



South Bank Ramblers Annual General Meeting

13:30 on 19 November 2022

St Faith's Community Hall, Red Post Hill, North Dulwich London SE24 9JQ
(Buses P4,42,37,68,468. North Dulwich and Herne Hill Stations.)

Agenda

- 1. Apologies for absence**
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- 3. Annual report from Chair**
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- 8. Treasurer's Report**
- 9. Discussion of motions and issues from Members**
- 10. Election of Officers to the Committee**

See overleaf.

11. Area Council

The Inner London AGM will be held on 4 February 2023 at the Mezzanine Hall, Waterloo Action Centre, 14 Baylis Road, London SE1 7AA.

The Area can put three representatives forward for the General Council on 1 April in Birmingham. Members are encouraged to consider putting themselves forward and to share the opportunity with their groups.

12. Appointment of Independent Examiner

Jane Baird has offered to act as Independent Examiner for 2022-23.

13. Quiz answers

14. Any other business

Election of Officers to the Committee

For guidance:

- All members formally retire annually, but are eligible for re-election.
- Our convention has been to follow the arrangements of many committees and replace officers after three years. This encourages people to volunteer knowing the role is time-limited and ensures that there are new ideas coming through.
- For some roles, an Assistant has in the past volunteered either to help or to shadow the post with a view to taking over when the incumbent stands down.
- Candidates offering themselves or proposed for election are shown in the final column.
- Any members present are invited to stand to join the Committee.

AGM in November	2021 (for information)		2022
Ramblers' year	2021-22	Years to date	Standing for election for 2022-23

Chair	Chair	Hilary Jarvis	2	Hilary Jarvis
	Vice-Chair	Gill Farnsworth	2	
Secretary	Secretary	Dick Dunmore	2	Dick Dunmore
	Assistant			
Treasurer	Treasurer	Elsbeth Cox	2	Linda Casbolt
	Assistant			
Walks Organiser	Walks Organiser	Eileen Smith	3	Eileen Smith
	Assistant	Nick White	3+	Nick White
Membership Secretary	Membership Secretary	Barbara Moss	1	Barbara Moss
	Assistant			
Web Manager	Web Manager	Dave Hetherington	3+	Dave Hetherington
	Assistant	Nick White	3+	Nick White
Other Publicity	Programme & Transport	Roger Bennett	3+	Roger Bennett
	Publicity & Marketing	Kleo Zhao	2	Kleo Zhao
Socials	Social activities	Gail Bourne	3+	Gail Bourne
Inner London representatives (two)		Dick Dunmore	3+	Dick Dunmore
		Linda Casbolt	1	Linda Casbolt
Without portfolio (no limit)		Karen Barker	1	



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1. Apologies for absence

Received from Roger Bennett, Malin Brown, Elspeth Cox, Dudley Cloake, Patricia Cloake, Hilary Payne, Margaret Pedler and John Pestle.

2. Minutes of AGM of 21 November 2020 and matters arising

These had been posted on the South Bank website. There were no matters or issues of accuracy. Following a vote, the minutes were approved and accepted as a true record.

There were no matters arising.

3. Annual report from Chair (Hilary Jarvis)

The report from the Chair has been posted on the South Bank website.

The last 20 months had featured lockdowns and liftings and the continual threat of Covid remained.

However, it was no longer necessary to book places on walks (unless a leader requested limited numbers), restoring flexibility. Numbers walking were growing, with longstanding members returning, and new ones appearing.

There was now a full programme of short to longer and more vigorous walks. Members were encouraged to lead a walk, and could obtain help from sbankswalks@gmail.com.

The Chair thanked the committee members who were standing down:

- Ann Constable had possibly held every office on the committee over many years, from secretary to organising the walks programme.
- Margaret Pedler had been membership secretary and ensured our membership details are up-to-date, welcomed new members, answered enquires and emailed the Walks Programme and any Walks Updates.

The Chair thanked others on the committee for all their hard work during the past year: when an organisation runs so smoothly, behind the scenes people are giving time to ensure that this happens.

Finally, the Chair noted that Ramblers was rebranding itself to become more inclusive and to appeal to all members of society. The public launch of the brand and website would be in late January 2022.

4. Annual report from Walks Team (Eileen Smith)

The 2020 AGM was during the second Covid lockdown, and we had cancelled walks up to 2 December 2020, restarted on 3 December using the Eventbrite booking system, and stopped again, after nine walks, on 19 December.

Walks restarted from 12 April 2021, with a maximum group size of 15, increased to 30 by the end of May, although most leaders chose to limit numbers to around 10-20 walkers.



