

West Berkshire Ramblers AGM 2025 – Treasurer's Report

Please see the accompanying End of Year summary of the accounts which should be read in conjunction with this report. The accounts are subject to checking by Jane Pike, which will happen in the second half of October. Following checking of the accounts, they will be forwarded to the Area Treasurer to form part of the Area annual return to Head Office.

Main Account

The decision has been made to actively manage a reduction in the balance of the main account to bring the balance closer to the Head Office guidance figure of £500. This is to avoid the scenario where Head Office request repayment of excess funds.

First aid training has been funded for twelve volunteers on 10th October at a cost of £679. This training was offered to walk leaders and volunteers involved with the power tools and gates groups on a first come first served basis.

It has also been decided not to ask for any funds from head office for next year. However, it is intended to claim the basic allowance going forwards.

Social Account

The social account balance includes a bequest of £1000, which is “ring-fenced” and the underlying balance of the social account without this is £1748.62.

The decision has been made to actively manage a reduction in the balance of the social account to bring the balance closer to £1000.

The holiday to Elan Valley made a profit of £151. Deposit payments of £780 were included in last year's accounts.

The coach walks made a combined profit of £132.75, although this is due to some walk leaders choosing not to claim for recce expenses. This year, the cost of coach walks will increase to £20, largely due to increases in coach hire cost.

This year the Ramblers Quiz was fully subsidised, except for the cost of food and it is intended to do the same in 2026. The picnic was also fully subsidised and a small loss was absorbed on the Wilton Windmill outing.

Peter Bennett

Treasurer, West Berkshire Ramblers

3rd October 2025