



# Taunton Deane Ramblers AUTUMN NEWSLETTER



September 2021

[www.tauntonramblers.org.uk](http://www.tauntonramblers.org.uk)

Check our website for up-to-date information on our programme, last minute changes, walk reports and link to the Area website.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/TauntonDeaneRamblers/>

## MESSAGE FROM THE COMMITTEE

We would like to thank you all for continuing to be members of the Taunton Deane Group. It has been great to see some of you out on our walks and we continue to provide a more limited programme of walks on the TDR website. We would like to say a big thank you to those of you who have felt confident to lead these walks and we are hoping the number and frequency will gradually return to pre pandemic levels. It has also been good to welcome new members.

This year's AGM will again be held on Zoom and we hope that many of you will be able to attend, see details below. Jane, our Social Secretary, has organised this year's Christmas meal, and we are hoping it will be well supported as our first social occasion for more than a year.

## WALK PROGRAMME

We will continue listing current walks on our website. There is no longer a requirement to restrict numbers or pre-book walks, however individual walk leaders may choose to do so. Please check each walk listing to see if numbers are restricted and if booking is required. On all walks a register will still be taken of those walking on the day for test and trace purposes.

We would welcome offers of walks to help fill our Autumn walk programme. Please contact the relevant Walk programme co-ordinator listed on the website for more information and to check available dates if you are able and willing to lead a walk. We are particularly lacking the shorter Friday walks and Sunday afternoon walks.

## NEW RISK ASSESSMENT FORM FOR GROUP WALKS

The Ramblers have updated the Risk Assessment form (18/08/2021) and this new version is available on the Ramblers website (follow the link on our website and find it under heading '**Group walks, Guidance for volunteers**') or from any of the Walk programme co-ordinators who can email a copy to you. Group Secretary Lynda Kearn (telephone 01823 480814) is also happy to provide paper copies if required. This Risk Assessment form should be completed after doing the walk recce and then stored for 3 years.

## STOGUMBER WILDFLOWER MEADOW

A huge thank you to Sunday all day and half day walkers on 4 July 2021 who generously donated to St Margaret's Hospice charity while visiting Stogumber Wildflower Meadow. In total the meadow raised £13,105 for the hospice, a magnificent amount. This was the 10<sup>th</sup> and sadly the last year of the wildflower meadow which has gained popularity over the years. The meadow was stunning and the farmer was appreciative that we were walkers on that day and kindly invited us to use paths through his private land thus avoiding the lanes. From Kathy Richardson

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 4.30pm on Zoom. Full details will be sent out nearer the date.

## CHRISTMAS MEAL

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 6.45pm at the Cosy Club, Taunton, choosing from the 3 course menu. Places have been reserved for 35 people. Please email [janellewis@icloud.com](mailto:janellewis@icloud.com) to confirm your place. We require a non-refundable deposit of £10 paid into the TDR bank account by 30<sup>th</sup> September, preferably by BACS transfer. Bank details are as follows:

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Cheques are also acceptable, please make cheques payable to 'The Ramblers Association (SO5) Taunton Deane Group' and post to:

Gill Lee

21 Longmead Way,

Taunton TA1 4TB

If you wish to pay by cash, please place in an envelope marked with your name and 'Xmas meal' and post through Gill's letterbox at the address above.