

## MINUTES of THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of BEXHILL RAMBLERS CLUB

30 SEPTEMBER 2024

HELD at THE ALBATROSS CLUB, BEXHILL-ON-SEA, at 6:30 pm

**Present:** 27 Members attended in person, with apologies for absence received from a further six members

### 1. Election of Chair for the meeting

Jon Reed was elected to chair the meeting: proposed by Ingrid Finch, seconded by Chris Cooper and carried unanimously.

2. **Apologies for absence** were received from: Sally Moore, Jane Kirk, Sandra Warcup, Wendy Morton, Fiona Verrall and Pam Woolley.

### 3. Approval of minutes of AGM held on 30/9/2024

Minutes were agreed and signed by the Chair as a true record.

4. **Matters Arising from last AGM** None

### 5. Secretary's Report & Appointment of new Secretary

Sandra Warcup was standing down after 1 full year as secretary. Sophie Brennan volunteered to fill the post for 1 year, with Ingrid Finch to provide support. Ingrid Finch proposed Sophie as secretary, seconded by Trish Audis, and the appointment was confirmed.

### 6. Treasurer's Report

**6.1** Mike Brennan read out the treasurer's report following 1 year in his appointment. Mike had implemented changes to how BR carried out its banking, namely it was now on-line. Mike stated that there are currently 4 signatories on the Lloyds bank accounts for BR, these are Mike Brennan, Janet Jones, Wendy Morton and Barbara Thomassen. Mike had distributed a full and audited financial statement for the year ending on 31 July 2024, additional copies being available for members.

**6.2** Members continued to pay their annual subscription to BR currently £7.50.

Payments which were paid out of the account in the previous year included The Air Ambulance, stationary, premises hire etc. The treasurer gave details of which charities BR had supported over the last year.

**6.3** There were 2 auditors required. Janet Jones was happy to continue, and Geoff Browning volunteered to be the second one. Proposed by Barbara Thomassen and seconded by Trish Audis, this appointment was agreed.

#### 6.4 Subscription fee

The Treasurer gave details of what the subscriptions are used for e.g. charities, insurance, website maintenance (Chris Cooper stated that website fees were increasing), social events etc, and stated that future subs could possibly be lowered if monies were not used by end of year.

He mentioned that the monetary balance remaining was slightly lower than last year. A member proposed a year free of subscription fees to spend monies in the BR bank account. There was a vote taken and it was agreed by a majority of those attending the meeting that BR subscriptions should only be used for BR club matters.

### **6.5 Affiliation to the Ramblers Association**

A vote was taken as to whether members wished the club to remain as an affiliate to the Ramblers Association. All were happy with this arrangement. A member stated that she had completed some Ramblers Association online training, specifically on Rights of Way, which had been very helpful.

Mike Brennan was thanked for his work during the year.

## **7. Charity donations**

There was a debate over whether members still wished to support a charity/charities from their subscriptions. Suggestions from various members were: fundraising events to be held in the future for charities rather than subscription monies to be used for this; perhaps include a variety of charities; possibly a 'charity of the year' could be chosen; local causes could be preferred. Some members indicated that they supported charities themselves and did not wish BR funds to be used for this purpose.

## **8. Social Secretary's report**

Duncan McClean was happy to continue in his role as Social Secretary and was applauded for his contribution to various events during the year. There was to be another Wetherspoons curry night, to be held on 10 October, and members were invited to please contact Duncan if they wished to attend.

## **9. Membership Secretary's report**

Ingrid Finch, Membership Secretary, indicated that member numbers were relatively stable, there being currently 94 members.

There was a discussion as to how walk leaders were able to access members' next of kin/emergency contact details in the event of an urgent episode occurring during a walk. The discussion continued with regard to the sharing of personal details, DATA protection etc. Jon Reed suggested that all members carry on them their emergency contact names and numbers which could be used by the walk leader if needed. Ingrid said that she always mentioned this in her response to email enquiries. Use of ICE facility on phones was also recommended. Emergency contact details are included on application forms, but details are not always given. Ingrid was willing to be contacted also by walk leaders for this purpose as/if required. Ingrid was willing to continue in her role as Membership Secretary, and she was thanked for her work during the year.

## 10. Tuesday and Saturday Walk Leaders' Report

**10.1 Tuesday Walks Secretary's Report:** This report was read out from Tuesday Walk coordinator Jane Kirk's email, and thanks given for her role within the past year. She was now stepping down. Barbara Thomassen volunteered to take over, and Lucy Casey and Trish Audis have proposed and seconded this appointment which was agreed. More Tuesday Walk leaders were required.

**10.2 Saturday Walks Secretary's Report:** Jon Reed read out his report and was thanked for his input over the past year. He will continue in this role and stated that more walk leaders were needed.

The London walks had been very popular this year and Jon was planning to organize more. Mike Morton stated that he is available to lead some easier town/pavement walks.

Members mentioned that walks were not always recce'd and the number of stiles/distances not always as portrayed on the list of walks. Jon Reed stated that walk leaders try to be as accurate as they can within limited time to plan these walks.

