

Taunton Deane Ramblers Annual Report 2023

First of all a big thank you to our walk leaders for leading such a variety of walks this year. Our members really appreciate the time and effort you put in to planning routes and doing recce's to make sure the route is safe and enjoyable for everyone. We have several new walk leaders this year but there is always space for more and offers of walks are always welcome. Special thanks also to Liz Hembrow and Carol Allen for their work as walk programme co-ordinators and to Joy Williams who is our walks programme secretary and does such a great job.

Our group hosted the Somerset Area AGM in February at Curry Mallet Village Hall. A short walk in the morning was followed by lunch, tea and cake then the AGM and a talk by a Ramblers' trustee. Then a further talk about cider production in Somerset and a chance to sample a special cider called 'Ramblers' ruin'.

The Annual coach trip took place in July and was a day out to Instow with good walks for both the long and the short walkers. Tea and cake was enjoyed by everyone following the walks at John's of Instow and there was lots of positive feedback from members.

In October several of our members joined the Somerset Area holiday to the Isle of Wight and enjoyed some great walks with amazing weather.

Membership numbers have remained steady over the past year. Thank you to Val and Andy Norris, Membership secretary and Webmaster respectively, for their hard work and also to Phil Bisatt for his work as Footpath Secretary.

This year we have three vacancies on the TDR Committee as Carol Allen has resigned from the Committee and I would like to thank her for her contribution as a Committee member. She is continuing as walk programme co-ordinator for Sunday all day walks. Please consider volunteering to join the Committee.

Val Boswell, Chair