

West Berkshire Ramblers AGM 2026 – 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 the Independent Examiner. An unchecked version of the accounts has been forwarded to the Area Treasurer to form part of the Area annual return to Head Office. Following completion of checking, the Area Treasurer will be notified and provided with a copy of the sign off sheet.

Main Account

The bequest of £1000 that was held in the Social Account was partially spent on the purchase and installation of a bench in memory of Denise Buchan. There was no stipulation as to what the bequest should be spent on, so it was agreed at committee that the balance of the bequest (£250.04) should be transferred to the Main Account and used for the day to day running of the group.

It has been decided to request the basic allowance for next year, which is £474.15.

Social Account

The start of year Social Account balance included a bequest of £1000, of which £749.96 has been spent on the purchase and installation of a bench in memory of Denise Buchan. The balance has been transferred to the Main Account. See above.

The coach walks made a combined profit of £43.55, although this is again due to no recce expenses being claimed for two of the coach walks.

Once again, the Ramblers Quiz was fully subsidised, except for the cost of food. The second quiz of the year was intended to be self-funded, but we are projecting a loss of just under £100 due to lower than expected attendance. In addition to the costs currently shown, there will be a quizmaster fee of £50 to pay and a £100 deposit, which we expect to be fully refunded. We also made a loss of £51 on the canal boat trip for the same reason.

Over the last year, the balance of the Social Account has been reduced from £1748.62 (excluding the bequest) to £1323.52, which is in line with the stated aim from the 2025 AGM Report to reduce the balance in a managed fashion to around £1000.

Peter Bennett

Treasurer, West Berkshire Ramblers

4th October 2026