Jon also mentioned the need for someone else to know the route that the leader has chosen and assist in any issues which may arise.

## 11. Website report.

Chris Cooper read out his website report mentioning changes to the website. He continued to add write ups and photos sent in by walk leaders for everyone's enjoyment and had created a blog based on descriptions of these walks. Chris gave details of current costings with regard to running the website. The current website password is 'cuckmere'. Ingrid and Chris said that the password would remain unchanged this year. Information is for members only and they can contact Chris to request inclusions on the website. Chris stated that the website is popular but encouraged members to make as much use of it as possible and to look at the site frequently for updates. Chris was thanked for his work during the year, in particular for the development of the website in general.

## 12. Rights of Way report: None

## 13. Appointment of Officers for 2024/25

The following (re)appointments were agreed by the members in the general meeting:

Chair	Jonathan Reed
Secretary	Sophie Brennan
Treasurer	Michael Brennan
Membership Sec	Ingrid Finch
Tues Walks Sec	Barbara Thomassen
Sat Walks Sec	Jonathan Reed
Social Sec	Duncan McLean
Website	Chris Cooper
Rights of Way	Vacant

Welfare Vacant  
Safety Officer Vacant

Not Committee but helping out:

Auditor 1 Janet Jones  
Auditor 2 Geoff Browning

#### 14. Any Other Business

**14.1** Mike Brennan outlined the details of the BR Insurance policy, currently held through *Insure 4 Sport* and what this covered with regard to public liability, professional indemnity and costs. He explained other types of insurance which were available and the costs/ cover involved. Members discussed the terms of the current insurance as opposed to a different policy (Howdens insurance was mentioned). Some members also brought up the subject of guest walkers and whether they were covered under the terms of the policy. Currently BR had third party insurance and members were agreeable to the club carrying on with this policy.

**14.2** It was considered by members that BR did not require a Facebook page.

**14.3** Members discussed options for having a central point in Bexhill at which to meet for car sharing on walk days, but nothing was agreed as an ongoing action.

Jon Reed thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was closed at 8:00pm

#### Appendices:

##### AGM Documents

- Agenda
- Secretary's Report
- Treasurers Report & Accounts
- Membership Secretary's Report
- Tuesday Walks Report
- Saturday Walks Report
- Web site report
- 2023 AGM Minutes

Sophie Brennan 14/11/2024

# Bexhill Ramblers

## Annual General Meeting



30<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 6.30pm

Albatross Club, 15 Marina, Bexhill-on-Sea TN40 1JS

### AGENDA

1. Election of Chair for the Meeting Jon Reed Standing
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Approval of Minutes of the AGM held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2023
4. Matters arising, if any
5. Secretary's Report
6. Treasure's Report and Financial Statement & Approval of Accounts
7. Charity donations. Are these to be made going forward. If, yes, then should they be made to local causes?
  - 7:1 Subscription fee, is this enough? What is it used for? Website fees are increasing.
  - 7:2 Affiliation to the Ramblers Association
8. Social Secretary's Report
9. Membership Secretary's Report
10. Tuesday and Saturday Walk Secretary's Reports
11. Website Report
12. Rights of way Report
13. Appointment of Officers / Committee Members
14. Any Other Business
  - 14:1 Insurance, does this need increasing to meet the needs of the group? Michael's report.

14:2 Facebook page for the club?

14.3 Is it possible to have a point, centrally, in Bexhill, so that car sharing could be a possibility, for those who do not drive?

**NOTE:**

Please read your 2023 AGM minutes carefully, as unless there is a special request, they will not be read at the AGM.

Please bring your agenda and minutes to the meeting for reference.

Renewal of Membership can be paid by cheque at the AGM or by BACS.

**Sort Code** 30-97-66, Account 01661388 Please use your name as reference. £7.50.

## **Minutes of AGM of Bexhill Ramblers Club**

**Thursday 21 September 2023**

**Held at Bexhill Sailing Club at 6.30 pm.**

28 Attendees

9 Apologies for absence

Ben Field acted as Chair for the meeting.

**Minutes of the AGM held Wednesday 14 September 2022 were approved**

**There were no matters arising.**

**Treasurers Report** (See attached report and annual accounts statement)

Opening Balance £938.68

### **Expenses**

Included Ramblers Assoc Affiliation £65.50. Insurance £27.99. Donation to Air Ambulance £300. Website software £172.80. AGM costs £72.91 Sundry expenses £48.46 Dinner refund £105.

### **Income**

Members subscriptions £637.50. Dinner £105.

Closing Balance £883.16

It was agreed that a donation of £300 be made to Air Ambulance.

The Committee was asked to look into the insurance cover in view of the low cost of this.

### **Appointment of Auditor**

Sally Moore stepped down as Auditor and Janet Jones was appointed in her stead.

### **Membership**

There are currently 91 members, 15 have left, and further enquiries are in progress.

New forms have been designed for both new members and membership renewals.

