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Manchester & Salford Ramblers AGM

Saturday 1st November. All members welcome.

11.30 am walk. 1 pm lunch.

2 pm meeting. Clifton Leisure Centre,

6 Wynne Ave, Clifton, Swinton, M27 8FU

No 8 bus from Shudehill, Bus Stop Rake Lane at Golden Lion Pub. Parking on nearby streets.

Walk. Meet outside the Leisure Centre (details above), 3 miles circular. Lower Irwell Valley through Clifton Country Park and return. Easy walk but steep uphill walk back.

Greater Manchester & High Peak Ramblers AGM.

Saturday 29th November. All members welcome

2pm Cross Street, Chapel, Manchester, M21 1 NL.

1pm Hot drinks available.

Pre AGM Walk City Centre circular.

Meet 11am The Red Post Box at the front of Piccadilly Station. 5 mile Urban Walk which starts at Piccadilly and will head out via Miles Platting, Collyhurst, River Irk valley and back via the Red Bank and Scotland areas to Victoria before finishing at the Cross St Chapel 1pm.

Walks organiser. Alan Scholes had to stand down so Maggie Smith has taken over temporarily. Thanks Maggie. We will need to elect a new one at our AGM. If interested please contact Janice. Full support will be given.

Socials Update. Unfortunately due to personal circumstances the Knutsford Event is cancelled but will hopefully appear in Spring next year.

Our next event is Wednesday 19th November. A walk in Angel Meadows lead by our friend Emma Fox. Emma is a 'font of knowledge' and it should be an illuminating walk which will culminate at the historic Marble Arch pub for lunch. Watch out for details which will be sent in October.

That leads us to our final social of the year....Christmas Social and Quiz!!!

Christmas drink on the market and meet-up at the Paramount on Oxford Road, for food, drinks, quiz and good company!!! Date Monday December 8th. Details to follow in November.

As ever anyone with ideas for future socials please get in touch. Always grateful for inspiration. Chris Quinn
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Risley, Holcroft and Chat Moss National Nature Reserve

We received an invite from Natural England to attend the press launch and celebrations of the King's Series Risley, Holcroft and Chat Moss National Nature Reserve at Birchwood, Warrington in July 2025.

David and Veronica Yates and myself attended this event not knowing what to expect but we found it to be an impressive and informative event featuring activities, networking, flag unfurling and photo opportunities. Followed by a walk to the Observation area with speeches and celebrations from Natural England, Cheshire Wildlife Trust and certificates awarded to Wigan Council, Warrington Council, Woodland Trust, Forestry England among other prestigious organisations.

The new reserve will be managed by Natural England, Cheshire Wildlife Trust, Forestry England, The Wildlife Trust for Lancashire, Manchester and North Merseyside, Warrington Borough Council, Wigan Council and Woodland Trust.

This collaboration will enable the seven partners to join under one common purpose to enhance nature's recovery, enhance climate resilience and Net Zero efforts providing vital wild greenspace, creating a network of bigger, better, joined-up wildlife-rich places.



A Councillor from Salford City Council was present at the launch as a small part of this large new National Nature Reserve is within the city boundary - the reclaimed peat bogs and farmland of Chat Moss are on on **Walk 10 of the Salford Trail**

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Mags Metcalf



Mailouts. As agreed at our last AGM due to the amount of time and cost involved in posting by mail, October 2025 will be our last posting by mail of the walks programme, newsletter and programme of area walks. Any member who does not have an email address please let us know so we can post everything by mail to you. You can contact Janice (secretary) on 07519246020 or Mags (publicity) 07947864534. We will bring copies of the walks, newsletter, area booklet on walks so you can get copies there.

Campaigns. Manchester City Council Local Plan

Manchester City Council has invited comments on the draft of its new Local Plan.

The Local Plan sets out how the city will meet the need for new development over the next 15 years. It identifies where new development will happen, which green spaces and other aspects of the environment will be protected or enhanced, and how transport and other infrastructure will be improved. For more details see https://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/200074/planning/6572/local_plan/2

This draft follows earlier consultation on what issues the Plan should cover and we responded to that consultation. We called for the Plan to require all new developments to include significant improvements in provision for walking and cycling in all but the most exceptional circumstances. We also proposed a new Manchester Greenspace standard, with the objective that everyone in Manchester should live no more than a 5-minute walk or 300m from a quality green space. We will make a submission.

Cyan Lines: Vision for 100-mile network to link Manchester's green and blue spaces. The aim of this initiative is to enable 100 miles of routes to be developed linking Green and Blue spaces in Manchester and Salford and beyond. This is their web site; <https://cyanlines.com/>

The initiative was steered by chair developer Tom Bloxham of Urban Splash and Pete Swift of Planit, the Landscape Architecture, Urban Strategy and Design company, was launched on 10 September, I picked this up from the media and Salle and David were able to attend. It was clear that no other community or walking organisations had been involved and we were disappointed that there was no mention of the Manchester Green Trail or Salford Trail or GM Ringway. We are following up and have a meeting arranged to see how we can get involved. Alan Manning.

Fisktjonna in the Dovrefjella of Norway



A cloudless sky and bright sunshine and little welcome breeze as we set out from the substantial mountain lodge of Snoheim.

The lodge is part of the impressive network of huts and mountain accommodation provided by the DNT – the Norwegian Trekking

Association. We were in the Dovrefjella region, home to musk ox and wild reindeer. We had seen Musk OX but not the reindeer on this trip.

Our walk began across the open hillside through moss and lichen covered boulders.

As we rose we had fine views over the blue waters of the Stridåtjørnin lake and the magnificent bulk of the Snøhetta mountain rising above.

We were traversing across increasingly rocky ground and the way steepened as we crossed a river by stepping stones.



The river was the main feeder for the series of tarns and lakes down to the Stridåtjørnin below.

A short pull brought us to a remarkably flat saddle. The waters from the eastern corries of Snøhetta flowed as a wide, shallow, braided river across the saddle.

We walked to the crest and left the path for a vantage point overlooking the high lake of Fisktjønna lake for a lunch stop with a view!

Eventually we retraced our steps enjoying the views of glaciated peaks and ranges and wide high open hillside and moorland.

Alan Manning.



Sorry due to a computer problem I do not have access to the reports of our recent Socials, Walks or Carers walks. Normal service will be resumed for the next newsletter!

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