

**Minutes of committee meeting of the RAMBLERS, SCARBOROUGH GROUP
held at 7pm, September 3rd 2026 at 69 Newby Farm Road, Scarborough**

Present : Chair: Rachel Carlin
 Secretary: Cathryn Ferris
 Treasurer: Fay Humphries
 Rambles Organiser: Norman Barclay
 Webmaster: Phillip Trafford
 Publicity: Angela Simpson
 Social: Wendy Smith
 Working Party organiser: Ray Johnson

Committee Members: Mark Roberts

Guest: Sally Webmark-Taylor.

Sally, having expressed an interest in standing for secretary at the forthcoming AGM, was invited to the meeting. Let's hope it didn't discourage her!!

Apologies for Absence; Helen Ventress

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true record. Proposer; Fay, seconded by Cathryn

Matters Arising from minutes of last meeting; Mark had not received any response from Central Office re our request to have an email address for enquiries. He will contact them again.

Action MR

Norman wondered if it was worth setting up a second Whatsapp group to be reserved for walks information, as there is now too much trivia on the current one. After discussion, the meeting decided against.

Fay has now completed the bank forms for a change of signatories on cheques.

Chairman's Report:

Rachel informed the meeting that, as we still haven't got a group footpath officer, she had asked Tony Corrigan for advice. He has volunteered to act as our consultee for requests for comment from the National Park and County Council. The meeting welcomed this and both authorities will be informed.

Action RC

Belinda has asked for a helper next time she organises the BVPI surveys (May 2027), who will be willing to learn the ropes and take over for 2029. Cathryn will ask Gary to publicise this in Area News and Phil will include in the weekly mail shot.

Action CF and PT

Rachel asked the committee to consider the purchase of a 10 man emergency shelter to be carried on rambles. After discussion, the meeting decided that the practicalities of making sure it was carried on every ramble outweighed the

advantages, so the idea was dropped.

Secretary's Report

According to the latest quarterly report from Central Office, we now have 128 members. 11 new members have joined, 4 have lapsed, 1 has died, and 10 have resigned (we assume this means they have requested to change groups). 2 new members have transferred from the Beverly group.

Cathryn had visited the RA website and printed out a job description for group secretary for Sally. Whilst doing this she printed out job descriptions for all the committee members and distributed them, so that, from now on, we'll all know what we're doing

Treasurer's Report

Our current bank balance is £1078.91.

So far this year (1st Oct 2026 to 30th Sept 2027) mileage claims are at £319.40. However, Fay has not received many claims since April and asks that all committee members remind walk leaders that mileage allowance may be claimed for pre-walking. Claiming should be encouraged, so that no member should be financially disadvantaged by offering to plan and lead a walk.

Fay has paid the total bill (£40) for the hire of Ravenscar VH for the recent KC3 joint walk with Ryedale group. This should have been split with Ryedale, so Rachel will contact John Motley and ask him to cough up.

ACTION RC

Our social fund kitty is getting a bit low. Fay asked to be consulted on the pricing of future events.

After discussion with Rachel, Fay has submitted our funding request to the Area treasurer for our group funding for the year commencing 1st October 2026. The sum is £1069.00, which includes funding for a further first-aid course. The area treasurer has conformed that this looks OK.

Fay's report was unanimously accepted. Proposed by Cathryn and seconded by Mark

Working Party Reports

Ray said the working parties had gone well and we had established a good relationship with National Park rangers. As ever, more volunteers would be helpful. Rachel asked if health and safety training was undertaken by volunteers. Ray informed us that the ranger in charge gave a H & S briefing at the start of each task.

Walks Programme

Norman informed us that all Sundays , bar 3, were filled for 2026. (available Sundays are 1st and 8th November and 6th December).

Our Christmas walk will be on the 13th December. Helen has kindly offered her beach hut on the North Bay for the start and finish. David and Helen will lead the walk and Cathryn will bring mulled wine and mince pies to supplement packed lunches.

Our AGM walk on the 29th November will be led by Fay from Cayton VH, which has been booked for the meeting. Fay will bring refreshments and Mark will set up a rolling photo display.

Norman will start the 2027 rambles log.

Wendy suggested our annual walk and meal should be on Sunday 27th January. The meeting decided it would be good to try a different venue. Norman will enquire at the Piebald Inn (Hunmanby) and Cathryn will ask the Grapes (Ebberston).

Action NB and CF

Webmaster.

No thing to add to previous report

Social.

Wendy said the Kamsang visit in July had been a great success with 19 diners.

Our next event will be a bowling night on the 22nd October. Wendy will ask Phil to put details on the website when they are finalised.

Action WS and PT

Any Other Business

Rachel is organising another volunteer weekend to decorate at the Whitby YHA. Dates are already on the website.

Next year's area camp will be at Sedbergh from 4th to 7th June

Helen had lamented the state of Thompsons steps on a recent walk. Phil wrote to the NYC Highways department asking if it would be feasible for the Council to restore the steps if a group such as the ramblers raised money. If there is a positive response, we could ask the Ramblers if they would be willing to allocate some of the £5000 recently lost to the association by a deceased Scarborough member.

Rachel thanked Cathryn for all her efforts as group secretary over the last 4 years

Date of next Meeting

To be arranged after the AGM