



Ramblers Association Cambridge Group

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Hello Ramblers,

Welcome to this third newsletter of the Cambridge Ramblers Group.

SATURDAY walks (Walk Co-ordinator – Jane Crawford-White)

We offer a regular programme of Saturday walks, typically starting at 10:00. The distances are generally between 7 and 10 miles with an occasional longer one of 12 miles. We try to make as many walks as possible accessible by public transport. If you require a lift please contact the walk leader or use the WhatsApp Group (see info re this on page 3). You are recommended to routinely bring a packed lunch, snacks and drinks, although café or pub stops may be worked into the route (if so this will be mentioned in the walk information).

MONDAY walks (Walk Co-ordinator – Jean Murray)

There are walks on two Mondays in the month which are generally shorter, between 4 and 7 miles, also typically starting at 10:00, and with a mid-morning break (bring drink/snack for this).

People new to walking are welcome to join a walk, however after 2 or 3 walks you are expected to join the Ramblers. Well behaved dogs may be permitted to join the walk at the discretion of the walk leader.

Your COMMITTEE

We are a small committee with some members taking on more than one role. We welcome anyone who may be interested either in joining the committee, or willing to help with a role without sitting on the committee. Please speak to anyone on the committee if you would like more information.

Role	Member
Chair, Walks Co-ordinator (Saturdays)	Jane Crawford-White
Treasurer	Joanna Womack
Secretary, Local Access Forum rep, Footpath Officer (East Cambs)	Jill Tuffnell
Don't Lose Your Way Co-ordinator, Website	Paul Cutmore
Minutes Secretary	Harriet Snape
Footpath Officers (South Cambs)	Jean Murray & Tim McCormack
Walks Co-ordinator (Mondays)	Jean Murray
Membership Secretary	James Berry
Assistant Walks Co-ordinator, Website	Sushma Paleschi

WEB PAGES FOR CAMBRIDGE GROUP

[Cambridge Group - Ramblers](#) This link has the details of up and coming walks co-ordinated and led by the Cambridge Group

www.cambridgeramblers.org.uk This link has details about the Cambridge group, our up and coming walks, news, photographs, past copies of CANTAB, publications and contact details

Web pages for other walks with local groups

www.cambridgeramblingclub.com

www.ramblers.org.uk/go-walking/ramblers-groups/peterborough-group

www.ramblers.org.uk/go-walking/ramblers-groups/fenland-group

www.ramblers.org.uk/go-walking/ramblers-groups/huntingdonshire-group

www.ramblers.org.uk/go-walking/ramblersgroups/peterborough-younger-walkers

www.ramblers.org.uk/go-walking/ramblers-groups/royston-group

www.ramblers.org.uk/go-walking/ramblers-groups/walk-cambridge-group

www.ramblers.org.uk/go-walking/ramblers-groups/newmarket-group



On top of Clare Castle



Hayley Wood with a carpet of bluebells and other spring flowers

The WhatsApp Group

This group, available to members who are regular walkers, is currently the main way of sharing photographs of recent walks and coordinating lift sharing or public transport details to the start of the walk. It can be used for urgent communication with most members if there is a need to make late changes to walk details or to contact the walk leader.

If you are not in the group and would like to be, please WhatsApp message Jane on 07506 846653.

REPORTING FOOTPATH PROBLEMS

All problems that cause serious difficulty in accessing a path, eg disruption by ploughing and cropping, missing footbridges, obstructions, missing signs, overgrown paths, closures or broken stiles, should be reported via Cambridgeshire County Council Rights of Way website [Rights of way | Cambridgeshire County Council](#)

This page has an interactive map to identify the name of the public right of way made up of a Parish name and number and a PROW number (eg Footpath 16, Waterbeach). Use this reference to describe the location of the problem you are reporting.

Please include as much of the following information as possible:

- Brief description of the problem or issue
- Date when encountered
- Attach a couple of photos
- Include the 6 figure OS Grid Reference of the location

Consultation on a Hierarchy for Maintenance of Public Rights of Way

Cambridgeshire Highways Authority is holding a follow-up consultation to create a hierarchy for maintenance of our Public Rights of Way. The Authority is responsible for maintaining over 4,500km of roads within the County, and over 3,000km of public rights of way.

Public rights of way include:

- Footpaths (open to use by people travelling on foot)
- Bridleways (open to use by those on foot, riding a horse, or using a bicycle)
- Restricted Byways (open to use by all of the above, but also non-motorised vehicles such as horse-drawn carriages)
- Byways (open to use by all traffic including motor vehicles, but typically only maintained as soft, unsealed surfaces).

The Public Rights of Way (PROW) Hierarchy is a system of ranking our PROW so that we can consider prioritising maintenance activities on the most important routes.

The outcome of the initial consultation showed that for active travel routes the main priority is the surface condition and for footpaths the main priority is vegetation clearance.

You can view the PROW for your local area using the link for the [digital map](#) that shows the proposals for the A, B, C and D levels of priority.

To use the digital map, simply use the address search function in the top-right of the screen to find a location you want to focus on. You can then use the control settings on the right side of the screen to alter what data layers you can see on the map. You can click on the lines on the map to find PROW reference numbers, which will help you to complete our feedback sheet.

You can provide feedback directly to the council by email by **31st July 2025** to assetdatastrategy@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Alternatively if you have comments you would like included in our Cambridge Ramblers response please email info@cambridgeramblers.org.uk by **20th July 2025**.



A London walk around Trinity Buoy, Greenwich and Blackheath

Emergency Procedures for Ramblers

We have arranged some first aid training with St John's Ambulance Group to be held on 4th July. Most of our Cambridge Group walks are classified as leisurely so do not require walk leaders to have any first aid training. However, the uptake of the 12 places by walk leaders and regular walkers has been excellent.

It is useful for all members to carry a completed 'In case of Emergency' card – commonly called ICE cards. The Ramblers have produced a new credit card size format but either format is perfect acceptable to carry. If you don't have one please get in touch.

Neighbourhood Plans

Each Parish or Ward is required to produce a Neighbourhood Plan. These plans cover a 15 year time period and are written by local communities. There is a section for plans on PROWS and permissive paths. In South Cambs 9 plans have been adopted but a further 17 are still in development. Link: [Neighbourhood Plans - South Cambs District Council](#) I would encourage Ramblers' members to view and comment on the footpath proposals in their area via the relevant council website.

Save the Date

The provisional date for our Annual General Meeting is **Saturday 29th November at 2.30 to 4.30**. We are honoured to have a special guest speaker from Ramblers Headquarters.

More details in our next newsletter.

Cambridge Greenways

The Greater Cambridge Partnership is creating 12 Greenways to support active travel between home, school or work. These are improved routes for cyclists as well as 'wheeled walking' for those using pushchairs, wheelchairs or similar. These routes improve connections between villages. Although the primary motive is to reduce the use of cars for shorter journeys these routes may well be useful for ramblers especially in wet or wintry conditions when other footpaths are waterlogged. More information can be found here: [Greenways](#)

Public Right of Way issues

The Cambridge Ramblers is consulted on developments affecting PROWs in Cambridge. Here are some of the proposals we are commenting on:

- Battery storage for solar panels construction at Wicken
- Diversion of Chippenham FP4
- Footpath diversions around Burrough Green
- The wooden steps at Bartlow Hills have been repaired
- Pipeline between Grafham Water and Cambridge

Further information on these developments can generally be found on the internet or alternatively contact us.