

## Manifesto of the Concerned Ramblers

This manifesto is issued by Concerned Ramblers, the informal organisation set up at the Leeds meeting on 26 September 2009, to get the RA back on track. The meeting which took this decision was called by Keith Wadd and Mike Church (see below). Nearly 100 members of the RA attended and agreed on the vital principles; the meeting elected the steering group which is responsible for publishing this document.

The steering group has met twice since its establishment, all travel and other costs being met by its individual members.

### Steering Group members

**Keith Wadd who chairs the group.** West Riding Area chairman since 2005, vice-chairman 2003 to 2005; publicity officer 2003 to 2008 and secretary 1994 to 2003; member of Harrogate Group committee since 1995.

**Chris Bush** Served on Board of Trustees 2001-03. Currently footpaths secretary for the North Yorkshire section of East Yorks and Derwent Area of which he is a former chairman and ramblers secretary; member of York Group committee.

**Mike Church** North Kirklees Group countryside secretary, since 2000 and group secretary since 2004; West Riding Area countryside secretary since 2003 and vice-chairman since 2005.

**John Elfes:** Vice-chairman and access officer, Bucks, Milton Keynes and West Middlesex Area; footpath secretary, Amersham Group; walks leader.

**Chris Hall** national vice-president; previously secretary, chairman, vice-chairman and president (1990-93); Oxfordshire Area, chairman and footpaths committee chairman, in 1980s, '90s and until 2005; area access officer for CROW Act..

**Robert Peel** Member RA since 1968; Kent Area treasurer 2006-08 and secretary 2008 to present; General Council delegate 2008 and 2009.

**Mavis Rear** RA Executive Committee/BoT 1998-2006, Gloucestershire Area secretary 1993-2004, vice-chairman 2004-05, chairman/secretary 2005-08, countryside secretary since 2007 and member footpath committee since 1993. Various offices in North Cotswold Group.

**Graham Rothery** In third year as Staffordshire Area chairman; area countryside secretary 2006-07; countryside officer Lichfield Group since October 2009; footpath guardian Kings Bromley and the Ridwares (Staffs) since 1998.

NB. All the above serve in their entirely personal capacities as members with experience of office in the RA at all levels.. They do not represent the areas or groups in which they serve or have served.