Refer to Membership Secretary's Report at Appendix 1.

### **Walks Secretaries' Reports**

There continues to be a lack of leaders for walks.

#### **Saturday**

Walks are generally well supported.

Jons report was "We have continued to offer a varied selection of walks for the Saturday programme. This is all thanks to the walk leaders who volunteer to offer a walk. The walks have continued to be well supported. Despite the poor weather over the Winter, we still managed to get

out and about on just about every Saturday. Long may it continue!”

### **Tuesday**

A number of walks have been cancelled due to weather and there are currently no leaders for walks for October onwards.

Eric has agreed to allow his walk notes to be copied for reference for future walks.

Several members present offered to lead a Tuesday walk.

### **Website**

Chris Cooper spoke of the way he is developing the website for the future with a blog to allow members to interact, a newsletter, diary, and other links.

The website is getting around 250 hits a month with some 70% via mobile phone.

The club now has its own domain – [www.bexhillramblers.co.uk](http://www.bexhillramblers.co.uk)

Refer to Website Report at Appendix 2.

Chris explained that he had started a Walks Report which leaders and walker can contribute to as they wish. A draft example will be circulated with the next Newsletters. If successful we can post these in the Members Section.

We also agreed to set up a WhatsApp Group for members.

### **Rights of Way**

Pam has continued to report broken stiles etc.

Suggestion made to clarify the PROW reporting procedure so that members can do these. Item to be added to the next Newsletter.

### **Appointment of Officers/Committee Members**

Chairman	Vacant, continuing without this officer.
Secretary	Sandra Walker
Treasurer	Mike Brennan
Membership Sec	Ingrid Finch
Tuesday Walks Sec	Jane Kirk
Sat Walks Sec	Jonathan Reed
Rights of Way	Vacant – Broken stiles etc to be reported on ad hoc basis.
Social Secretary	Duncan Maclean



Safety Officer	Vacant
Welfare	Vacant
Website	Chris Cooper

## **A O B**

All Walkers should carry an emergency contact card.

After discussion and a vote, it was agreed that dogs would not be allowed on walks.

Duncan mentioned two events: a cheese and wine in the coronation bandstand on 1<sup>st</sup> October and a 1-hour walk starting at 11 am on Boxing Day in East Dean.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.30 pm.

### **Attachments:**

**Appendix 1- Treasurers report and annual accounts statement**

**Appendix 2- Membership Secretary's Report**

**Appendix 3: Website Report.**

**TREASURERS REPORT**  
**YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2023**

The opening balance for the Financial Year was £930.42 held in Lloyds Bank Treasurers Account.

**EXPENSES**

The principal expenses for this year were Ramblers Affiliation membership £65.50.

Donation to Air Ambulance £300 which was agreed at last year's AGM.

The Ramblers insurance £27.99 the same as the previous year.

Hire of sailing club for AGM £40.

Purchase of website software £172.80.

Hire of Heritage Pavilion for afternoon tea £40.

Reimbursement for cancelled lunch at Highwoods Golf Club £105.

Other expenses amounted to £41.37.

**INCOME**

Income for the year has come from membership subscriptions amounting to £607.50.

Payment taken for Highwoods lunch which was cancelled due to lack of numbers £105.

**FINANCES**

As at 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023 we had £850.26 deposited in Lloyds Bank Treasurer's Account and £32.87

Cash in Hand which gives a total of £883.13 carried forward.

**BEXHILL RAMBLERS CLUB  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2023**

		<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2021-22</b>			<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2021-22</b>
<b>Receipts</b>				<b>Payments</b>			
Members F Renewals tfr to Cash F serve 3		£22.50		Affiliation to Ramblers Assoc		£65.50	£65.50
Members Renewals for the year	80	£555.00	£605.00	Ramblers Insurance		£27.99	£27.99
New Members Cheque/Bacs	6	£52.50	£105.00	Duplicating, Stationery			
New Members (to cash reserve)		£7.50		Duplicating, Stationery (Cash)		-£2.49	
Honary Members	1			Postage			
<b>Total (inc Hon Members)</b>				Postage (Cash)		-£2.90	£1.10
Map Reading Course			£42.00	Map Reading Course			£90.00
Ramblers Dinner			£644.00	Spot Prizes for Ramblers Dinner			£9.00
B&J Field Tea			£11.90	Donation to Cancer Research			£30.00
Highwoods Lunch Payments		£105.00		Ramblers Dinner			£644.00
				Donation to Air Ambulance	£300.00		£250.00
				Gifts for leaving com members	£8.46		£14.00
				Hall for AGM	£40.00		£32.00
				Reimbursement canc lunch	£105.00		
				Expenses for AGM	£32.91		
				Website software	£172.80		
				Hire of Heritage Pavillion	£40.00		
<b>Total</b>		<b>£712.50</b>	<b>£1,407.90</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>£792.66</b>	<b>£1,162.49</b>
<b>Summary</b>				<b>Summary</b>			
Credit/Debit Receipts/Payments		-£80.16	£245.41	Funds carried fwd to next year			
Opening Balance B/Fwd		£930.42	£685.01	being available balance in Lloyds Bank		£850.26	
Balance in Lloyds Bank Account		£850.26	£930.42				
Cash Reserve		£32.87	£8.26				
Balance Carried Forward		£883.13	£938.68				

