



Ramblers Association Cambridge Group

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Cambridge Group Annual General Meeting

Whether you are a regular walker or not we would like to invite you to the Cambridge Group's AGM on **Saturday 21st November 2026**, 2.30 to 4.30pm at St Laurence's Church Hall, 91 Milton Road, Cambridge CB4 1XB.

After the usual AGM business there will be a presentation on the Greater Cambridge Chalk Streams Project by guest speaker Robert Martyr (Cambridge City Council Project Lead) followed by tea and cakes.

Please RSVP to the email at the top of the letter if you plan to attend. It is a good way to hear about the local issues with footpaths, access, changes and maintenance. We are also looking for members willing to join the committee, initially to help with any of the jobs that the committee needs to do rather than taking on a specific responsibility.

Our programme of walks

Details of the Cambridge Group's walks can be found here [Cambridge Group - Ramblers](https://www.cambridgeramblers.org.uk). There are day walks every Saturday and two Monday morning walks a month, usually starting at 10am on both days. If you haven't joined a walk in recent months please do come along and enjoy the countryside and the company.

The walks are throughout Cambridgeshire and neighbouring counties and can be accessed via public transport or lift sharing. You can contact the group by emailing info@cambridgeramblers.org.uk or by using the contact details shown on the walk description on the website.

Recent events:

The 'Slap Up' Tea

Thanks to a very kind legacy from Roger Moreton a group of 23 members met at Grantchester's Orchard Tea Garden for tea, cake and chat on 7th May. After much catching up amongst past and present walkers the participants shared in turn their memories of Roger and Janet, making the event both pleasurable and poignant.



The Stour Valley Path adventure

The Stour Valley Path is a 60 mile linear route between Newmarket and the Stour estuary at Cattawade. Rather than working out how to do the complete linear walk (involving a complicated toing & froing of cars) instead we opted to do a series of 11 circular loops taking in sections of the Stour Valley Path, followed by 2 walks on the north and south sides of the Stour estuary. Starting in February, these walks have been well attended and proved very popular (not just due to some rather nice cafés and tea shops enroute).

If you have any suggestions for our next year's themed adventure, please do let us know.



The Bures Dragon

New 'Cam Valley Gateway'

In July the [Cam Valley Community Rail Partnership](#) launched a new website and initiative to promote walks, digital maps, and rail-connected green travel along the valley via the Kings Cross and Liverpool Street lines. This new website brings together inspiration for days out, information about the lines, and insight into supporting local stations, communities and sustainable travel.

The project is designed to make it easier and more enjoyable to discover the area by hopping onto the train and straight into an adventure. Whether it's planning a visit or looking for a greener way to get around, the website is designed to help people discover new places to enjoy and make the most of the railway that connects them.

The website will be of great use to those planning to do the Cam Valley Walk. (*see next item*)

Cam Valley Walk

The River Cam runs from its source near the village of Widdington in Essex, to its junction with the Great Ouse at Pope's Corner south of Ely. The 55 mile walk follows the Cam from its source to its confluence with the Great Ouse. The walk is divided into five public transport friendly stages. It starts at Newport in Essex, and begins with a loop to the source of the Cam near Widdington. It then follows the Cam Valley northwards, following the river where paths exist, and along the most scenic alternatives where there is no riverside path. The walk passes through Saffron Walden, Duxford and Cambridge, ending 3.5 miles south of Ely.

https://ldwa.org.uk/ldp/members/show_path.php?path_name=Cam+Valley+Walk



Photos and Timeline

Paul has set up an online Google Photos Album for storing and viewing photos (and video) made by members, and other images of interest including relevant newspaper articles. 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).

Accessing the Cambridge Group's walk programme - 3 ways:

1. The Cambridge Group is part of the national Ramblers' Association. Our Cambridge Group website has been developed so information about our walks programme can be accessed directly via the Cambridge group's website:

<https://cambridgeramblers.org/walks-programme/>

2. Via the national website:
[Cambridge Group - Ramblers](#)

3. The Ramblers App that can be downloaded onto smart phones. The App is most useful when finding the meeting point for the walks.

