



Glasgow Group

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Newsletter April 2018

Dear Member

The printable version of the Walks Programme for May to November 2018 is attached. A warm welcome to all our new members. Many thanks to our eight new walk leaders and to Steve, our Programme Coordinator. Without volunteers, we could not produce such a varied programme.

The future of the printed programme

The committee has decided that this will be the last time that the Walks Programme will be sent out by post to members without an email address. There are several reasons for this decision. Our walk leaders now put their walks directly on to the website through Group Walks and Events Finder (GWEM). It is occasionally necessary to amend the details of a walk after a recce or occasionally to cancel a walk. This means that the printed copy can be out of date very quickly. Also, there are members who do not take part in our Walks Programme, meaning that it is a waste of resources to incur the cost of printing and posting copies of the programme to members who do not require it.

The programme will still be on the website and available to print from there, but please note that this version of the programme will not be amended if a change is made. **For the most up to date information check the details of walks on the website before contacting the leader.** From the website www.glasgowramblers.org.uk, choose the heading **Walks** and from the **dropdown menu** click on "**Current Walks Programme**"

You must always contact the leader before coming on a walk. If cars are needed, they need to know in good time who is bringing a car and who needs a lift.

Data Protection

Walk leaders email addresses will no longer be visible on the website. However, clicking on "contact via ramblers.org.uk" will send your email directly to the Walk Leader

Under Data Protection legislation, Ramblers GB is no longer allowed to take updates of emails and other personal information from third parties. In the future, if you change your details or do not wish to receive emails and newsletters from Glasgow Ramblers please contact Ramblers GB by email membership@ramblers.org.uk or phone 0207 339 8595 and ask for membership.

Berwick Weekend Away Friday 28th to Sunday 30th September

Bobby and Ian have booked 16 places at Berwick YHA. The two nights cost is £52.50 pp B&B. We have been allocated four rooms – a six, five, four and a three bedded room for our exclusive use. We can also book evening meals with the hostel at a later date. Ian and Bobby will be leading walks over the weekend ranging from the Cheviot to coastal walks. These walks are on the website.

If you are interested or require more information - email Bobby, bobby_robb@hotmail.com or Ian, ic.brooke66@gmail.com or 0141 557 2553
A firm booking must be made by must be made by 15th June.

Resources on our website for current and potential walk leaders

From the heading Members Section, you will find advice about doing a recce, a walk leader's checklist, and toolkit. Also here under Downloads is the Ramblers Insurance Guide. From the heading Articles, there is a useful section on Navigation.

Also on the website under the heading Past Walks, Maps and Details of Previous Walks is a great resource for planning a walk. Thanks to Geoff and Alan for the amount of work that has gone into developing this page. This is, of course, ongoing as more walks are mapped.

The Walking Partnership supported by Ramblers Worldwide Holidays

If you are planning a holiday with Ramblers Worldwide Holidays, please nominate Glasgow Ramblers and, depending on your destination, our group will receive a donation of £10, £20 or £30. www.ramblersholidays.co.uk. Every six months we receive a cheque. We do not know who has been on each holiday and nominated us but a big Thank You to whoever you are.

Committee Meetings

Any member is most welcome to attend Committee Meetings as a visitor. The provisional dates meetings Tuesdays, 15th May, 10th July, 2nd October at The Unitarian Church Centre, 72 Berkeley Street at 6:45 pm. Anyone wishing to attend, should contact Barry luckydollar@btinternet.com or 0141-772 2263) by 5pm on the Friday before the meeting. Dates will be confirmed on the website.

The Magnificent Eleven – A progress update

Some brilliant news. The Feasibility Study was put out to tender and the report will be completed by the end of summer. The group took part in the Ramblers Scotland Dragon's Den Pitch to bid for some money. We were successful and used the £300 to buy tools. The prize also meant that at Scottish Council, Gary had to deliver a presentation which was well received by delegates. Path Maintenance Days - 26th May working on the Netherton Steps and 9th June on the White Cart Walkway.

Programme Planning Meeting

Tuesday 4th September

We have an enthusiastic group of new and old walk leaders but we are always looking for more as well as new ideas for walks. Suggesting a walk does not necessitate leading it. We will find another walk leader to do the recce with you. Leading just one walk takes the pressure off leaders who lead several in order for the group to offer a walk every weekend. On Tuesday, 4th September there will be a meeting for all members to plan the programme for November 2018 to April 2019. This will be held at the Unitarian Church Centre, 72 Berkeley Street.

Walk Leader Training

Each Area of Ramblers Scotland now has an area training officer will coordinate training across all the groups. We have requested a Walk Leaders Course, First Aid and Intermediate Navigation. If you are interested in participating in any training please email info@glasgowramblers.org.uk or phone 07711268312

Katy Robinson of Ramblers Scotland is providing induction training for new and prospective walk leaders. The aim is to give walk leaders a greater understanding of what makes a good walk and how to go about delivering one, based on Ramblers guidelines and best practice.

Best wishes

Catherine (Secretary of Glasgow Ramblers)

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