I have checked the above figures and am satisfied that they are correct as presented

Signed S Moore Auditor MBA

Date

Signed P Gillam Treasurer

Date

**MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S PROGRESS REPORT FOR AGM  
THURSDAY 21st SEPTEMBER 2023**

I have spent considerable time on data cleaning the Contacts list and investigating which members have left, or not paid, or any other issues relating to membership; therefore, I can report that:

We currently have 91 Members.

Over the past year, and possibly earlier, 15 did not rejoin or left for various reasons. They had been emailed two or three times before their names were removed from the Contact list. Some Members had simply forgotten to pay their renewal subscription, but did so after a gentle reminder. There are only so many friendly emails I can write!!

Of 34 enquiries received to date, 10 people became Members and paid their subscription. We also have 2 new members for 2023/2024.

We have since introduced a Renewals Form, available on our website, so please complete it. This will enable me to update your records. The different ways to send it with your payment are detailed on the Form. If you need help on completing it, please let me know.

There are Membership Renewals Forms available now for you to complete, (Chris will do the honours and give them out) and also some New Members Forms.

For Members, particularly those who are new to the groups, please think about carrying contact details.

As you will know by the many emails you have received from me, I have been assisting with emails from various Committee members. I will still continue as Membership Secretary, and am willing to take on the post of Secretary, unless we have another volunteer who would take on the role.

Ingrid Finch  
Membership Secretary

(dated.....)

# WEBSITE PROGRESS REPORT FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MONDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023



Since the last meeting we have upgraded to a full paid for Premium account for our website. This lasts for three years with the new domain name of [bexhillramblers.com](http://bexhillramblers.com) paid for one year.

This removed WIX advertising and gave us our own domain – [www.bexhillramblers.co.uk](http://www.bexhillramblers.co.uk). We are also able to manage our membership and subscriptions more efficiently and work has been going on to update and rationalise our database prior to enabling this. Also, we are now able to set up our own Blog, Forum, Chat, Mass emailing and so on.

We also introduced a new Monthly Newsletter last month to enable us to communicate regularly with members. This is being done via the Gmail account initially but then from with the WIX system later. This is coordinated from our fellow committee members by Ingrid and me. I would appreciate any feedback and you are all welcome to contribute in any way you wish please.

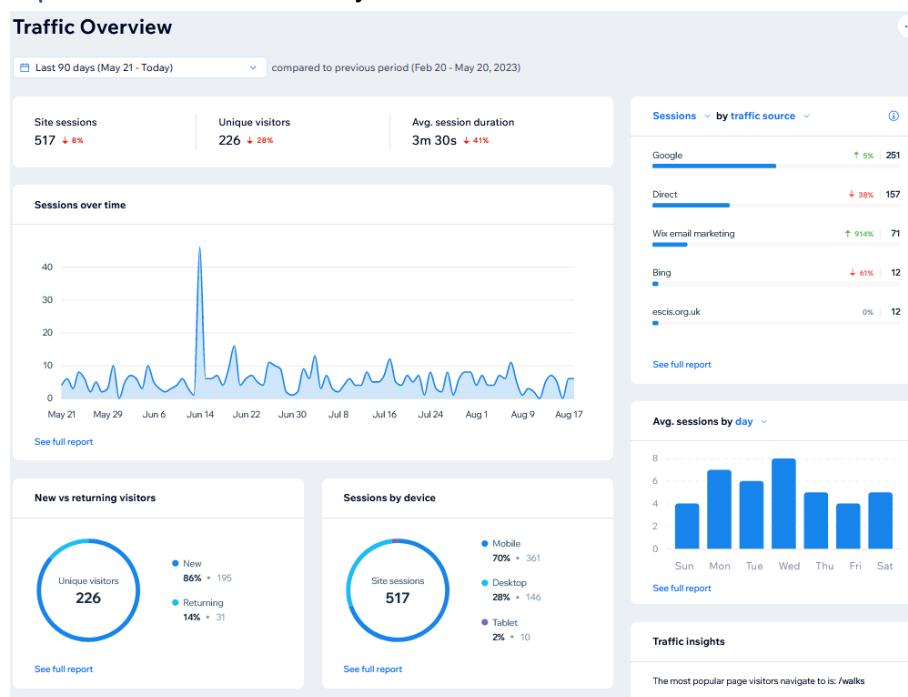
We have introduced our own logo which is now apparent on the web site.

We are implementing our own Blog- <https://www.bexhillramblers.com/blog> , which once enabled fully will allow committee members to interact with members. I am checking out the email situation as it looks like you need a paid email account to use this fully. We would only be able to use it once a month with our email allowance.

