



**Oxon
Weekend
Walkers**

OWW Committee Meeting

Sunday 30th July 2023 3.30 – 4.30 pm

The Star, Woodstock

MINUTES

1. Apologies – Treasurer, WOP 2& WOP 3.
2. Minutes of last meeting – agreed as accurate.
3. Matters arising – to be discussed at relevant agenda item.
4. Chair

Will raise items under appropriate headings.

5. Walks

Jane P submitted a very comprehensive report to the committee detailing points from the 4 months that she has been operating as the Walks Manager.

The committee thanked Jane for all her input especially as she undertook the role during the period of the new software introduction for Ramblers “Walks Manager”.

Jane reported several points concerning the new software and these have been forwarded to the other walks managers Pam & Laura.

The report was read to the committee and the main points relevant to the minutes are summarised here:

The numbers...

There were 23 walks led by 13 leaders and so the average number of led walks was <2. Old hands provided the backbone; the chairman and social sec. both led 4. However, a recent member led 2 despite the first having presented the challenge of very high temperatures. A member of Hike Oxford also led 2.

It was varied programme. Of the 23 walks, 4 were on week-day evenings. These were led by 3 members. We also had a return of the mid-summer pub crawl held on a Saturday and there was a linear walk facilitated by bus. In June the chairman led the Area Picnic walk in conjunction with Hike Oxford. I'm missing distances for 4 of the pre-WM walks but using a Sunday mean of 10.5 miles, I estimate a total of about 210 miles.

6. Socials
Charlbury riverside festival on July 29th was attended by approx. 8 including 2 x new people. Next social is Mikron Theatre 3rd August. Increasing trend for people to have a post walk meet in the pub which seems to be enjoyed by all.
7. Membership
Healthy. Membership now consistently hovering around 150.
8. Finance

Treasurer unable to attend meeting but will submit a report on her return from holiday. We are aware the balance is sufficient to support some expenditure. Various ideas were discussed. **Walks Manager** will investigate idea of buying tic removers. **Social Sec** will investigate idea of buying hoof picks (for boot cleaning) and sun cream.

9. Web

New Webmaster still waiting for handover information from previous Webmaster. It is now noted that the website Twitter feed no longer works. Discussion around idea of not using our specific website anymore and relying on the Ramblers hosted website which is not so attractive but does give the scope to show the information that we want. It would also be easier to upkeep in the future. Chair will update the Ramblers web pages and we will review at the next committee meeting.

10. Publicity

We continue to use social networks. We now have a Threads account.

11. Area

Items of discussion at recent Area meetings include not cascading email addresses. Area social was well regarded but comments made on relative lack of “inter group” socialising.

12. AOB

Next committee meeting to be post walk on 22nd October. **Chair or WOP 1** will organise the walk in the Long Hanborough area.

AGM will be 26th November at the Plough, Wolvercote. **Chair** will advise Area of AGM date. Before the next committee meeting all committee members are asked to consider if they will stand again so appropriate planning can be made to fill any potential gaps.