Minutes of meeting held 29th July 2026

Ipswich Ramblers

	Present: Chris, Richard, Helen, Paul, Ann, Rob	**Actions** *(inits)*
	Apologies: Lionel, Phil	
1	**Minutes of last meeting**	
	Agreed	
2	**Matters Arising / Actions completed if not covered elsewhere in agenda**	
	Elastic bandages have been purchased and distributed to the people with the first aid kits C & R still have one spare first aid inherited from Rumana	
3	**Chairs Report / Area Matters**	
	Next Area meeting 11th August, as yet no knowledge of anyone filling vacant positions on area committee Feedback from governance review after national AGM: • revised ideas for consultation to run until end of August • survey and online consultation on Tuesday 4th August • ideas are mostly to do with how board of Trustees is made up and how the number of delegates is decided and appointed Can forward to anyone who wants to see it planning to hold Extraordinary General Meeting in November for voting on final proposals	RA
4	**Finance Report**	
	Finance report circulated by Lionel. Area agreed to pay for First Aid Course	
5	**Membership Report**	
	317 total 14 joiners and 12 leavers in last three months, 2 of leavers are deceased, 2 resigned, 2 lapsed who were walkers Anyone not on auto renewal may just have paid late	
6	**Footpath Report**	
	Tuddenham St Martin farm buildings planning application for dwellings has been refused because of access issues Orwell Country Park Pond Hall Farm – only short stretch of footpath on map, the existing path where people clearly walk has signs asking for dogs to be kept on leads. May be historical that old Ipswich Council didn't register path, so now we need to prove the path has been in continual use for 20 years to get path added to definitive map. Need them added to ensure they are protected. Contact will be made with Suffolk County Council	PB/HH
7	**Holiday**	
	Suggestions Ross on Wye, Dorking, Skipton Find out if Sarah C knows of any interesting walks we could do in the Skipton area	CA
8	**Future events and programme**	
	AGM (booked for Playford Village Hall Wednesday 4th November)	

	First Aid Course 20th August 2026 Mince pie walk 16th December 25th October Coddenham bacon butty walk (Stowmarket are doing it too)	
9	**AOB**	
	• Walk leaders – still need newly trained walk leaders to lead a walk, and have five less walk leaders because training hasn't been updated • Publicising walks – Meet Up or Ipswich Love – try but ensure link to our website so they know about the maximum of three trial walks • Treasurer – check with Lionel whether our job description needs updating prior to sending out AGM documentation • At AGM use a mic to make sure everyone can hear – Helen has one we can borrow	CA CA

Date of next meeting:

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