; our charity walk and picnic at Bideford raised over £100 for Macmillan cancer; we continued with a programme of midweek summer evening walks + meals; Evesham Ramblers led seven walks for the 2025 Evesham Walking Festival.

**Walk Attendance:** Attendance on our walks has remained much the same as in previous years, varying between about 5 and 20 but typically around about a dozen. Gratifyingly, we have attracted several new walkers this year, as well as quite a few visitors from other groups.

**Walk Leaders:** we still remain reliant on a small core of leaders and as a result are often working hand-to-mouth. We have only been able to maintain a full programme because of the willingness of some leaders to step in at very short notice on several occasions. So far a total of 16 leaders have lead walks this year, but just 3 of these leaders account for more 50% of the walks. We need to spread the load a bit more, to ensure we can maintain a full programme.

**Evesham Walking Festival 2026:** The number of walks planned for the 2026 festival has been reduced slightly to 20. Evesham Ramblers are planning to lead four of these.

**Walk Leader Training/Registration:** The 31<sup>st</sup> December deadline for complying with the new Ramblers training/registration requirements is fast approaching. We currently have 27 leaders listed, of which 14 have so far complied. Another 7 are 'in progress', while the remaining 6 are inactive (have not led for quite a while) and are expected to drop off the list from the start of next year.

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## APPENDIX 1: Record of walks

|         |            |                                        |   |         |
|---------|------------|----------------------------------------|---|---------|
| Sunday  | 05/01/2025 | No walk (no leader)                    |   |         |
| Tuesday | 07/01/2025 | No walk (no leader)                    |   |         |
| Sunday  | 12/01/2025 | Condicote & Lower Swell                | 6 | Sheila  |
| Tuesday | 14/01/2025 | Blockley circular                      | 6 | Simon K |
| Sunday  | 19/01/2025 | Snowhill                               | 5 | Sue C   |
| Tuesday | 21/01/2025 | Broughton Hackett & White Ladies Aston | 6 | Linda   |

