

Taunton Deane Ramblers Annual Report 2024

Another year has gone by and our membership numbers have been holding steady. It has been lovely to see our members out on the walks and enjoying the amazing countryside around Taunton Deane.

First of all many thanks to our walk leaders for leading such a variety of walks. Our members really appreciate the time and effort you put in to planning routes. We have several new walk leaders registered this year and offers of walks are always welcome. A recent appeal to members for walks has led to the Wednesday afternoon walk programme being filled until January. Special thanks also to Trevor Coombe 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 good job.

Training for walk leaders is now available to everyone on the Ramblers website. There is lots of useful information there and the group will be holding a short walk followed by a social event for walk leaders, and those thinking of becoming one, on Wednesday 8th January to signpost this training. Full details will follow nearer the time.

The Annual coach trip took place in July which was very well supported. It was a day out to Swanage with lovely walks for both the long and the short walkers. Tea and cake was enjoyed by everyone following the walks and there was lots of positive feedback from members. Planning for next year's trip is already underway.

Thank you to Val and Andy Norris, Membership secretary and Webmaster respectively, for their hard work and also to Brenda Prentice for her work as Footpath Secretary and to all the other Committee members.

I will be standing down as Chair at the AGM this year after 4 years and I hope that there will be someone who is willing to take on this role. Please consider volunteering to join the Committee.

Val Boswell, Chair