



**South  
Cheshire**

## **South Cheshire Ramblers Committee Meeting**

**September 2025**

**Attendees :** Hazel Wallis, Nigel Hallam, Christine Ashton, Trevor Park  
apologies Jim Eckersley & Chris Bishop

### **Secretaries Report**

#### **Nantwich Societies Spectacular August 2025**

The event was well supported by SCR volunteers where in addition to Ramblers pamphlets we had copies of the August walks programme for those interested.

A common theme from people visiting our stand was concern over the length of the walks. In fact the first walk on the programme was 9 miles long.

Proposal is that for 2026 Societies Spectacular we present a walks programme with a number of local introductory walks (5 to 7 miles long)

#### **First aid training**

Hazel is to attend the first aid training session organised by Congleton in October.

We can then discuss the value of the training for our members and also gauge the interest from our members before deciding if we should invest in the same.

However we should continue to encourage walk leaders to complete the online training.

Here the focus is on managing critical incidents rather than medical attention.

### **Walks programme to date**

Walks summary January 1<sup>st</sup> to September 7th 2025

|                 |                       |
|-----------------|-----------------------|
| 12 Short walks  | – average number 12.8 |
| 32 Medium walks | – average number 10.6 |
| 23 Long walks   | – average number 10.0 |
| 67 Total walks  | – average number 10.8 |
| 15 Pub walks    | – average number 14.3 |

We have 18 active Walk Leaders

New Walk Leader: Neil Hughes

## Walks Programme Status - to be reviewed 17th September at the walk leaders meeting.

| Planned Walks September, October & November |                                 |          |                 |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|-----------------|
| Thursday September 11th                     | Hankelow                        | 6 miles  | Hazel Wallis    |
| Sunday September 14th                       | Wirksworth & Alport Height      | 10 miles | Andy Webb       |
| Monday September 15th                       | Winster, Matlock                | 9 miles  | Andy Webb       |
| Thursday September 18th                     | Biddulph Moor                   | 7 miles  | Eileen Dorman   |
| Sunday September 21st                       | Bostock                         | 6 miles  | Maggie Thomason |
| Thursday September 25th                     | Barlaston and Downs Bank        | 7 miles  | Eileen Dorman   |
| Sunday September 28th                       | Wirral                          |          | Hazel Wallis    |
| Thursday October 2nd                        |                                 |          |                 |
| Sunday October 5th                          | Ellastone                       | 8 miles  | Nigel Hallam    |
| Thursday October 9th                        | Dane Bridge, Gritstone Trail    | 9 miles  | Chris Bishop    |
| Sunday October 12th                         |                                 |          | Trevor Park     |
| Thursday October 16th                       | Worlds End and Llandegia Forest | 10 miles | Chris Bishop    |
| Sunday October 19th                         |                                 |          | Hazel Wallis    |
| Thursday October 23rd                       |                                 |          | Trevor Park     |
| Thursday October 23rd                       |                                 | 5 miles  | Maggie Thomason |
| Sunday October 26th                         | Ashford in the Water            | 8 miles  | Phil Guest      |
| Thursday October 30th                       | Little Budworth                 | 7 miles  | Lorna Fewtrell  |
| Sunday November 2nd                         | Axe Edge                        |          | Chris Bishop    |
| Thursday November 6th                       |                                 | 5 miles  | Maggie Thomason |
| Sunday November 9th                         |                                 |          |                 |
| Thursday November 13th                      | Market Drayton                  | 8 miles  | Helen Lee       |
| Sunday November 16th                        |                                 |          |                 |
| Thursday November 20th                      | Trevor Basin, Llangollen        | 10 miles | Chris Bishop    |
| Sunday November 23rd                        |                                 |          |                 |
| Thursday November 27th                      |                                 |          |                 |
| Sunday November 30th                        |                                 |          |                 |

## SCR Holidays 2025

Fort William, Church Stretton completed

Lycian way in Turkey holiday will take place in October

## SCR holidays 2026

Isle of White

Yorkshire Dales (still opportunity for people to join this holiday due to the flexible method of booking)

Portsmouth walking holiday under review

## **Footpaths Report**

Cheshire East Council PROW Consultative Group

Next Meeting October 8<sup>th</sup> 2025

East Cheshire Group Area Ramblers Footpath Secretaries

Next Meeting September 29<sup>th</sup> 2025

## **Proposed Footpath Changes**

Radway Green Business Park Extension – potential impact on Barthomley FP12 & FP24

Crewe West Housing Deveopment – 660 houses to the west of the relatively new Joey the Swan estate in Wistaston will have an impact on Wistaston FP1 & FP5

## **Membership**

Since the last committee meeting 10/3/25

**March 3rd 211 members**

**September 7th 198 members**

**New members 15**

**Members who have lapsed/resigned/left area or group 28**

## **Treasurers Report**

So far this year, spending of main funds has been lower than in previous years with a total spend of £86.29 on the AGM and £368.10 on walk-related expenses, resulting in a final balance of £1,151.45.

