Clevedon Ramblers Group Committee Officers Reports October 2026

Chair Report 2026

The Committee look forward to seeing our members at the AGM on November 7th. The year has not been without its challenges for the Committee in 2026 and we would like to thank those that took on additional commitments whilst others were unavailable. This year, Kath Purvis has decided to step down from her role of Walk Programme Secretary and she will be much missed on the Committee, having given years of excellent volunteering to the role. Jamie Smart has kindly covered this role in the last few months, and the position is now available for any nominations at the AGM. I would like to thank all the members of the committee for their hard work this year.

2026 has been another busy and successful year for Clevedon Ramblers. Last year's walk leader training sessions have encouraged new walk leaders and we are pleased that some have already organised new walks for the group. Thank you for your participation. All of our brilliant walk leaders have organised a wide variety of walks, of differing distances to suit most abilities. The Committee would like to thank you for the time and effort you put into organising these walks.

Head Office are looking again at ideas for modernising and streamlining the Ramblers Association. The motion they proposed at last year's conference was not approved. We await further news.

The Social Committee has had a busy year but more of this in their report.

Clevedon Ramblers are hosting the Avon Area AGM on 27th February 2027 at Clevedon Bowls Club. There will be a walk first followed by a buffet lunch at the club then the AGM.

Thank you all for your unstinting support of Clevedon Ramblers, we look forward to many more walks and social activities in 2027.

Barbara Evans

Group Secretary Report 2026

It has been a pleasure to hold the role of Secretary again this year volunteering alongside fellow ramblers willing to give time to the group in order to provide an active programme and represent all of our members. Our Chair has been a generous host for our committee meetings again this year and we all very much appreciate the hospitality offered. It was lovely to see a good few of us taking part in the first aid training that was organised at the end of 2025 - a very useful refresher.

If any members have any suggestions for changes or improvements, please do chat them over on a walk with a committee member or email me, and we will make sure any matter is discussed and considered. Many thanks.

Carol Craddock

Membership Secretary Report 2026

Our current membership is 160. I contacted the Help Desk to have updated information, the following is a detailed list of from October 2025 to September 2026:

Date	Members	New	Transfer In	Leavers	Transfer Out
Oct 25	152	2			
Nov 25	154	1	1		
Dec 25	156			-3	
Jan 26	153	2	1		
Feb 26	156	2		-2	-1
Mar 26	155	1		-1	
Apr 26	155	4			-2
May 26	157	4		-5	
Jun 26	156	2	1	-1	
Jul 26	158	4		-2	
Aug 26	160	2		-2	
Sep 26	160	1		-1	

Resulting in the following totals:

15 new members
3 transferred in
17 leavers
3 transferred out

Giving us at the end of September 2026 a total of 160 members.

Sue Ferguson

Acting Walks Programme Coordinator's Report 2026

Once again, our group has offered a variety of walks for our programme. Not sometimes as many as to fill the programme but we do our best. A huge thanks to all our walk leaders, several of whom have offered multiple walks on each programme. It is becoming more and more difficult to fill each programme especially Sundays, but new members and walk leaders from other groups have expressed an interest in leading for Clevedon group.

A special thanks must go to the social committee for all the days out that they have arranged for us.

At the time of writing, Clevedon Group have put on almost 70 walks since the last AGM,

walking a total of 472 miles. Over these walks those taking part have totalled 507 members of Clevedon Ramblers, 121 from other rambling groups and 19 visitors.

Jamie Smart

Treasurer's Report 2026

Please see Accounts attached.

Tryphena Rees

Footpath Secretary's Report 2026

1 Definitive Map Work

A low level activity has continued this year reflecting staffing changes at North Somerset Council. Seven diversion orders have been confirmed and another order made but still awaits confirmation. In addition, a further two orders have been consulted on but not progressed so far. One Definite Map Modification Order has been confirmed.

2. Problem Reports

Sixteen problem reports have been sent to North Somerset Council during the passed twelve months covering the following issues:

a. Fallen Tree - 1
b. Defective stiles - 4
c. Defective/missing signs - 4
d. Various obstructions - 1
e. Defective Gates - 4
f Defective bridges - 2

The Council's approach to dealing with these reports being limited, because of a lack of resources, to giving priority to only those cases where public safety is at risk.