I also hope to introduce a walks diary with a short text dialogue and some photos used to produce and article for each walk which will grow into an interesting and humorous (at times) account of our activities.

I have also compiled a list of interesting and hopefully useful links to add to the website in due course.

## Website Activity Report For the last 90 days: -



# WEBSITE PROGRESS REPORT FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MONDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023



Cont'd

Interesting that 70% of visits are via mobile phone. I am ensuring that the site is fully optimised for this.

## SEO and Google.

The site is now optimised for Google type searches which is important for people searching for rambling in this area.

## Members Area Current View

**Home** [Walks](#) [Gallery](#) [Contact Us](#) [Members' Area](#) [Privacy Policy](#) [Links](#)

# Bexhill Ramblers

Q Search...

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** You must wear sturdy footwear and appropriate clothing on our organised walks. The Walks Leader has the right to refuse participation if you do not have the correct attire. This is for your safety and so as not to hold up the group due to injury.

**Saturday walks programme**  
Saturday Walks aug- Oct 2023

**Tuesday walks programme**  
Tuesday Walks Aug-Oct 2023\_RevA

[CLICK HERE FOR Link to 2023 AGM Page](#) →

**Walks Leaders**  
*If you are offering to lead a walk or have an enquiry about a walk please contact the following:*

Saturday walks - Jonathan Reed  
[jonreed894@btinternet.com](mailto:jonreed894@btinternet.com)

Tuesday walks - Wendy Morton  
[pwm2000@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pwm2000@hotmail.co.uk)

**Rights of way**  
If you find any problems with a footpath or stile please contact Pam Woolley  
[pamwoolley@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pamwoolley@hotmail.co.uk)

**Bexhill Ramblers Club Constitution**

**Members Privacy Policy**

**Latest Committee Minutes**  
- 17th July 2023  
Committee Meeting Minutes 17th July 2023

**Your Committee - 2021-2022**

Chairman	Vacant
Secretary	Ben Field
Treasurer	Pauline Gillam
Membership Sec	Ingrid Finch
Tues Walks Sec	Wendy Morton
Sat Walks Sec	Jonathan Reed
Rights of Way	Pam Woolley
Social	Duncan McLean
Welfare	Vacant
Safety Officer	Wendy Morton
Website	Chris Cooper

NOTES FOR WALKERS ADVICE & GUIDANCE

NOTES FOR LEADERS- ADVICE & GUIDANCE

Chris Cooper 18/08/2023

To all members of Bexhill Ramblers Club

**BEXHILL RAMBLERS CLUB – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 18:30**

**NOMINATION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS**



August 2024

In accordance with the Bexhill Ramblers Club Constitution: -

- i) all Officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Club.
- ii) all Officers are elected for a period of one year but may be re-elected to the same office or another office the following year.
- iii) nominations shall be made either by emailing the attached nomination form to the Secretary at least 14 days before the AGM i.e. **by 16th September 2024.**

The names below refer to those who have offered to stand for election. However, you can nominate a member for any of the posts even if an existing member wishes to stand for re-election.

If there is more than one nomination for any of the posts, there will be a ballot of those members present at the Annual General Meeting on 30th September.

Chairman	<b>Jonathan Reed</b>
Secretary	<b>Sandra Warcup (outgoing)</b>
Treasurer	<b>Michael Brennan</b>
Membership Sec	<b>Ingrid Finch</b>
Tues Walks Sec	<b>Barbara Thomassen (incoming)</b>
Sat Walks Sec	<b>Jonathan Reed</b>
Rights of Way Sec	<b>Vacant</b>
Social Secretary	<b>Duncan Maclean</b>
Safety Officer	<b>Vacant</b>
Welfare	<b>Vacant</b>
Website	Chris Cooper (co-opted)
Auditor 1	Janet Jones (assisting)
Auditor 2	Vacant

**As you can see, there are a few vacancies on the Committee. Please consider standing.**

The Nomination form is below. Please ensure you obtain the consent of the person you are nominating.

# Nomination of Committee for 2024/25

To be received by Club Secretary Sandra Warcup by **16th September 2024**.

I set out below my nominations for the Bexhill Ramblers Committee for 2024/2025: -

<b>Post</b>	<b>Name of person you wish to nominate.</b>
Chairman	.....
Secretary	* .....
Treasurer	.....
Membership Sec	.....
Tues Walks Sec	* .....
Sat Walks Sec	.....
Rights of Way Sec	* .....
Social Secretary	.....
Safety Officer	* .....
Welfare	* .....

I confirm I have obtained his or her consent.

Name (print) .....

Signed .....

Date .....

Email to Club Secretary, Sandra Warcup: [sandrastrange@btinternet.com](mailto:sandrastrange@btinternet.com)

**Note:**

**If you are unable to print out and complete the form and return it by email, then please just type your nomination in a new email to Sandra.**



**From:** [SANDRA STRANGE](#)  
**To:** [Chris Cooper](#)  
**Subject:** EOY report  
**Date:** 23 September 2024 16:22:22

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Hi Chris,

Following on from the four committee meetings we have had, since my becoming secretary.

