

Secretary's Report November 2023 – October 2024 *(Gill Lawrence)*

The committee for the West Berkshire Ramblers group was elected in November 2023. The committee members are

Chair – Eugene Fletcher

Secretary – Gillian Lawrence

Treasurer – Jayne Kirk

Environmental Walking Officer – Graham Smith

Events Coordinator – Shona Kelly

Footpath Secretary – Neal Pike

Membership Secretaries – Robin Clugston/John Gardner

Publicity Officer – Richard Trimmer

Walks Coordinator – Siân Williams

Webmaster – Steve Collins

At the end of this year, Eugene will be stepping down as Chair, although will remain on the committee. Jayne Kirk and Richard Trimmer have also both decided to stand down from their committee positions.

The committee for has met on five occasions since November 2023, with the majority of members attending on each occasion. All the meetings this year took place in the Phil Howe room at the Bowlers Arms.

Topics covered within the meetings have included such issues as to how to deal with blocked footpaths in our region, encouraging both new walkers and new walk leaders, planning social activities for our members, such as the quiz evening and the walking holiday in Harrogate and how to incorporate requirements from Ramblers Head Office. Over the past year Ramblers has introduced a comprehensive guide to support walk leaders. Within this document has been the issue of the need for a walk leader to know who is present in the group. This has led your committee to decide to ask all members to now book onto a walk.

Each of the committee Officers have produced a report on their area of responsibility, which will be displayed at the AGM. These are also published on our West Berkshire Ramblers website. The Minutes of this year's committee meetings are available from secretary@wberksramblers.org.uk