



Ramblers Association Cambridge Group

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Welcome to our latest members' newsletter

Dr Roger Moreton tribute

It is very sad to report that Roger Moreton died in September 2025 at the age of 83 after a period of increasing frailty and eventually illness. Many Ramblers members attended his funeral service and internment next to Janet at the Barton Woodland burial ground.

In his will Roger left a sum of money towards a tea party for the group to get-together to share happy memories; this is being arranged to take place in May.

We are very glad that we managed to dedicate a tree and plaque at Wandlebury, in memory of both Janet and Roger, at the end of 2024. We also donated trees, which have been planted at Cow Hollow Wood in Waterbeach, managed by the Woodland Trust.

Janet and Roger were far more than Footpath Secretaries for the Cambridge Group for so many years, starting in the 1970s and running through to their retirement from post in 2021. Their legacy includes forcing Cambridgeshire County Council to take seriously its legal responsibilities for maintaining public rights of way. They kept immaculate records and followed issues doggedly through to conclusion. They prepared plans for waymarking in many parishes, negotiated with Parish Councils and arranged and carried out the physical work required. They organised and helped carry out several detailed surveys of the state of every path in Cambridge

City and South Cambridgeshire, with the 2000 Millenium Survey their legacy. They contributed to the planning, signage and route descriptions in the Fen Rivers Way book and both planned and published the route for the West Anglian Way. Both were involved in writing and preparing maps for the Group's 3 other published books of walks in and around our area. And they were instrumental in getting several 'lost paths' recognised as rights of way.

Janet and Roger's books and maps are now available to purchase via Ebay, with the money raised to be passed on to the Woodland Trust.

Their files and folders of papers have been deposited in the County Council archives at Ely.



Cambridge Group Annual General Meeting – held November 2025

This was chaired by Jane Crawford-White and attended by about 20 members. Guest speaker was Tom Platt, Chief Programmes and Delivery Officer from Ramblers HQ, who gave a very interesting and informative talk on 'Reflections from the past year and ambitions for the year ahead'. Following his talk Tom presented certificates of appreciation to

- Jill Tuffnell who has been Secretary for the Group and much more for 40 years and is continuing in this role;
 - Harriet Snape who had been Minute Secretary for 34 years and was stepping down;
 - Joanna Womack who had been the Group's Treasurer for the last 8 years and was stepping down from this role;
- We also had an opportunity to say a thank you to Lisa Woodburn, past Chair for some 10 years and Walks Co-ordinator for 16 years. (There is a Cambridge Ramblers myth that Lisa never repeated leading any walks in all that time!)

List of current committee members is at <https://cambridgeramblers.org/contacts1/>

We would be pleased to welcome any members willing to join the committee, initially to help with some of the jobs that the committee needs to do rather than taking on a specific role/responsibility.

We are also always looking for members who would be willing to become Walk Leaders. There is very good support for those willing to volunteer for this. The main Ramblers website has a lot of online training available that you can complete at your own convenience and locally an experienced Walk Leader can offer one to one coaching, mentoring and shared leading on your first walks. Our walks are generally between five and ten miles.

Walking the West Anglian Way

During 2025 the Saturday walks programme included a repeat of the West Anglian Way. This long-distance linear walk of 89 miles is divided into 8 sections between Cambridge and London's Tower Bridge using the Liverpool Street train line. The group did one section a month and thoroughly enjoyed the challenge. We also made good use of the walk to edit/update the walk directions, previously edited by Lisa Woodburn when she led this walk for the group in 2014.



Astride the Meridian Line

This year's challenge ...

Following on from the success of tackling the West Anglian Way, this year during spring and summer we plan to walk sections of the Stour Valley Path, starting from Newmarket and ending at Manningtree. The walks won't follow the whole length of the Stour Valley Path, but instead will be a series of loops each of which include a section of the Path.

General programme & information

Our weekly Saturday walks are generally between 8 to 12 miles. Most months there are two Monday morning walks which are between 5 to 7 miles. We use public transport when possible, or car sharing when this is not available.

The programme of walks can be found either via the main Ramblers website:

<https://www.ramblers.org.uk/go-walking/ramblers-groups/cambridge-group>

or via the Cambridge group's own website, which also includes details about the Cambridge group, news items, photographs, past copies of CANTAB, publications and contact details:

<https://cambridgeramblers.org/>

Reporting footpath issues

When you are walking if you find any access or safety problems on the footpaths, please report them online at

[Cambridgeshire County Council - ReportIt](#)

In the meantime, enjoy your walking. Please let us know any issues you would like to see in a newsletter or for the committee to consider.

Jane Crawford-White, Jean Murray and Sushma Paleschi
Walks Co-ordinators, Cambridge Group

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Re the Cambridge group's website

Sushma, one of our Walks Coordinators, has kindly taken on the role of Webmaster, and regularly updates our website. If you have any comments or suggestions of news items for the website, please do send this to her via

website@cambridgeramblers.org.uk

Photos and Timeline

Paul is setting up an online Google Photos Album for storing and viewing photos (and videos) made by members, plus other images of interest including relevant newspaper articles. When ready, Paul can share access with members on request - it will not be published on the website. Members are encouraged to submit their original photos of group walks, current and old to ptcutmore@cix.co.uk. (Please specify date and location of photos.)