

**MINUTES OF
BRISTOL RAMBLERS GROUP COMMITTEE MEETING**

8th JULY 2025, Broadmead Baptist Chapel

0 ATTENDEES

Ceiswyn Blake (Chair), Tony Parsons, Sarah Marshall, Bob Gibson, Carew Reynell, Graham Symonds.

1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

CB welcomed everyone to the meeting

Apologies for absence: Sue Fox, Keith Budd

2 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th March 2026 had been accepted online.

3 ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING

One item from the last meeting was for Carew to ask Clevedon Group why they had so many attendees at their AGM. It is just that they are a more sociable group, perhaps because all members walk on the same days.

4 TREASURERS REPORT

BG gave the following report:

Treasurer's Report July 2026

Expenditure:

£1,389.54 year to date

Reserves:

£2,539.22 in total

Main reserves are anticipated to be just over 90% of unrestricted annual spend at year-end (target is between 40% & 100%).

Budgeting process:

The process for next year's funding from HQ has begun. As previously agreed by the committee, we have requested our 'Basic Allocation' for the year from HQ, which will be £891.60, slightly higher than current year's £843.60 due to both inflation and an increase in members of the Bristol group.

5 BWA Event Funding

Susan Carter had previously asked if we could contribute funds for a BWA event. This event was postponed and may now be in November. We have funds available (up to £1000) but, as stated before we need to know more details about the event.

ACTION CB to contact Susan Carter re BWA event

6 Walkfest Retrospective

CR reported that everything went well. See Attachment 1 for the number of people on each of the walks led by Bristol Ramblers members.

In previous years we had co-led some walks for other groups in order to give insurance cover. We didn't do this this year. The only request had been from a private individual.

Someone had queried if there was a problem if a person who was not a member of the Ramblers attended more than three of our walkfest walks. It was agreed that this would not be a problem. It might result in new members for the group.

ACTION CB to thank Keith for his efforts, both in helping to organise the program and in leading some of the walks.

7 BRISTOL RING

BG said that he had prewalked the ring and had sent some comments to Go Jauntly but had not received a reply. He had previously considered offering to waymark the route. Those wishing to follow the route download a Go Jauntly app which guides them along the route step by step. Because of this BG thought waymarking is unnecessary.

We should not show the route on our website as this might infringe Go Jauntly property rights.

We should give a link on our website to the Bristol Ring website.

Also give a link to the website for the Bristol Urban Nature Map.

ACTION TP to add links to the Bristol Ring and the Bristol Urban Nature Map in the Other Walking Opportunities page of our website

8 NEW MENU ITEM ON THE WEBSITE

TP had added a new menu item to the website. This is called Footpaths and extends the options given currently in the 'Report a Footpath Problem' menu item. It was agreed that the new menu item should replace the old and the menu item 'News and Information' should be removed.

ACTION- TP to update the menus

9 SUCCESSION PLANNING

It was concluded that succession planning documentation is only required for treasurers role, website maintenance and for BWA coordinators.

The instructions will be stored on the website in the restricted access section (Committee)

ACTION BG, TP and CR to produce the instructions for their roles.

TP said that the manager our mailchimp account was in his name and with his email address.

It was agreed that if the ownership needed to be changed then the old one would be scrapped and a completely new one set up.

10 AGM

The venue has been booked.

One suggestion for a speaker for the AGM was the Walking Alliance.

11 Attracting New Walk Leaders

There is a shortage of leaders for Wednesday and Saturday Walks.

There are only six regular walk leaders for Wednesday walks.

Margaret Ruse has said she will have to resign soon from being walk coordinator for Wednesday walks. CB will ask her when that will be.

Aubrey has said that there has been an occasional Saturday when there has been no walk leader available. There is one new Saturday walk leader.

He asked if he could be given a list of other leaders (Sunday walks leaders) who would be able to offer the occasional Saturday walk. BG said he would ask if any of the Sunday A walkers would be willing to do this.

It was agreed that TP would ask Paula to see if any Sunday B walkers would volunteer.

Also Wednesday walkers could be asked if they would like some walks on a different day of the week.

There will be an article in the eboot asking for Wednesday and Saturday Walk leaders

ACTION BG to ask Sunday A walk leaders if they would lead an occasional Saturday or Wednesday walk

TP to ask Paula to ask Sunday B walk leaders if they would lead an occasional Saturday or Wednesday walk

CB to add article in eboot

12 WALK NUMBERS

Saturday Walks

Attendance ranged between 6 and 17 on each walk, with an average of 13. These numbers do not include those on walks organised by Bristol Ramblers as part of Walk Fest 2026. There were two weeks with no walks

Wednesday Walks

Participation varied between 4 and 15 with an average of 9. This again does not include walks arranged by Bristol Ramblers as part of Walk Fest 2026. There were 4 weeks with no walks.

Sunday B Walks

The numbers participating had ranged between 9 and 22 with an average of 15.

Sunday A Walks

The numbers on each walk varied between 4 and 17 with an average of 8.

13 SAFETY FIRST TRAINING

CB will check how long ago the previous training was offered.

If it was more than three years ago then may offer this again.

There is money available in Area funds.

ACTION CB to check the date of the last first aid course.

17 FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Committee is expected to be held following the October AGM

ACTION Chair to arrange date of the next Committee meeting.

LIST OF ACTIONS

CB to contact Susan Carter re BWA event

CB to thank Keith for his efforts, both in helping to organise the program and in leading some of the walks.

TP to add links to Bristol Ring and Bristol Urban Nature Map in the Other Walking Opportunities page of our website

TP to update the website menus

BG, TP and CR to produce the instructions for their roles.

BG to ask Sunday A leaders if they would lead an occasional Saturday or Wednesday walk

TP to ask Paula to ask Sunday B leaders if they would lead an occasional Sat or Wed walk

CB to add article in eboot

CB to check the date of the last first aid course.

Chair to arrange date of the next Committee meeting.

**ATTACHMENT 1- FINAL LIST OF BRISTOL RAMBLERS' WALK FEST 2025 WALKS,
WITH NUMBERS OF ATTENDEES**

2nd eve	Hidden Stoke Bishop	KB
3rd am	Failand Bluebell walk	Dorothy
6th am	Sea Mills	Patsy
6th am	Purdown and Eastville Park	RG
6th	St Werburghs	Horfield Strollers
7th am	Westbury Weaver	KB
7th eve	Long Ashton and Ashton Court	Tony P
8th eve	Hambrook and Frome Valley figure-of-eight walk	KB
9th pm	Mr Bump: Sea Mills to Blaise and Kingsweston	Graham Symonds
10th am	Badocks Wood	Sue F
10th eve	Troopers Hill and Conham Vale	Carew
12th pm	Bishop's Knoll	Paula
12th eve	Blaise Maze	Marlies
13th am	Ashton Court and Clifton	RG
14th pm	Royate Hill	Carew
15th lunchtime	City Walls Walk	Ky
15th eve	Blaise Maze	KB
16th am	Failand Fanfare	KB
17th am	Waterfalls	Diane
18th day	Nailsea Round	Mandy
20th am	Stapleton/Greenbank	KB
20th	Spine of Purdown	Horfield Strollers

21st am	A ramble on the western edge of Bristol	Anne C/Mick B
21st eve	Maes Knoll	Tony P
22nd am	Riverside Revelations	KB
22nd pm	Dundry	Patsy
24th am	Folly Farm	Aubrey
27th am	Abbot's Pool	Wendy
28th lunchtime	City Walls Walk	Ky

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