|           |            |                                                         |     |                 |
|-----------|------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----------------|
| Sunday    | 26/01/2025 | Littletons                                              | 3.5 | Simon K         |
| Tuesday   | 28/01/2025 | Upton Snodsbury Circular inc. new forestry planting     | 5.3 | Paul            |
| Sunday    | 02/02/2025 | Beckford beckons - Beckford, Grafton, Conderton (recce) | 5   | Sheila          |
| Tuesday   | 04/02/2025 | Beckford beckons - Beckford, Grafton, Conderton         | 5   | Sheila          |
| Sunday    | 09/02/2025 | Hailes Abbey, Beckbury Monument, Little Farmcote        | 5.5 | Simon K         |
| Tuesday   | 11/02/2025 | Feckenham, Berrow & Berrow Hill                         | 5.3 | (Alan Saunders) |
| Sunday    | 16/02/2025 | Welford-on-Avon River Stroll                            | 5   | Sheila          |
| Tuesday   | 18/02/2025 | Alcester & Oversley Woods                               | 6.5 | Simon K         |
| Sunday    | 23/02/2025 | No walk (no leader)                                     |     |                 |
| Tuesday   | 25/02/2025 | Bredon Hill from Nafford Weir                           | 8   | Donna           |
| Sunday    | 02/03/2025 | Winchcombe and the Source of the Isbourne               | 6   | Donna           |
| Tuesday   | 04/03/2025 | The Littletons & Cleeve Prior (Vale No 3)               | 6.5 | Simon K         |
| Sunday    | 09/03/2025 | Stow, Mangersbury & Lower Swell                         | 5   | Sheila          |
| Tuesday   | 11/03/2025 | Round Evesham Walk                                      | 5   | Simon K         |
| Sunday    | 16/03/2025 | Dumbleton & Alderton                                    | 6   | Simon K         |
| Tuesday   | 18/03/2025 | Adlestrop, Cornwell & Daylesford                        | 7   | Jenny P         |
| Sunday    | 23/03/2025 | Hanbury circular                                        | 6   | Carolyn         |
| Tuesday   | 25/03/2025 | Flyford Flavell, Grafton Wood, Dormston, Kington        | 6   | Linda           |
| Sunday    | 30/03/2025 | Stanton & Stanway                                       | 5   | Katy            |
| Tuesday   | 01/04/2025 | Elmley Castle, Netherton & Kersoe                       | 5   | Sheila          |
| Sunday    | 06/04/2025 | Morton-in-Marsh & Batsford                              | 6   | Simon K         |
| Tuesday   | 08/04/2025 | Offenham, Aldington & Badsey                            | 6.5 | Sheila          |
| Sunday    | 13/04/2025 | Ebrington, Foxcote & Hidcote                            | 7   | Simon K         |
| Tuesday   | 15/04/2025 | Tibberton                                               | 6.3 | Pat Owen        |
| Sunday    | 20/04/2025 | Easter Sunday - no walk planned                         |     |                 |
| Tuesday   | 22/04/2025 | Alcester, The Arrow & Great Alne                        | 9.5 | Simon K         |
| Sunday    | 27/04/2025 | Bishampton, Flyford Flavell & Abberton                  | 6.2 | Robert          |
| Tuesday   | 29/04/2025 | Hinton, Sedgberrow & the Isbourne                       | 6   | Sue C           |
| Sunday    | 04/05/2025 | Offenham, Aldington, Badsey                             | 6.5 | Sheila          |
| Tuesday   | 06/05/2025 | Guiting Power & Naunton                                 | 5.5 | Simon K         |
| Wednesday | 07/05/2025 | Evening Walk & Meal: Bidford and The Cottage of Content | 4   | Sheila          |
| Sunday    | 11/05/2025 | Aston Somerville & Wormington                           | 6   | Simon K         |
| Tuesday   | 13/05/2025 | Mickleton & Hidcote Boyce                               | 5   | Simon K         |
| Thursday  | 15/05/2025 | Showborough walk & visit (1 of 4)                       | 7   | Eleanor         |
| Sunday    | 18/05/2025 | Fish Hill, Seven Wells & Broadway Tower                 | 7   | Sue C           |
| Tuesday   | 20/05/2025 | Langley Hill, Gretton & Stanley Pontlarge               | 6.1 | Donna           |
| Sunday    | 25/05/2025 | Weston Subedge to Saintbury Loop                        | 5.2 | Donna           |
| Tuesday   | 27/05/2025 | Pershore Bridges and Tyddersley Woods Circular Walk     | 5   | Linda           |
| Sunday    | 01/06/2025 | Showborough walk & visit (2 of 4)                       | 7   | Eleanor         |
| Tuesday   | 03/06/2025 | Longborough & Bourton-on-the-Hill                       | 5.5 | Sheila          |
| Wednesday | 04/06/2025 | Evening Walk & Meal: Ashton-under-Hill and The Star     | 4.3 | Simon K         |
| Friday    | 06/06/2025 | Showborough walk & visit (3 of 4)                       | 7   | Eleanor         |



