

Agenda

Date: 10th September 2024

Ipswich Ramblers

	Present: Ian Gosden (Chair). Jo Mann. Lionel MacKay. Ann Buckles. Keith Moxon. Paul Buckles. Helen Howe. Rob Young.	Actions <i>(initials)</i>
	Apologies:	
1	Minutes of last meeting	
	The minutes of the meeting held 17 th July 2024 were agreed.	
2	Matters Arising / Actions completed if not covered elsewhere in agenda	
	Use of an 'open' Facebook site. Carry forward. Walk Leader Guidance – all circulated and on the website - actioned	JM
3	Chairs Report / Area Matters – Ian	
	Area AGM Sat 8 th Feb- Jo to book Grundisburgh village hall. Need to organise tea and coffee, milk, sugar. Organise a walk 3-4 miles. Suffolk Walking Festival, email received asking for organisers, not felt that the group could take this on. Ian will send reply. Wool Towns Walk. Has been advertised on the website, can also put on FB	JM Leader JM
4	Finance Report - Lionel	
	See attached report. Adjustments made from last meeting. Main fund £269.94 £97.15 in self funded. Next spending will be AGM expenses and	
5	Membership Report - Ann	
	318 members 11 new and 11 leavers in last 3 months.	
6	Footpath Report – Helen / Paul	

	1. A railway crossing in Rushmere has been temporarily closed. Strangely, this path (13) does not exist on the definitive map or on Ordnance Survey maps. A member of the public sent a picture and complaint to Paul Geater of the East Anglian Daily Times about this closure. The latter believed it to be a Playford path and wrote an article about it. I have checked the Playford crossings and both are accessible with good paths either side. I have emailed Paul Geater to explain the misunderstanding. 2. A company has applied for planning permission to build cabins for a special needs school in a wood at East End, East Bergholt. A footpath goes through the wood. It has been fenced off, but I sent an objection because the school activities would affect the footpath. 3. Brockley wood near Belstead. Permission had been given for a quarry but this has been overturned on appeal. 4. Little Blakenham footpath 21: the closure notice for this path expired in July. ROW have informed us that the developer intends to restore the path. ROW will be liaising with them over this.	
7	AGM	
	6th November 2024. Halls tried – Bealings / Grundisburgh / Henley / Tuddenham / Westerfield / Coddanham / Bredfield / Copdock / Kirton / Bucklesham Creeping is available but may be too far. Tower Hall – looks available, have emailed Other possibles are Bromeswell, Woodbridge football club. Martlesham by Tesco Helen will lead a walk. 4-5 miles Mark Haslam will audit the accounts. General email to go out giving notice as soon as hall is confirmed, asking for nominations by 16th Oct. Agenda to go out 21/23rd Oct. ASK for soup.	
8	Holiday	
	Cotswolds – Paul. Limited height for walks, accommodation more expensive. Wendover / Amersham / Chilterns – Jo. Limited for accommodation, expensive Isle of Purbeck – Rob – looks good Different part of Derbyshire – Ian. Castleton? Accommodation cheaper but out of Castleton. Similar to Bakewell, possibly in future years.	
9	Future events and programme	

	Still need more walk leaders but no particular response from members following new walk guidance emails. Lawford carol walk – 8th December. In WM. Mince pie walk – Wed 18th December. Need location and leader January meal – Ergo ? up to 40 people (34) last year. Westerfield Swan? Thurs 9th January. Followed by committee meeting.	leader JM
10	AOB	
	First aid kits – Rob spoke to David Powell, some items need replacements at use by date, others like bandages don't necessarily expire. Add ice packs, tweezers. Jo will look as cost to replace expired items	JM

Date of next meeting: 9th January following meal

GDPR – Committee members consented to their names being included in the minutes above.