3. Coastal Path

Again, as reported last year the stretch of this path between Wain's Hill and Huckers Bow (near Woodspring Priory) is still not available for public use. However, NSC have appointed a Contractor now to draw up plans for the necessary works to enable the path to be brought into use. These works are planned to be completed by the end of 2027.

4. Backwell Lake Path

A well used path providing access to the Backwell Lake Nature Reserve has been obstructed by an adjacent landowner who is now claiming ownership of the land across which this path passes. NSC are currently disputing this claim and are making a counterclaim for ownership of the land over which this path runs on the basis of "adverse possession". Now the case is being considered by the Lands Tribunal and until it is decided NSC have suspended any further action.

Web Manager's Report 2026

The website is maintained on a regular basis with regular updates of walking information, photos, our walks programme and social events. It has had a refresh this year to try to keep the content relevant and up to date.

Many thanks to our members who have provided photos of our walks over the last year. All our photos showcase the areas we visit and the variety of the walks we do, photos are the most popular pages viewed on our website. Thank you to Neil Lloyd for all his help this year with adding the photo albums for each walk ready for pictures to be added - this has been really appreciated.

Our website remains the primary source of information relevant to our Group.

Jamie Smart

Social Committee

Another busy year for the Social Committee. The committee is an informal group that meet every few months over a coffee to come up with ideas for the Clevedon group. The committee has said goodbye to a few valued members this year, and would now be very grateful to anyone who would like to join us. If interested, please do get in touch and we can give more information.

We started the year with the Yeo Valley snowdrops walk and were very fortunate to enjoy good weather and some beautiful hellebores as well as the snowdrops.

Nick and Sal Varley organised an interesting mystery trip in Bristol and then another in Clevedon, which went ahead and was enjoyed by all despite the fierce wind and hefty showers.

There was a Bristol History Walk, which was informative and very enjoyable, and a Clifton History Walk is planned for November. Another Bristol event was the Wills Tower tour, taking in Clifton as well as the Tower. Another event kindly organised by Kath Purvis was a long weekend walking holiday in Minehead, very well attended and enjoyed by all. A trip to the Big Pit also took place and a visit to Puzzlewood.

Already another holiday is planned in Buxton, November 2027. Deposits are now being taken.

Many thanks to the social committee volunteer members who organised these events - a great programme over the year to bring members together.

Barbara Evans

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Financial Statement for 12 months to 30th September 2026

	Year 2024 25	Year 2025 26
Income Main Account £		
Balance brought forward	596.47	290.53
Central Office	0.00	612.50
Ramblers Holidays	40.00	30.00
Sundries	0.00	0.00
Total Income	636.47	933.03
Expenditure Main Account £		
Pre-walk Expenses and Travel	147.60	273.95
AGM (room hire, food and drink)	79.60	148.07
Honorarium	5.50	12.00
Admin and Publicity	45.74	134.49
Campaigns and Casework	67.50	60.00
Leader Training		73.37
Total Expenditure	345.94	701.88
Balance of Main Account Bank Statement	290.53	231.15
Income Social account £		
Balance brought forward	59.97	7.27
Christmas Meal	720.00	875.35
HF Holidays	5391.00	
Elan Valley	630.00	
Red Kites	133.50	
Skittles Nov 25		338.00
Big Pit		32.00
Skittles Nov 26		128.00
HF Holiday Buxton Nov 27		1050.00
Total Income	6934.47	2430.62
Expenditure Social account £		
Christmas Meal	720.00	875.35
HF Holiday	5382.00	
Elan Valley	630.00	
Red Kites	133.50	
Sundries	11.70	
Donation (Clevedon Bowls Club/ Cancer Research)	50.00	48.00
Skittles Nov 25		290.00
Big Pit		32.00
Total Expenditure Social Account	6927.20	1245.35
Balance of Social Account Bank Statement	7.27	1185.27

From the information provided, I have carried out an audit and believe the above figures represent the financial situation of Clevedon Ramblers Association at Sept. 30th 2026

E.J. Hannah 9.10.2026.