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|-----------|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|--------------|
| Sunday    | 08/06/2025 | Pershore Bridges Walk via Birlingham, Nafford Weir and Great Comberton | 8   | Hamid        |
| Tuesday   | 10/06/2025 | Longborough & Bourton-on-the-Hill                                      | 7   | Donna        |
| Saturday  | 14/06/2025 | Showborough walk & visit (4 of 4)                                      | 7   | Eleanor      |
| Sunday    | 15/06/2025 | Upton-upon-Severn                                                      | 5.5 | Linda        |
| Tuesday   | 17/06/2025 | Childswickham & Broadway                                               | 5.5 | Sheila       |
| Sunday    | 22/06/2025 | Bredon & Kemerton                                                      | 5.5 | Sheila       |
| Tuesday   | 24/06/2025 | Ombersley                                                              | 6.5 | Brian H      |
| Sunday    | 29/06/2025 | No walk (Evesham Walking Festival)                                     |     |              |
| Tuesday   | 01/07/2025 | Elmley Castle, the Combertons & Bricklehampton                         | 6   | Sandra       |
| Wednesday | 02/07/2025 | Evening Walk & Meal: Bishampton and The Ounce                          | 3.5 | Sheila       |
| Sunday    | 06/07/2025 | Dover's Hill & Saintbury loop                                          | 6.5 | Donna        |
| Tuesday   | 08/07/2025 | Ebrington, Chipping Campden & Hidcote Boyce                            | 7   | Simon K      |
| Sunday    | 13/07/2025 | Worcester Civil Wars Battlefield Walk                                  | 5   | Pat Owen     |
| Tuesday   | 15/07/2025 | Crothorne, Boston and Hasselors                                        | 6.5 | Sandra       |
| Sunday    | 20/07/2025 | Winchcombe & The Roman Villa                                           | 6   | Simon K      |
| Tuesday   | 22/07/2025 | Bretforton & Willersey                                                 | 7.2 | Simon K      |
| Sunday    | 27/07/2025 | Badsey, Wickhamford & Aldington                                        | 8   | Sheila       |
| Tuesday   | 29/07/2025 | Hanley Swan circular                                                   | 6.5 | Linda        |
| Sunday    | 03/08/2025 | Evesham Country Park, New Farm Nature Reserve & The Avon               | 5   | Sue C        |
| Tuesday   | 05/08/2025 | Fish Hill, Saintbury & Dover's Hill                                    | 6   | Simon K      |
| Wednesday | 06/08/2025 | Evening Walk & Meal: The Littletons & The Fish & Anchor                | 4   | Simon K      |
| Sunday    | 10/08/2025 | Battle of Evesham Walk plus optional lunch & Micron show               | 6   | Sheila/Sarah |
| Tuesday   | 12/08/2025 | Lower Moor, Throckmorton <b>CANCELLED</b> (too hot/overgrown)          |     |              |
| Sunday    | 17/08/2025 | Bidford Walk & Macmillan Charity Picnic                                | 4   | Sheila       |
| Tuesday   | 19/08/2025 | Coughton, Spornall & Netherstead                                       | 7.8 | Simon K      |
| Sunday    | 24/08/2025 | Inkberrow, Abbots Morton & Knighton                                    | 8   | Robert       |
| Tuesday   | 26/08/2025 | Upton Snodsbury                                                        | 6   | Sandra C     |
| Sunday    | 31/08/2025 | Worcestershire Parkway to Pershore Rail Trail                          | 6.2 | Sheila       |
| Tuesday   | 02/09/2025 | Walking The Salt Way (recce)                                           | 7   | Sheila       |
| Wednesday | 03/09/2026 | Evening Walk & Meal: <b>CANCELLED</b> (Leader indisposed)              |     |              |
| Sunday    | 07/09/2025 | Upton-upon-Severn & Earl's Croome <b>ABANDONED</b> (v. heavy rain)     |     | Sue C        |
| Tuesday   | 09/09/2025 | Aston Somerville, Childswickham & Murcot                               | 5.7 | Simon K      |
| Sunday    | 14/09/2025 | Walking The Salt Way                                                   | 7   | Sheila       |
| Tuesday   | 16/09/2025 | No walk - no leader                                                    |     |              |
| Sunday    | 21/09/2025 | East of Inkberrow and The Millennium Way                               | 6   | Linda        |
| Tuesday   | 23/09/2025 | Snowhill & Shenberrow Hill                                             | 5.5 | Simon K      |
| Friday    | 26/09/2025 | Dovedale Weekend: Thorpe & Tissington                                  | 5   | Simon K      |
| Saturday  | 27/09/2025 | Dovedale Weekend: Dovedale, Milldale & Alstonefield                    | 9   | Simon K      |
| Sunday    | 28/09/2025 | Dovedale Weekend: Thorpe, Blore & Oakover                              | 7.5 | Simon K      |
| Sunday    | 28/09/2025 | Pershore, Pensham & Great Comberton                                    | 5.5 | Sandra       |
| Monday    | 29/09/2025 | Dovedale Weekend: Osmaston Park                                        | 4   | Simon K      |

