

Minutes of the Woking Ramblers Group 40th Annual General Meeting

Date: 15 November 2025

Time: 6.30 p.m.

Location: St Marks Church, Westfield

Committee Attendees:

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| Chairman and Footpath Secretary: | Brian R |
| Secretary: | Robert F |
| Treasurer: | Linda F |
| Social Secretary: | Julia G |
| Assistant Footpath Secretary: | Peter C |
| Membership Secretary: | Alex H |

The Publicity Secretary, Katherine M, sent in her apologies. The total attendance was 29 including the committee and quorum was achieved.

1. Chair's opening Address and Welcome

Brian R advised that he is standing down from the position of Chairman. This will also be the same in his role as Footpath Secretary. He has been a member of ramblers since 1963 when he joined aged 18. He was made to feel welcome at the time and this has continued particularly with respect to the Woking Group.

Brian R thanked Julia G for organising all the walks in her role as Walks Manager and noted again that Woking Group is very good at welcoming new members.

Unfortunately, his wife, Jill R, could not attend the meeting due to a knee injury.

2. Apologies for Absence:

Katherine M
Jill R

3. Approval of the Woking Ramblers Group 39th AGM 2023

The minutes were approved.

4. Matters Arising

None

5. Chairman's Report

Part of this was covered in the Chair's opening address.

Brian R added the following:

- Woking Group installed a Kissing Gate at Fishers Farm
- Peter C has been learning the role as Footpath Secretary
- Brian R explained the standard procedure by Surrey County Council in inspecting paths. This was usually two per annum but there will be eight this year.

- Woking Group won the Membership Cup for 2024. This was on display. Current membership is 246

6. Treasurers Report

Linda F had prepared the Annual Accounts and they were added to the Woking Ramblers website prior to the meeting.

Brian Sheriff approved these accounts as the independent examiner. Linda F expressed her thanks for him doing this work and Brian Sheriff has confirmed that he is happy to perform this task for next year's accounts.

Linda F raised the following points:

- The current balance is £779
- The main expenditure for this year covered the following:
 - AGM
 - Publicity – email address and website address
 - Meetup which is no longer used due to increasing cost and value for money. There has not been any evidence that we gained any new members via Meetup
 - Kissing Gate (£408) – See Chairman's Report. Linda F also pointed out that there is a Woking Ramblers plaque on this gate
- Woking Ramblers will receive £361 from Head Office in the coming year
- £500 of the funds have been designated for another Kissing Gate
- The accounts will also show members receipts of £21,554 for group holidays held and to be held at the following destinations:
 - Cotswolds
 - Austria
 - Tuscany

Linda F will be stepping down from the role of Treasurer.

7. Election of Officers

As opposed to electing each officer individually, it was put forward that the existing officers are re-elected to their current roles except for those roles that have now become vacant as follows:

Chairman – No nominations were received. The committee will cover this role in the interim at meetings on a rotating basis

Treasurer – Ros I volunteered for this role

Proposed: Brian R

Seconded: Linda F

Footpath Secretary – Peter C volunteered for this role

Proposed: Linda F

Seconded: Brian R

Independent Examiner of the Accounts – Brian Sheriff

Proposed: Linda F

Seconded: Robert F

Motion approved.

8. Election of Committee Members

This was covered in the Election of Officers section.

Julia G said that she would like to split her role as Social Secretary to enable her to put more focus on holidays and for someone else to pick up organising the meals. Ros I said she would be happy to help out.

9. Election of Group Representative for Surrey Area Ramblers

Robert F stated that he is happy to continue doing this role. Brian R already holds the role of honorary President for Surrey Area but would still like to represent Woking Group at these meetings.

Motion approved.

10. Any Other Business

Julia G gave a speech to honour Brian R's time, achievements and contribution both as a member of Ramblers as a whole and to the Woking Group in particular. This was followed by the presentation of a gift and a thank you card.

Meeting Closed: 7.00 p.m.

Minutes Taker: Robert F