

## **Taunton Deane Ramblers Annual Report 2022**

### ***Welcome to everyone.***

It is good to be able to hold our AGM in person again after the last two being held on Zoom.

Our walk programme has continued to provide us with some really enjoyable walks and I would like to thank all the volunteers who plan and lead the walks and also the walk programme co-ordinators for keeping the programme up and running. We have had quite a few new walk leaders this year and this is very encouraging. There is always space for more and we have a list of experienced walk leaders who are happy to help plan and recce walks if you would like to try leading a walk yourself.

There has been good interest in the Club and Membership numbers have remained steady over the year with those leaving being replaced with new members and it has been great to see some of these new members out on the walks.

This year saw the retirement of Dave Patten as Webmaster and I would like to thank him for his many years of service to Taunton Deane Ramblers. Andy Norris has taken over the role and has updated the website so that walk details are now linked to the Ramblers website. I would like to thank Andy for his work in doing this and also to thank his wife Val for her work as our Membership secretary.

In April some of our members joined the West Somerset Ramblers' trip to the Elan Valley in Wales for a walking holiday. It was very enjoyable and good to meet up with some of the members from another group.

The Annual coach trip took place in July and was a fun day out to Topsham and included a boat trip to Exmouth and a walk back along the river with time for coffee etc before the coach returned. Many thanks to Colin and Heather Flood for their input. We will be looking for ideas for the next trip so any suggestions will be welcome. A quiz around Taunton was also organised which was another enjoyable adventure, even if there was a problem with an OAK tree which happens to be a sycamore!

Our group will be hosting the Somerset Area AGM on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2023 from Hatch Beauchamp Village Hall. A short walk in the morning followed by a picnic lunch will precede the Meeting which starts at 2pm.

This year we have will have two vacancies on the TDR Committee as Richard Welch is standing down at the AGM and I would like to thank him for his work as a Committee member and also as walk programme co-ordinator for Wednesday walks. He has done an excellent job in encouraging new walk leaders to come forward. Please consider volunteering to join the Committee.

I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**Val Boswell, Chair**