|         |            |                                                                       |     |          |
|---------|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----------|
| Tuesday | 30/09/2025 | Broadway, Buckland, Laverton                                          | 5   | Brian H  |
| Sunday  | 05/10/2025 | Winchcombe Round: Hailes, Farmcote & Sudeley                          | 9   | Simon K  |
| Tuesday | 07/10/2025 | Bishampton & Naunton Beauchamp                                        | 7   | Dave C   |
| Sunday  | 12/10/2025 | Beckford and Bredon Hill                                              | 5.5 | Brian H  |
| Tuesday | 14/10/2025 | Eckington, Great Comberton & Birlingham                               | 7   | Robert   |
| Sunday  | 19/10/2025 | Gotherington and around Oxenton Hill <b>CANCELLED</b><br>(heavy rain) |     |          |
| Tuesday | 21/10/2025 | Over the Hills - Wyche and The Malverns                               | 6   | Pat Owen |
| Sunday  | 26/10/2025 | Upton upon Severn & Earl's Croome                                     | 6.5 | Sue C    |
| Tuesday | 28/10/2025 | Puckrup to Tewkesbury circular                                        | 7   | Donna    |
| Sunday  | 02/11/2025 | Harvington and the Lenches                                            | 6   | Simon K  |
| Tuesday | 04/11/2025 | The Littletons and Cleeve Prior                                       | 5   | Sheila   |
| Sunday  | 09/11/2025 | Alcester and Oversley Woods                                           | 6.5 | Simon K  |
| Tuesday | 11/11/2025 | Stow-on-the-Wold and Lower Swell                                      | 5   | Jenny P  |

## SUMMARY

Walks completed 85 Plus

- 6 evening walks
- 4 Dovedale walks
- 3 extra Showborough walks

Walks missed (no leader) 4

Walks cancelled (poor weather etc) 3

### Walk Distribution

|                |    |
|----------------|----|
| ❖ 5 – 6 miles  | 30 |
| ❖ 6 – 7 miles  | 31 |
| ❖ 7 – 8 miles  | 18 |
| ❖ Over 8 miles | 6  |

## Footpaths Officer Report to Evesham Ramblers AGM 23 November 2025

Over the next 18 months, plans will emerge for local government reorganization in England. Worcestershire County Council, currently responsible for the local Public Rights of Way network on which we rely for many of our rambles, will be abolished. Local district councils, including Wychavon who consult with Ramblers on planning matters, will also go, with both replaced by new unitary authorities. This will be a major shake up affecting maintenance and protection of our local rights of way. As one of the key aims of reorganization is to reduce costs, we will need to continue to lobby for the preservation of this vital local resource. If you see an opportunity to do so, please take it!

2025 has seen the condition of several local footpaths remain a matter of concern, with brambles and other overgrowth impeding access, even on some of our popular local routes. Some improvements have been undertaken in response to notifications from ourselves and others. The overall backlog in repairs in Worcestershire appears to be increasing. However, any issues can continue to be reported by individuals

through the Worcestershire County Council website. Beyond our immediate area, we are fortunate that the Cotswold Wardens continue to provide a useful voluntary resource in this regard.

Some “spot clearances” by local volunteers were undertaken to clear routes for the 2025 Evesham Walking Festival and we will continue to rely on our own modest efforts to at least ensure stiles and kissing gates remain passable. Preparation for the 2026 Evesham Walking Festival is well in hand and will include identifying any clearing required.