All meetings were held and proceeded effectively.

As I am standing down this year, a new secretary will need to be elected.

With this said, nothing further to report.

KR

Sandra

## **TREASURERS REPORT AGM 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

This has been my first year as treasurer, and with the imminent and now complete closure of the bank in town some changes have been made. We now bank on line, we have 4 members who are signatories on the account.

I have added the top sheet of the financial statement, I have the individual transactions if anyone would like a copy please send me your email details.

Account balance for the club as of close of financial year 31 July 2024 was £825.66

Business account held with Lloyds bank      £785.49

Cash held      £40.37

### **Reciepts**

Income to the club has come from members subscriptions, the figures include one member paid twice, one donation of £1 and a new member joining and paying on the 31<sup>st</sup> July. The double payment and the July payment have been carried over to pay fees for 2024.

### **Payments**

Affiliation to the Ramblers association	£73.50
Insurance	£24.49
less than last year as to change the treasurers name meant a new account before the full year end.	
Stationary	£10.65
Air Ambulance	£300,
as agreed at last years AGM	
Gifts for leaving committee	£124
Hire of sailing club for AGM	£40
Annual website fee	£16.68
Hire of Bexhill bandstand	£80
Cheese and wine event	£48.95
Total	£718.27

**BEXHILL RAMBLERS CLUB  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2024**

<b>Receipts</b>	2023-24	2022-23	<b>Payments</b>	2023-24	2022-23
Members   Renewals tfr to Cash serve 3	£0.00	£22.50			
Members Renewals for the year       86	£645.00	£555.00	Affiliation to Ramblers Assoc	£73.50	£85.50
New Members Cheque/Bacs		£52.50	Ramblers Insurance	£24.49	£27.99
Members (to cash reserve)           1	£7.50	£7.50	Duplicating, Stationery	£10.65	
Membership payment in advance	£7.50		Duplicating, Stationery (Cash)		-£2.49
			Postage		
			Postage (Cash)		-£2.90
			Donation to Air Ambulance	£300.00	£300.00
			Gifts for leaving committee mbrs	£124.00	£8.46
			Hall for AGM	£40.00	£40.00
Highwoods Lunch Payments		£105.00	Reimbursement canc lunch		£105.00
			Expenses for AGM		£32.91
			Website software	£16.68	£172.80
			Hire of Heritage Pavillion	£80.00	£40.00
			Cheese and wine event	£48.95	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£660.00</b>	<b>£712.50</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£718.27</b>	<b>£792.66</b>
<b>Summary</b>			<b>Summary</b>		
Credit/Debit Receipts/Payments		-£80.16	Funds carried fwd to next year	£818.36	
Opening Balance B/Fwd	£883.13	£930.42	being available balance in Lloyds Bank	£777.99	£850.26
Balance in Lloyds Bank Account	£785.49	£850.26			
Cash Reserve	£40.37	£32.87			
Balance Carried Forward	£825.86	£883.13			

I have checked the above figures and am satisfied that they are correct as presented

Signed



Date

14/08/2024

Signed



M Brennan Treasurer

Date

14 Aug 2024

**MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S PROGRESS REPORT FOR AGM  
MONDAY 30th SEPTEMBER 2024**

I am your Membership Secretary, Ingrid. Please introduce yourself to me as I write to you all quite frequently.

It has been an interesting year. We roughly have the same number of members as last year. At last year's AGM we had 91 members. This year we currently have 94. The ebb and flow of members leaving and those renewing or joining is quite stable.

Over the past year 13 did not rejoin or left for various reasons.

Of 41 enquiries received to date, 12 people became Members and paid their subscription. 16 joined immediately. We also already have 8 new members for 2024/2025.

Some enquiries from interested potential members have not progressed to full membership. I have received positive responses to my emails detailing our walks and what to expect on a walk. I also include details of the Health Walks as some who enquire are not able to walk as far as our members do. Everyone should be given the chance to walk comfortably with us. Some realise that their walking capabilities are somewhat less than the distance we walk, or the days offered do not coincide with their days off from work. For many, this is unfortunately due to the lack of a central meeting point where lifts could be offered for those that are no longer able or no longer have access to a car or other transport. That will be discussed under Any Other Business.

As you can see, we have updated the Renewals and New Members Forms to include payment by Standing Order which has been successful. The different ways to send it with your payment are detailed on the Form. If you need help on completing it, please let me know.

We have introduced an Emergency Contact section, so please enter details please. Hopefully the information will never be needed, but it will be there for everyone's peace of mind.

There are Membership Renewals Forms available now for you to complete, (Chris will do the honours and give them out) and also some New Members Forms.

As you will know by the many emails you have received from me, I have been assisting with emails from various Committee members. I am prepared to continue as Membership Secretary if that is the wish of the meeting.

Ingrid Finch  
Membership Secretary

Dated 29 September 2024

## **BEXHILL RAMBLERS – TUESDAY WALKS ANNUAL REPORT**

This report covers 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 – 24<sup>th</sup> September 2024

There was a walk scheduled to take place for every Tuesday of the time period covered.

