

Annual Report 2021

My first year as Chair of Taunton Deane Ramblers has been quite challenging due to the impact of coronavirus. Just as we thought things were settling down, we went into another lockdown at Christmas last year which lasted until March. Ramblers walks were eventually allowed to restart with restricted numbers and advance booking and it was so good to be able to meet up and to walk together again. Now we are allowed unrestricted numbers on walks and the programme is beginning to fill up again although there are fewer Friday and Sunday afternoon walks. We have certainly had some really enjoyable walks in 2021 and always welcome offers of walks to add to the Programme.

Membership numbers have remained steady over the year with those leaving being replaced with new members and it has been great to meet some of these new members on recent walks.

I would like to say a very big thank to all of the walk leaders who have planned and led walks over the past year; Taunton Deane Ramblers would not exist without your help and enthusiasm. Also thank you to all the Committee, the Walk Programme Co-ordinators, Val Norris our Membership Secretary and Dave Patten our Webmaster for all your hard work.

This year's AGM is again being held on Zoom and I hope you will be able to join us. All the existing Committee members have indicated that they are willing to stand for re-election but it is always good to have new Committee members so please complete a nomination form if you are interested in joining us. AGM details and nomination forms have been sent out to all TDR members.

I am looking forward to our Christmas meal at the Cosy Club on 3rd December, our first social occasion for nearly two years. Hopefully we will be able to arrange more social events in 2022.

Val Boswell