



Walkabout

Walks leaders needed (for all groups)

Many thanks to some of our members who have responded to previous appeals to lead a walk.

For several reasons, the number of people leading in the past few years has decreased. This now means that we are relying on a smaller number of leaders to keep the current programme going. Of late, the weekend walks particularly have sometimes struggled to find a leader if the regular small number of leaders are unavailable or ill. This has increasingly occurred on Wednesdays too. So, we are issuing a plea:

-Could you consider leading a walk that maybe you know well or have used previously and may feel more confident about leading and offer to put it on the programme?

-Could you lead a walk with a friend or with one of the committee members who can support you both in the planning and during the walk?

-Would you consider leading if we gave you a map from a previous walk that has already been tried and tested - and offer to come and recce it with you?

All of these options are possible and we would urge you to consider the options above. The walkers in our groups are very supportive, friendly and helpful. Nobody minds if you make a mistake! We all do on occasions..... (even the most experienced of us!)

And don't forget.....**leading is fun...and hugely rewarding....and makes it possible for our successful group to keep going....**



WALKS PROGRAMME <https://www.sehampshireramblers.org.uk/walks/our-walks-programme.html>

Please contact David Nixon (dnxn27@gmail.com) if you can offer a walk on any Saturday, Sunday or Wednesday. For Thursday walk leads contact Rob Kingshott (rob.kingshott@gmail.com)

PATHS and ACCESS



-Chris, (our walking environment officer), has reported success on a path in Lovedean where a solar farm was planned. He suggested the solar panels were too close to the footpath and consequently the 3m high solar panels were removed and positioned elsewhere.

-Peter, (our footpath secretary) has completed the 4 yearly survey of all the 66 footpaths in Horndean and thanks to a previous plea in the newsletter has had contact from one of our regular walkers to help with the recording of these surveys. Great news!

These are some of the many examples of the work going on by vounteer members.

FOOTPATH 'FRIENDS'

To support the good work being done by the team at SE Hants, we will be looking to set up a group of 'footpath friends' to monitor the footpaths in our area and ensure that as many paths as possible continue to be accessible, clearly signposted and not overgrown. If you walk a local path or paths regularly, (as many of us do-and maybe with our dog) we would ask you to report any problems to our footpath team so that issues can be sorted and paths continue to remain open, clear and usable for people to enjoy.

Len Lovis (volunteering secretary) has kindly offered to co-ordinate the 'footpath friends' group. This will become a group of people who regularly walk certain routes and agree to report any problems to Len (a very easy job). If you can help, please contact Len through the link below. Even if you only walk a short stretch of a footpath regularly, your support could be invaluable. More details will follow in the next newsletter.

Len- volunteering@sehampshireramblers.org.uk

Walks leaders should continue to report any footpath issues (with a photo if possible) to Hampshire. <https://hantsrow.esdm.co.uk/>



COACH TRIP to DORKING

Sunday 14th May 2023. Jasper and George  have now filled the coach for this popular day trip out with 3 super walks around Dorking on the North Downs. There will be a short reserve list as members do drop out for various reasons. If you need any further information or would like to add your name to the list contact Jasper at jasperandgeorge@btinternet.com

FACEBOOK PAGE

SE Hants facebook group now has 47 members. It has been good to see many of you adding photos and comments. (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/southeasthantsramblers>)

For any reports, photos or articles for the next edition please send to huw.ramblers@outlook.com