With regard to the self-funded account, the HF Church Stretton holiday resulted in a positive balance of £130. Following deposit payments to one hotel and the guide for the Lycian Way holiday, it was decided to pay the balances directly whilst on the holiday and refunds have duly been made to the holiday participants. The self-funded account balance is currently £396.78.

We currently have a healthy final balance of £1,548.23 including a cash holding of £40.64 and an HF membership shareholding of £103.86.

An annual funding request of £1600 has been submitted for 2025/26, including £600 contribution to East Cheshire footpath improvements, £270 to cover 50% of the cost of a 1 day First Aiders course, shared with East Cheshire, and £120 annual subscription for an upgrade to the MailChimp account, to allow shared usage for up to 3 people and therefore provide back-up.

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|--------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                                      |                        |                         |                        |                   |                   |
| <b>Annual Income</b>                 |                        |                         |                        |                   |                   |
| Central Office                       | £700.00                | (main income)           |                        |                   |                   |
| Ramblers Holidays                    | £40.00                 | (self-funded income)    |                        |                   |                   |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>£740.00</b>         |                         |                        |                   |                   |
|                                      |                        |                         |                        |                   |                   |
| <b>Main Expenditure</b>              |                        |                         |                        |                   |                   |
| Walk related                         | £368.10                |                         |                        |                   |                   |
| Meetings related (general incl. AGM) | £86.79                 |                         |                        |                   |                   |
| Walks programme meeting              |                        |                         |                        |                   |                   |
| Newsletter                           |                        |                         |                        |                   |                   |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>£454.89</b>         |                         |                        |                   |                   |
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|                                      |                        |                         |                        |                   |                   |
| <b>Self-funded expenditure</b>       | <b>Annual Dinner</b>   | <b>The Gower</b>        | <b>Church Stretton</b> | <b>Lycian Way</b> | <b>Total</b>      |
| Income                               | £944.50                | £0.00                   | £6,600.00              | £3,650.00         | <b>£11,194.50</b> |
| Expenditure                          | -£1,114.50             | -£48.15                 | -£6,470.00             | -£2,055.88        | <b>-£9,688.53</b> |
| Refunds                              |                        |                         |                        | -£1,594.12        | <b>-£1,594.12</b> |
| Bank charges for cheque payments     | -£0.30                 |                         |                        |                   | <b>-£0.30</b>     |
| Interest on HF shares                |                        |                         |                        |                   |                   |
| <b>Balance</b>                       | <b>-£170.30</b>        | <b>-£48.15</b>          | <b>£130.00</b>         | <b>£0.00</b>      | <b>-£88.45</b>    |
|                                      |                        |                         |                        |                   |                   |
|                                      |                        |                         |                        |                   |                   |
|                                      | <b>Main</b>            | <b>Self-funded</b>      | <b>Total</b>           |                   |                   |
| <b>Initial Balance</b>               | £906.34                | £445.23                 | £1,351.57              |                   |                   |
| Central office income                | £700.00                |                         | £700.00                |                   |                   |
| Ramblers Holidays                    |                        | £40.00                  | £40.00                 |                   |                   |
| Expenditure                          | -£454.89               | -£88.45                 | -£543.34               |                   |                   |
| <b>Final balances</b>                | <b>£1,151.45</b>       | <b>£396.78</b>          | <b>£1,548.23</b>       |                   |                   |
|                                      |                        |                         |                        |                   |                   |
|                                      |                        |                         |                        |                   |                   |
| <b>Assets</b>                        | <b>Current balance</b> | <b>Pending payments</b> | <b>Actual Balance</b>  |                   |                   |
| Bank                                 | £1,403.73              |                         | £1,403.73              |                   |                   |
| Cash                                 | £40.64                 |                         | £40.64                 |                   |                   |
| HF membership share holding          | £103.86                |                         | £103.86                |                   |                   |
| <b>Total</b>                         |                        |                         | <b>£1,548.23</b>       |                   |                   |

## Website Status

There are no issues outstanding on the operation and maintenance of the web site or walks management

## **AOB**

1. Car share cost reviewed and no increase proposed, however the process of rounding up cost should be consistently applied.

Also drivers should always accept payment to keep consistency.

2. Mailchimp training/awareness

Demonstration to be arranged for the next posting to members  
for Hazel, Chris A and Nigel

Trevor

3. Walks Manager training for Nigel and Chris A

Trevor

3. Review of our strategy for shorter walks and taster walks.

Hazel

4. Annual Dinner

Review options of Academy before Christmas against Golf Club  
in January with members

Hazel

5. Arrange email asking for volunteers for the positions

SCR Secretary

Advertising secretary

email to be sent to active SCR walkers only

