

Oxon 20s 30s Walkers

Agenda

Saturday 15th November 2014

4-6pm St Peters Church Rooms, Wolvercote

Current Committee Members

Table - Committee

Position	Member
Chairman	Rob Hollister
Treasurer	Victoria Welch
Secretary	Rory Scannell
Area Rep	Emma Wilberforce
Membership	Gordon Bissell
Walks Programme	Andrew Woodmore
Website	Matthew Hutton
Publicity	Sarah Gilkes
Social	Laura Sandford Gemma Parsons
Social Media Secretary	Matthew Hutton
Without Portfolio	Andrew Perkins

1. Apologies for Absence

Gordon Bissell, Andrew Woodmore

2. Minutes of the previous AGM

Approved.



3. Chairmans Report (Rob Hollister)

This year, as most years, has been about maintaining the group and ensuring the programme of walks and socials is kept as full as possible to offer a variety of events to existing members and also as a way of attracting new members

We have had a good programme of walks throughout this year including a number of introductory walks, a few evening walks in the summer and joint walks with other groups. We have had a walk on every weekend of the year and on a couple of weekends we have had two walks. As well as many walks within Oxfordshire, we have had a number of walks exploring neighbouring counties. As a group we have also completed the Ridgeway over seven walks, with eight of the group walking every section and every section having ten or more attendees.

Thanks to all the walk leaders who have led walks this year, having as many walk leaders as possible helps us fill the programme with a variety of walks that will appeal to existing and potential members

We have had a really good variety of socials this year including a tour of a brewery, punting and a Ceilidh. I would like to thank Laura for organising so many events and such a variety. If people have ideas for future events feel free to put a social on yourself, it's quite easy to do, or forward ideas to Laura as it helps to know what people would want to do

We have had three weekends away this year - Breckon, Clun & Slaidburn. Thanks to Matt & Alice for putting on weekends away it does take a fair bit of organising behind the scene.

The group has continued making use of its online tools, in particular the website and on Facebook and the closed group continues to work well for organising events and lifts. This year we also have been set up on Twitter, thanks to Emma for organising that. So anyone who uses Twitter you can follow us @Oxon20s30s

Finally, I would like to thank the whole committee for your efforts this year. Particular thanks to both Andrew and Rory who are stepping down from the Committee, both have been on the Committee for a number of years helping to keep the group running.

4. Amendment to constitution

AM: Considering the annual report and groups income and expenditure should be available to everyone.

RH: While the AGM and documentation is open to everyone, voting should be for members only.

Vote: Changes unanimously approved.

5. Officers reports

a. Area Rep (Emma Wilberforce)

It's been a relatively quiet year, there have been useful discussions with the area groups.

b. Treasurer (Victoria Welch)

September 2013-2014

The Oxon 20s and 30s walking group has had another quiet year financially. We have been in credit with the bank all year and we have managed to reduce some of our annual expenditure costs.

The cash balance at 1 October 2013 (the start of the last financial year), was **£237.15**.

The group received **£180** from The Ramblers as the annual group funding during the year.

We switched website host this year and so are now paying £50.45 per year, down from £83.85 per year previously which is a significant annual saving of £33.40. This was an effective way to reduce our on-going annual expenditure. We expect the annual charge to be approximately the same amount.

The main annual costs for the year were the web hosting and the AGM costs (£24). We spent no money on advertising or publicity. A similar level of expenditure is forecast for the current financial year with the possibility of some ad-hoc advertisement and materials.

After discussions between Rob and the YHA we were fortunate this year to obtain YHA membership as a group free of charge as we are a registered charity. This represented a saving of approximately £40 and we have already used the YHA membership to obtain discount for Matt's weekend away in October to Slaidburn. We managed to get £3 off per person per night so that was a great saving for everyone who attended.

The balance at end of the year (30 September 2014) currently stands at a healthy **£343.05**.

Budget for 2014/2015

This year (last November) we were awarded £180 from the area funding budget. This was partly based on the number of members we have at the time of the budget preparations together with predicted costs for the year ahead.

The budget for the year ending 30th September 2015 was submitted in June 2014 and we should receive the funding for the year ended 30 September 2015 shortly.