Only a small minority of walks did not go ahead and this was due to adverse weather conditions.

The number of walkers each week has varied enormously from those you could count on one hand to others where attendance has been 20ish.

The areas walked extended as far north as Cow Beech and Herstmonceux, to Alfriston and East Dean to the west and to Winchelsea and Rye to the east.

The lengths of the walk varied from 3-7 miles, the average was 5 miles.

Walks were led by 10 different walk leaders – although 76% of the walks were led by 4 individual walk leaders on whom we are heavily dependent.

Many thanks to all walk leaders for all their efforts throughout the year.

**From:** [jonreed894@btinternet.com](mailto:jonreed894@btinternet.com)  
**To:** [Chris Cooper](#)  
**Subject:** Saturday walk report  
**Date:** 23 September 2024 17:44:13

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We had a very varied programme of Saturday walks. We did the usual ones locally around Battle, Robertsbridge and Rye. We also managed to do the 1066 walk in four separate stages. The weather made some of the winter walks very muddy but we only had to cancel a few walks. One of the new attractions were walks in London. In June we walked from Putney Bridge along the Thames to Hammersmith and then back via Barnes Common. In August we walked around Regents Park, Primrose Hill and Camden Market. Both of these walks attracted about 12-15 walkers and is obviously very popular. There are therefore plans for more London walks one of which will coincide with Christmas. Another attraction was our walk from Wittersham to Tenterden and then a ride on the Kent & East Sussex railway. We still need more walk leaders as I'm leading the majority. Duncan, Kevin, Barbara, Lucy, Trish, Vic & Mary have all led walks which is much appreciated. More of the same in 2025.

# WEBSITE PROGRESS REPORT FOR MEETING MONDAY 30th SEPTEMBER 2024



We currently have a full paid for WIX Premium account for our website. This is for three years with the domain name of [www.bexhillramblers.com](http://www.bexhillramblers.com) paid for one year. The one-year domain renewal payment will be due next March.

**Password-** The members area password is “cuckmere” from the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024 and will remain so for the next year.

At the last meeting we agreed to update a few things which have been done. One outstanding item is the Home Page, which we decided to update. I have added some more current photos and amended the text.

Since the last meeting I have continued to post the minutes, reports and other documentation. Programmes are uploaded on request and anonymised versions shown on the “Walks” page. Copies of the PDF’s will be emailed back as confirmation of posting.

**Write ups of walks** – Everyone seems to be submitting walk reports, so thanks all. I hope to be able to devote a bit more time to this and have uploaded all of these to the blog. I would value any comments and contributions for the next Newsletter from the committee.

## NEWS BLOG-

We have we implemented our own Blog- <https://www.bexhillramblers.com/blog>, which once enabled fully will allow committee members to interact with members.

I am currently posting all the wonderful walks reports that we are receiving from walk leaders. Alongside this we are also posting social events and other news and reports now.

**Walks diary-** We are currently posting Walks diary (as referred to above) above with a short text dialogue, map and some photos used to produce an article for each walk which will grow into an interesting and humorous (at times) account of our activities. There are some concerns, so I will concentrate on the Newsletter for the time being.

**NEWSLETTER-** As a result of all the activity on the News Blog the monthly Newsletter is paused. When I have time, I will try publishing quarterly. This is emailed to all members and posted on the web site. I would value any comments and contributions from the committee.

I propose that all website activities be agreed moving forward as the committee members may require. Namely: -

- Items for uploading – general. See note above about programmes.
- Insurance details
- Walkers and Leaders guidance notes.
- Changes to website content
- Blog experiment see above.

