



East Yorkshire & Derwent Area Ramblers Annual General Meeting

All members and representatives of affiliated organisations are requested to attend the **Area Annual General Meeting at 2.00 pm**

on Saturday January 30th 2010

in The Village Hall, Strensall nr York (GR: SE 635609)

Prospective members may be introduced and are welcome (non-voting).

A morning walk will commence from outside the Hall at 10.30 am

AGENDA

1. Attendance (please sign the record) and Apologies for Absence.
2. Chairman's opening remarks
3. Minutes of the 2009 Annual General Meeting.
4. Matters arising from the minutes.
5. Annual Report for 2008/2009
6. Financial statement – Accounts for year ending September 30th 2009
7. Election of Officers and Council Members:

President	Vice-Presidents	Chairman
Vice-Chairman	Area Secretary	Area Treasurer
Secretary	Rambles Secretary	Publicity Officer
	Minutes Secretary	Countryside Secretary
	Area News Editor/s	
Area Access Officer	Area Footpath Secretaries	Area Webmaster

Area Council Members – nominations and volunteers will be welcome at the meeting but helpful if notified beforehand, with written agreement of nominees unable to attend. Group Secretaries should provide details of upto 4 representatives appointed at their AGM
8. Appointment of Independant Examiner
9. Appointment of Area Delegates to 2010 General Council
10. Motions of which notice has been given in writing to the Area Secretary in accordance with rule 13(f) of the Constitution. (see over)
11. Any Other Business.

After the formal meeting and a short break:-

**Kate Ashbrook of the RA's Board of Trustees
will speak on the Ramblers current situation & the year ahead
and answer members' questions**

ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND
AND ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE

Proposed Area Motions for the 2010 Ramblers General Council

(NOTE: only 1 can go forward)

MOTION 1

"This General Council believes that the role of a Walk Leader on a Ramblers Association walk be defined as follows:

- To lead the direction of the walk and to appoint a backmarker if in the view of the Walk Leader a backmarker is required.
- Together with the backmarker, if one is appointed, to keep the walking group together.
- In the event of an incident as defined by the insurance guidelines, to complete an Incident Report Form to be forwarded to the Group Secretary for onward transmission to Central Office.
- The nominated Walk Leader will share with the rest of the group responsibility for dealing with any incident that occurs during the walk, including any accident or emergency that occurs.
- The Walk Leader is not required to assess whether those attending the walk are fit enough to undertake the walk or are properly equipped, this being the individual responsibility of each individual on the walk.
However, leaders may refuse to accept participants who, in their opinion, are inadequately equipped or unfit."

MOTION 2

"This General Council believes that in its Rights of Way work and Access work the RA must be willing to take legal action in all appropriate cases where other methods of achieving a successful outcome have failed, and this General Council believes that inability or unwillingness to undertake legal action in appropriate cases renders the R.A. ineffectual and unable to protect and improve the Rights of Way network. This General Council therefore calls upon the Board of Trustees to make resources available by the transference of substantial funds from other areas of the R.A.'s activities, and the allocation of other resources.

Background notes and related information on the above Motions can be found on the Area website at **www.eastyorkshireramblers.org.uk**