The Ramblers continue to be consulted on Planning Applications that affect local footpaths, our aim being to preserve the network and ensure, wherever possible, that safe public access is maintained during construction work and thereafter.

Jon Dudley

Footpaths Officer

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## **Website admin report for Annual General Meeting – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2025**

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

Simon and I both work on the website to keep our members up to date.

Our superb walking programme keeps Simon on his toes with frequent updating of the provisional walks programme and constant requests for walk leaders. He also updates the walk leadership guidance and this has involved changes over the last year. A recent addition to the website is the downloadable walk signing in sheet.

The notice board and events page keep me busy, posts over the last year have covered all group events, promotion of Ramblers online sessions, Worcestershire Area Ramblers events and many local walking related events.

You too can help keep Evesham Ramblers website current by submitting articles of interest and sending us your photographs taken on group walks and holidays.

Sandra Chapman

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## **Draft Minutes - Evesham Ramblers AGM 23/11/2025**

Aston Summerville Village Hall 13.30

Present: Sheila, Simon, Sue, Kath, Jon, Vic, Sarah, Lyn, Donna, Isobel, Sarah, Marion, Alison

1. Apologies for absence: Sue Darley, Darren, Victoria, Brian, Gloria, Linda, Mark, Anna, Sandra, Dave
2. Minutes of previous AGM – agreed
3. Matter arising - none
4. Annual Reports and Accounts
  1. Group Chairs’ Report – agreed

2. Group Treasurer's Report – agreed, £485 beginning of the financial year, £509 end of financial year
3. Group Membership Secretary Report – agreed
4. Group Walks Coordinator's report – agreed, 100 walks this year, 4 missed and 3 cancelled
5. Group Footpath Officer's report – agreed, discussed condition of footpaths
6. Group Website Administrators report – agreed
5. Election of Group Officers
  1. Group Chair and Secretary – Donna nominated Sheila O'Brien, Vic seconded, agreed
  2. Group Treasurer – Sheila nominated Donna Davidson, Sarah seconded, agreed
  3. Group Minutes Secretary vacancy – Kath Smith volunteered, Sheila nominated Kath, Alison seconded, agreed
  4. Group Membership Secretary – Sheila nominated Kath Smith, Marion seconded, agreed.
  5. Group Walks Coordinator, Jon nominated Simon Kerr, Donna seconded, agreed however Simon highlighted that in the longer term he would be stepping back from this role due to a change in his personal circumstances
  6. Group Footpath Officer – Simon nominated Jon Dudley, Lyn seconded, agreed
  7. Group Website Administrator vacancy – Sandra Chapman has stepped back from this role due to a change in personal circumstances. The group thanked Sandra for all her hard work and dedication in driving forward the development of the website. No nominations were received, action to go to the group to seek a nomination
  8. Committee Member – Lynn nominated Sue Chapman, Isobel seconded, agreed
6. Feedback and comment with regard to:
  1. Evesham Welcomes Walkers 2026 Walking Festival – leading walks Simon, Sheila, Sarah, Linda, Jon and Carl. Agreed to the purchase of high Viz Jackets with Evesham Ramblers on. Action Donna to purchase prior to Festival
  2. Evesham Ramblers and social media – agreed to repurchase leaflets, banner and look for more volunteers for events. Action – Donna to purchase leaflets and banner
  3. Evesham Ramblers Social Events (walking weekend, picnics, meals) – agreed that evening summer walks would continue, walking weekend and picnic discussed
  4. Motions – none
  5. AOB - £146 raised at MacMillan Coffee morning, thank you to Donna and all members who attended, still spaces for Xmas lunch no pre-walk, Walk Leaders still need to register or complete training but a big thank you to all who lead walks and more Walk Leaders were needed to keep the number of walks on offer viable.
  6. Meeting closed at 14.20