Alice Marten has managed to get us a donation of £30 from The Walking Partnership. This is a Ramblers Holiday initiative that Alice signed the group up to when she was Chair which gives cash back to walking groups when people go on holiday with them and one of her colleagues recently went on one of their holidays and nominated our group to get money. So thank you to Alice for managing to get us that donation.

Year-end returns

The accounts are currently being independently checked by an external examiner, Richard Hill, Assistant Manager at Grant Thornton UK LLP and once checked they will be submitted to the Oxon Area group for onward submission to the Ramblers.

We are likely to have surplus reserves for this financial year, which we may consider to use for advertising to attract new members. We are looking forward to another successful year of walking in 2015!

c. Secretary (Rory Scannell)

Minutes of the quarterly and annual meetings have been made available. Stepping down after 4 years, I have very much enjoyed this role, thanks to all on the committee.

d. Walks Programme (Andrew Woodmore)

It has been a busy program with walks virtually every weekend.

e. Website (Matthew Hutton)

Happy to report it's been a successful year, no major changes. We moved the website over to a new host and fixed some bugs.

f. Publicity (Sarah Gilkes)

Dailyinfo has been kept up to date all year. We should put back up a poster in Headington near the bus stop, where it has been taken down and in general try to get more posters up to cover a wide an area as possible.

g. Social (Laura Sandford & Gemma Parsons)

Going very well. We had some joint socials which were good. We saw some new faces on socials. Kelly has expressed her interest in helping with this role.

h. Social Media (Matthew Hutton)

Social media has moved along. One thing that could be improved on is that people could use social media better to offer more lifts.

i. Membership (Gordon Bissell)

During 2014 we've increased our membership slightly, from a figure of 87 in January, to 98 in November.

The Ramblers' database can be a bit variable; as pending renewals can cause people to disappear and reappear from month to month, and occasionally they clean up entries for members that have long left the group.

Anomalies aside however, the rise in the membership has been pretty steady over the course of the year.

The good news is that we have fairly good retention; in the sense that just under half of our membership joined the group between 2002 and 2012 (with about a third from 2007 to 2012). I know that many of the people in that set are still active, so I don't believe the data is stale.

We have 23 people who joined in 2013, and an impressive 25 from 2014; so a major goal would be to retain as many of those members as possible.

It's quite likely that many current members may be wondering who their membership secretary is; which is even more ironic due to me not even making it to the AGM this year.

Over the last seven months a new project has taken most of my time. It's small, cute, can be occasionally noisy, and unfortunately right now, not very well - hence my lack of attendance today.

I am hoping to return to walks in the future, and I'd be happy to continue doing the membership role. If someone else wanted to take it on (it doesn't take much time) then I'd be OK to step down - though if that occurred I'd like to continue as a member without portfolio, as the committee has pretty much been my only continued connection with the group this year!

6. Election of Committee for 2013/2014

Position	Person Elected	Proposed by:	Seconded by:
Chairman	Rob Hollister	Luke Price	Sarah Gilkes
Area Rep	Polly Campbell	Matthew Hutton	Sarah Gilkes
Treasurer	Victoria Welch	Rob Hollister	Emma Wilberforce
Secretary	Sarah Gilkes	Matthew Hutton	Rory Scannell
Membership	Gordon Bissell	Rob Hollister	Matthew Hutton
Walks Programme	Andrew Perkins	Rob Hollister	Luke Price
Website	Matthew Hutton	Sarah Gilkes	Andrew Perkins
Publicity	Emma Wilberforce	Sarah Gilkes	Alice Martin
Social	Laura Sandford Kelly Stevens	Sarah Gilkes	Andrew Perkins
Social Media Secretary	Emma Wilberforce	Rob Hollister	Matthew Hutton
Without Portfolio	Luke Price	Matthew Hutton	Andrew Perkins

Area Treasurer Position Available: - If anyone is interested, contact Rob.

7. AOB

Andrew Perkins: Publicise first Aid course – Saturday 21st February

Gemma Parsons: Request to hold more than one map reading course per year.

Matthew Hutton:

- There will be a trip to Austria in June, currently being planned.
- Going to take away access to admin area on website for committee members unless people specifically request it.