



Dorset Ramblers AGM: Saturday 29th November 2025

Notice is hereby given of the 51st Annual General Meeting of Dorset Ramblers which will be held at 11.00 am on SATURDAY THE 29 NOVEMBER 2025 at Broadmayne Village Hall, Cowleaze Road, Broadmayne, DT2 8EW

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The business to be conducted will be as stated in Clause 12 of the Dorset Area Constitution. You can read the constitution on our website [here](#).

Each individual member of the Area and one representative of each affiliated local organisation in membership of the Area is entitled to attend and vote.

There is car parking at the village hall (please car share if possible) but Broadmayne can also be reached by public transport. The number 5 bus reaches the village from both Dorchester and Weymouth at times which are convenient for the meeting (see [here](#) for the timetable).

Please don't be put off by the formal notice of the meeting. This is an event for all members in Dorset and everyone is welcome. Do come along and meet walking friends from across Dorset, Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole and hear what has been achieved in the last year, elect our Area Council members for the coming year, learn about proposals to change the way the Ramblers is organised, and hear from our guest speakers. The name of the guest speaker from Ramblers central office has yet to be confirmed, but we should be hearing about the Wessex Wanderer Railway Walks programme - circular and linear walks of various lengths which start and finish from stations along the Heart of Wessex (Bristol to Weymouth) railway line. This initiative began in 1995, and so is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year.

And it's not all listening; there will be plenty of opportunity to talk to Area Officers over a congenial shared lunch after the AGM (please bring a plate of either savoury or sweet food for sharing).

One of the main tasks of the AGM is to elect our Area Council members, and other posts for the coming year. As you can see from the following list, we have vacancies for a publicity officer, for the position of editor of Dorset Footnotes and for three independent members. (An * indicates that the present post holder is willing to continue in post in the coming year.)

*Laurie Fairhurst:	President
*Janet Davis:	Chair
*Jan Wardell:	Vice Chair
*David Coleman:	Secretary
*Mike Heckford:	Treasurer
*Jan Wardell:	Area Footpath Secretary

*Janet Davis:	Countryside Secretary
Vacancy:	Publicity Officer
*Margaret Kettlewell:	Webmaster and Membership Secretary
Vacancy:	Dorset Footnotes Editor
*Mike Beams:	Access Officer

Independent Members: there can be up to four of these and, at the moment, we have confirmation of only one person willing to stand, Doug Pigg.

The present editor of Dorset Footnotes, Doug Pigg, has retired for health reasons, and anyone interested in the post should contact the Area Secretary, David Coleman (dorsetramblerssecretary@outlook.com) as soon as possible. Doug, who has been the Dorset Footnotes Editor for many years will be very happy to help anyone who takes on the role. The main task is to gather articles as the copy for printing is put together, printed and distributed professionally and this does not involve the editor.

We look forward to seeing you on 29th November.

Best wishes,

Janet Davis (Chair) and Jan Wardell (Vice Chair)