

Minutes Tyneside Group 33rd AGM
(Northumbria Area Ramblers Association)
held at the Lit and Phil on Thursday 23rd January 2025

1. Chairman's Introduction

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending. He thanked everyone for their efforts and said that the group continued to be successful.

Former members who died during the year included Mary Rodgers, Jim Dunn and Davy Rigby.

2. Apologies

There were 31 members present. Apologies were received from Michael Manwell, Eric Patterson, Sally Shotton and Laura Brosnan.

3. Appointment of Tellers

There was no need to appoint Tellers.

4. Minutes of 32nd AGM (circulated)

The minutes were accepted as a true record.

Proposed by Sue Patterson, seconded by Brian Kram.

5. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

6. Adoption of the Annual Report (circulated)

The Report was accepted as a true and correct record.

Proposed by Brian Kram, seconded by David Dallow.

7. Adoption of the Financial Report

A copy of the Financial Report and the Treasurer's Report are at the end of the minutes. The finances of the Group are in a sound position.

The Treasurer resigned from the committee at the end of the last quarter but has been shadowing our new Treasurer until the AGM. Alistair was warmly welcomed and Mark thanked Nick for all his efforts over the passed 8 years.

The Report was accepted as a true record.

Proposed by David Dallow, seconded by Brian Kram.

8. Appointment of Independent Examiners

Clarks' had indicated their willingness to undertake this task again this year. It was agreed to accept their offer.

Proposed by Alison Lambert, seconded by Sue Lawson.

Items 9 to 11 were considered as one proposal.

9. Appointment of Chairman for 2024/25

Mark Nugent agreed to carry on as Chairman.

10. Appointment of Secretary for 2024/25

Gill Dallow agreed to carry on as Secretary.

11. Appointment of Treasurer for 2024/25

Alistair Webster agreed to be our Treasurer.

Proposed by Malcolm McVey, seconded by Barbara Harrington.

Items 12 to 14 were considered as one proposal.

12. Appointment of Officers for 2024/25

The following were duly appointed: **Footpath and Incidents Secretary**, Steve Germain. **Membership Secretary**, Gill Dallow **Web Master**, Brian Kram.

Coach Organisers: Sunday (Hancock) Sue Patterson. **Sunday (St. James)** Sally Shotton. **Wednesday 9.30am (Boulevard)** Gordon Lumsden. **Wednesday 10.00am (Hancock)** Ruth Sides.

13. Election of Committee for 24/25

These members were willing to continue on the committee.

Stuart Cameron, Bob Copeland, Barbara Harrington, Dave Morley, and Don Scarratt, all agreed to stand for another year.

14. Election of 3 Representatives to attend Northumbria Area Committee Meetings : (May and Oct.)

Gill Dallow and Malcolm McVey. It was decided that 2 were sufficient.

Proposed by Gordon Lumsden, seconded by Ken McDonald.

15. Motions

There were no motions this year.

16. Any Other Business

1. Helen Murrell suggested that as a safety issue, ICE phone numbers should be given to Walk Leaders at the start of each walk. There was a brief discussion with the following points raised -

The 3 Coach Organisers in attendance all have lists of contact details for regular walkers, though some new walkers could be missed.

Some groups can be 15+ so time becomes a factor.

Poor weather would also make the collection onerous.

The committee have discussed this area in the past but they have agreed to discuss it again and report back the outcomes. The Secretary agreed to find out whether ICE cards and/or key rings are still available through Ramblers.

2. Helen also stressed the importance of First Aid and that walkers should be ready to share their medical conditions with their Walk Leader.

Mark reported that dependent on the finances of the Group, there could be more training with 'Rugged Rhubarb' in the coming year - to be looked into.

In view of these concerns Mark suggested that Helen should think about joining the committee.

17. Day, Date and Venue for the AGM 2026

Tyneside Group 34th AGM: date and venue to be confirmed

The meeting closed at 7.45pm.

Members present

Stephen Germain, Barbara Harrington, Nick Lambert, Mark Nugent, Sue Patterson, Ruth Sides, Eileen Wiltshire, Don Scarratt, M. Pattinson, Kenneth Wright, Alison Lambert, Gordon Lumsden, Gill Dallow, Sue Lawson, Ken McDonald, David Dallow, Alistair Webster, Steven Templeton, Geoff Codling, Brian Kram, Sue Kennedy, Davy Owen, Ian McCalman, Jean McCalman, Helen Murrell, Robert Copeland, Peter Byrne, D.H. Dickenson, Gill Best, Malcolm McVey and Helen Pickles.