

Leading The Way?

Ryedale Group continues to have a ramble organised for each Sunday, thanks to an ever decreasing number of Leaders who lead 2,3 or even more walks each period, for the benefit of all.

Have **you** ever thought of leading a walk? Oh no you say -

I can't read a map

I have no sense of direction

I wouldn't know how to start

Well think again, the Group has a wealth of experience and this will be willingly shared in planning, walking out the route and supporting you as you lead the walk - you will not be alone.

Willing to give it a try? Then get in touch with a member of the Committee (contact details below) and we will take it from there.

Thanks in anticipation.

Ryedale Committee

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Footpath Secretary Required

Due to illness our Footpath Secretary, Gillian Zwede, Has reluctantly had to resign.

We are urgently looking for a replacement. The responsibilities of the Footpath Secretary include:-

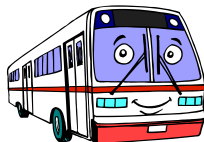
- Looking at proposed footpath diversions and public path orders.
- Looking at Public Rights of Way issues reported to us.
- Liaising with N.Y.C.C. on footpath issues and checking their website for any issues.
- Liaising with Area Footpath Secretary
- Attending occasional Footpath meetings.

If you are interested and feel you could fulfil this role, please contact Terry Strickland,

Ryedale Group Chairman. terrystrickland717@gmail.com



Sunday 25th June 2017 Come on the Ryedale Coach Ramble! In the Ilkley area



This year we have a choice of three rambles of varying lengths ending in Ilkley.

Pick up times will be **8.00 am at Norton car park**, and **8.30 am at Clifton Moor** (Flying Legend pub car park). The **cost** is **£20** per person which includes a main course carvery meal at The Anchor Inn at Whixley on the way home. Desserts can be chosen and paid for on the day.

To book please complete and return the booking form together with a cheque for the appropriate amount, made payable to **“The Ramblers Association (ER04)”**, to Pat Donnor 2 Roxby Road, Thornton-le-Dale, Pickering YO18 7SX.

Any queries, please phone Pat on 01751 474667 or email Pat at patrambling@talktalk.net
Bookings **must** be returned by **Saturday 4th June 2017**.

Please note that if there are insufficient numbers by this date, the coach ramble will be cancelled.

Please ring Pat on 07876025912 if you need to contact us on the morning of the coach ramble.



***N ~ Norton car park**

***CM ~ Clifton Moor (Flying Legend pub car park).**

Name	Tel. No.	Pickup Point	
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Ryedale Public Rights of Way Survey

Following discussions with NYCC about our survey report (based on evidence of all PROWs in Ryedale), in April of last year the NYCC PROW team sent us a spreadsheet of all the resolved and unresolved issues that were lodged on their database for Ryedale. This showed that only a small proportion of issues identified in our survey had been resolved. Moreover, it also revealed that a significant number of the issues that we described in the survey forms submitted to NYCC had not been logged on their issues database (CAMS).

In the light of this, your Committee decided that it would be beneficial if, for selected parishes, the survey team could re-visit those paths that had issues which NYCC considered to be resolved and those that had issues which had been reported in the survey forms but which had not been logged on their database. If problems remained, new individual reports of issues (rather than a composite collection of reports) would be sent to NYCC, along with a request for a CAMS number to confirm that the issue had been entered into the database.

The setting up of the procedures for carrying out these survey update visits has been completed and thus far work has been, or is being, undertaken in Flaxton, Nunnington, Habton, Thornton le Dale and Pickering. If you would be willing to help out with the survey updates or would like to nominate a parish for inclusion in the programme, please get in touch with a member of the Committee. Any help or suggestions would be much appreciated.

Again, as part of the follow-up to the survey, we read in the *Walk* magazine that some Ramblers Groups had found that reporting PROW issues to the Rural Payments Agency (RPA) had met with some success. The RPA is the body responsible for distributing funding to farmers under the EU's Basic Payment Scheme. In order to receive payments under this scheme, farmers are supposed to adhere to a set of rules known as 'cross compliance'. One rule, for example, requires that footpaths, bridleways and BOATS must be kept open and accessible.

Encouraged by this, in March of last year we sent information to the RPA on eight examples of obstructed PROWs in Ryedale. Seven months later there was no evidence on the ground that progress to open up any of these paths had been made. Thus, in October we wrote to the RPA asking why, apparently, no action had been taken. Eventually they replied saying that they were unwilling to tell us whether any action had or had not been taken. Consequently, we have written to The Ramblers Central Office to ask if they could put some general questions to the RPA (e.g. how many times in 2016 have payments to farmers been reduced or stopped because of non-compliance with public right of way regulations? How many reported breaches to rights of way compliance have been investigated in the field during 2016?). We have not had a response yet, but we will keep you posted.

John Harland

