Dear All sept 2026

First our group updates.

Once again at our AGM in December some of our committee officers will be standing down. Now that their volunteer period has been served, they wish to step down to concentrate on other matters. Some have served more than their terms and have also volunteered in previous roles for which we thank them.

We still need a secretary that comes from the group. This is one of the offices we need to maintain to keep the group running the others being Treasurer and Chair. We are currently being assisted by a Secretary from another group, but this is temporary. We have had a member step up now to replace Jackie as Treasurer.

Our walk coordinator needs to be replaced. This job it is to collate all the walks for the calendar and present them for publishing on the website. If you can offer some time once every 3-4 months to prep the programme we would like to hear from you; We are able to assist and help will be given with the process, you will not be on your own. In the event no one is able to fill this role, the way the walks can be compiled going forward may be affected.

Our walks are now uploaded to the main Ramblers find a walk web site to attract new walkers and members. Currently this is done by committee members on our behalf. To make this process smoother and to assist bulk up loading, it is requested when taking a walk date, the walk details are submitted in full. We need to be able to upload a month at a time.

There is also the opportunity to self-load walks if wished; please advise the committee by email if you would like to so we can set this up. Assistance can be given.

We recently ran a training course to assist new leaders in their learning for becoming a walk leader. This was very successful and has already led to new leaders taking part in the current programme and the one to come, once again thank you. We are arranging a first aid course for leaders on 25th October at time of writing there are still some places we would like to fill.

Walks.

Uptake has been poor following the recent survey to assess what type of walks may be added. We are still assisting re the Wellbeing walk from Maldon Leisure centre every Thursday 11.00 for an hour long stroll of a couple of miles around Promenade Park. We are investigating some further walk options also.

The new walk programme for autumn/winter will be released shortly.

Walk Leaders

It is requested that all walk update their contact preferences in the Walk Leader section of the Ramblers Association website else no leader details will be accessible. You can confirm email contact, phone contact or both. This will then be visible on the Ramblers web site to those searching for walks that may not be a member of our group. This can easily be done via the website as follows:

1. Log onto Ramblers My Account

2. Scroll to Walks Manager and click on Walks Manager

3. Top right hand part of page to the right of 'Create' is a grey box with a head silhouette and a down arrow. Click on this.

4. Select ' Contact preferences '

5. Scroll down to Permission and click on 'I give permission for my display name to be displayed on walks and events'

Click on at least one (preferably both) of the other two.

6. Scroll down and click Save.

AGM

We are trying a different format for the AGM and combining it with the mince pie walk to encourage attendance. This will take place on Sunday 13th December. More details in next programme.

We are nearly ready to launch our new year lunch meal details. Save the date 30th Jan 2027

Ramblers access denied petition.

Can you encourage members to sign the Ramblers Access Denied petition asking Government to do more to protect our Rights of Way?

Only 10% of members have signed, which is a pretty poor show given that it is in all our interests.

https://action.ramblers.org.uk/tell-our-governments-access-nature-right?utm_source=AccessDeniedPage&utm_medium=InternalWeb&utm_campaign=AccessDenied&_gl=1*1cjsqmg*_gcl_au*MTgyNzExODAxLjE3ODk3MTg5MzM.*_ga*MTk1MDYwNTczMS4xNzczNzg4Njcx*_ga_7KLZPCB75D*czE3OTEyOTQzOTYkbzIzJGcxJHQxNzkxMjk0NDE0JGo0MiRsMCRoMA..

Bowling Madison Heights

Gerry has organised the Oct bowling. Wednesday 14th October for a 14.00 start.

Please book with Gerry at Gerald.burl@btinternet.com or on 07918 614046

Potential East London Walk 9th December 2026

I am looking at potentially putting an east London Walk on, including a visit to the Jack the Ripper museum followed by a guided tour around the area. Possibly not every one's cup of tea! As there is a deposit and a cost for this, I need to establish interest and probably payment. The visit and tour special price would be £20. The walk will be after the museum visit and will commence at 17.30 for approx. 90 minutes. We are then, if enough people are interested going to Brick Lane for a curry.

As there is prior interest there are approx. 15 places available on a first come basis. Can you reply to the group email by close Weds 14th October please to confirm a place. We can then see if the walk is viable.