Consultations:

The group's committee have responded to a number of recent consultations on:

Kingsway Solar

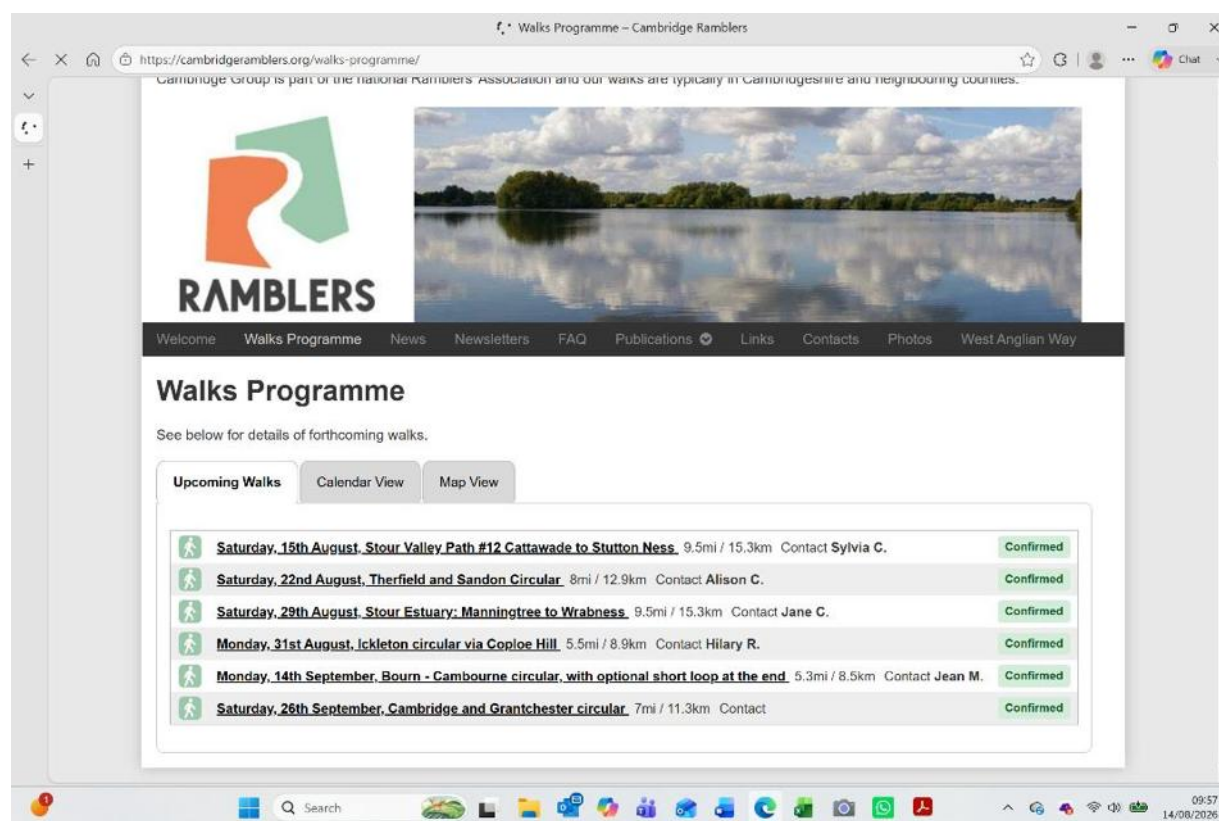
East West Rail

Greater Cambridge Local Plan

Cambridge 25 Employment Centre

Reporting footpath issues

When you are walking, either independently or with the Ramblers, if you find any access or safety problems on the footpaths please report them online at [Cambridgeshire County Council - ReportIt](#) This is the same place as reporting problems with roads as well as footpaths.



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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