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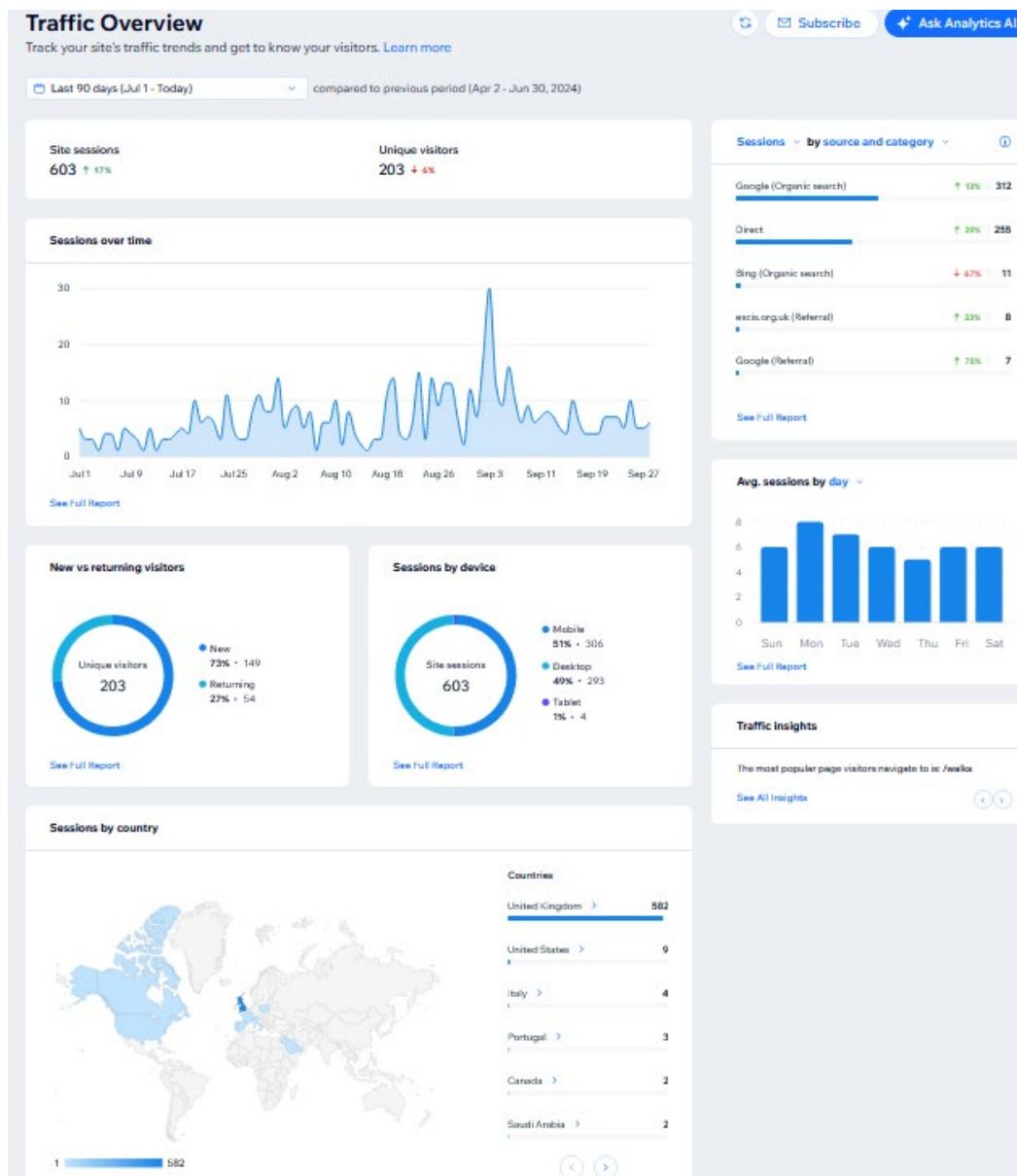
Links- are included for The Ramblers Association I have also compiled a list of interesting and hopefully useful links added to the website now. Please let me know if you have any issued with this.

## WhatsApp

At the AGM members asked for a WhatsApp Group. As a start we have set up a Committee Group first. I would envisage that any involvement will be voluntary. All data is encrypted end to end.

## SEO and Google.

The site is optimised for Google type searches which is important for people searching for rambling in this area.





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## Members Area Current View



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# Bexhill Ramblers



### Saturday walks programme

Saturday Walks Aug-Oct 24 Rev A

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** You must wear sturdy footwear and appropriate clothing on our organised walks. The Walks Leader has the right to refuse participation if you do not have the correct attire. This is for your safety and so as not to hold up the group due to injury.



### Tuesday walks programme

Tuesday Walks Sept- Oct 2024 Rev A

### Bexhill Ramblers Club Constitution



[CLICK HERE FOR Link to 2024 AGM & Subs Page](#) →

### Members Privacy Policy



### Walks Leaders

*If you are offering to lead a walk or have an enquiry about a walk please contact the following:*

**Saturday walks** - Jonathan Reed  
[jonreed894@btinternet.com](mailto:jonreed894@btinternet.com)

**Tuesday walks** - Jane Kirk  
[bexhilltuesdaywalks@yahoo.com](mailto:bexhilltuesdaywalks@yahoo.com)

**General email** - [bexhillramblers@gmail.com](mailto:bexhillramblers@gmail.com)



### Latest Committee Minutes – 19th July 2024



### Your Committee - 2023-2024

Acting Chairman	Jonathan Reed
Secretary	Sandra Warcup
Treasurer	Michael Brennan
Membership Sec	Ingrid Finch
Tues Walks Sec	Jane Kirk
Sat Walks Sec	Jonathan Reed
Social	Duncan McLean
Website	Chris Cooper
Rights of Way	Vacant
Welfare	Vacant
Safety Officer	Vacant

### Not Committee but helping out:-

Auditor Janet Jones

### Rights of way

If you find any problems with a footpath or stile please contact **ESCC PROW:**  
Tel- 0345 608 0193  
Web- [click here](#)  
Email- [rightsofway@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:rightsofway@eastsussex.gov.uk)



**Walkers Check List**



**Walk Leaders Check List**



**INSURANCE DETAILS**

Chris Cooper 28/09/2024

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