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The rolling programme produced 78 walks between 15 April and 30 October 2021, after which there was a three-month programme November 2021 to January 2022, with leaders using Walksface to enter their walk details. The programme scheduled 14 walks in November, 9 in December and 8 in January. It was not printed, but emailed to all members and associates who have provided Ramblers with an email address. South Bank members or associates who could not access email or the internet would be posted a copy of the programme on request. The intention was to produce another three-month programme from February to April 2022 and thereafter to return to the usual programme schedule of January to April, May to August and September to December.

With walk numbers no longer limited, booking was no longer required, and the Eventbrite booking system was discontinued at the end of October. Leaders had the option of limiting group size by including in the walk details how to make bookings directly with the leader.

Over the period to the beginning of the first COVID-19 restrictions, the average number of walkers had grown to around 350 per a month. Since restarting after 12 April 2021, numbers had been rising steadily, and reached 240 in the month ended 12 November 2021, or around two-thirds of the number of walkers before the pandemic.

The system of organising walks was under frequent review by the committee, which welcomed feedback from members.

Finally, Eileen noted that Barbara Moss had led walks around the whole London Loop, which would end on 7 December 2021 at Rainham. She thanked all the other walk leaders for their commitment to South Bank during a difficult year.

5. Annual report from Webmaster (Dave Hetherington)

Since the 2020 AGM the Webmaster had been supporting the Walks Team in handling lock-downs. This involved suspending and then reinstating the “Future South Bank Walks” box on the website when required and publishing appropriate information bulletins on the homepage and on the “Walk leader information” pages.

The August decision to reinstate the walks programme involved building and then opening up a new ‘Walksface’ calendar in September, and then bulk loading the new walks into GWEM in October.

The “Future South Bank Walks” box on the website had been enhanced with a “Click to view all upcoming South Bank group walks” to see printable and expandable list of future South Bank walks.

Walk descriptions now included the “Finish Location” of linear walks, making it clearer which walks are linear, which some people joining walks had not realised.

Walks photos were still a popular feature of the website, with 750 photos received in 2021, down from a peak of 1600 received in 2019. There remained a preference for between 3 and 6 per walk. More photos could be viewed by clicking on the new Instagram link on the homepage.



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6. Annual report from Membership Secretary (in the absence of Margaret Pedler, presented by Gill Farnsworth)

Nationally, Ramblers' total membership was now over 100,000 and had reached 101,000.

Some memberships had been allowed to lapse, but had subsequently been renewed, with the result that the Group's membership was broadly stable at around 700 members and 120 associate members. Associate membership had been paused in the absence of a printed programme and the continuation of this arrangement would be reviewed by the Committee.

The group had no e-mail address for 93 full and 20 associate members, who had been sent a letter with details of the AGM, Christmas Lunch and the latest online walks programme. They were encouraged to provide an e-mail address (via their Ramblers account) to facilitate communication.

7. Treasurer's Report (in the absence of Elspeth Cox, presented by Dick Dunmore)

Full text of the report and accounts had been provided on the website.

Nationally, Ramblers' membership and hence subscription income had held up, but there had been fewer opportunities to spend income on Ramblers' charitable objectives such as maintaining and renewing footpaths, stiles and gates.

During 2019-20, the pandemic meant the South Bank had not been able to spend the budget set devised before the pandemic, resulting in surpluses of over £500 in both the main fund and the social fund. The Treasurer had requested less funding during 2020-21 and had declined some of it during the year, and there had been no income from programme sales to associate members. Nonetheless, with no printed programmes, the only expenditure possible during the year had been the cost of meetings. This meant that, while there had been little further rise in the main fund reserves of just over £3,000 at the end of the year, this was a very high multiple of main fund expenditure during the year.

The accounts had been examined and certified by the Independent Examiner, Jane Baird, on this basis.

The Treasurer had prepared a budget for 2021-22 with the aim of restoring the financial position to the recommended range, but budgeting remained difficult while the pandemic continued and the extent and duration of restrictions remained uncertain.



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8. Discussion of motions and issues from Members

Sue Ellenby asked whether the main fund surpluses could be spent on charitable activities such as new stiles and gates. Dick Dunmore confirmed that, pandemic permitting, the Committee could develop proposals to do so, as it had done in the past. Sue suggested, and Hilary Jarvis noted, that leaders could submit examples of stiles and gates in poor condition which the Group might be able to target.

Gary Whelan noted the value of pop-up walks to strengthen the pre-announced programme. They were particularly useful where people did not want to commit long in advance, such as because of uncertain weather. Eileen Smith noted the principle, but said that the Walks Team can't offer to publicise pop-up walks, and their value depended on the dynamics of whether people find walks by looking on the website for them. Simon Atyeo suggested it might be worth codifying how pop-up walks could be offered and would be managed. Gary said that Bromley manages them through a Facebook page, which generates updates on Facebook. Someone suggested that there could be a subject line "Ramblers' pop-up" to identify them. Dave Hetherington pointed out that all walks during 2020-21 had been pop-ups, but that it was not yet clear what Ramblers would be requiring or suggesting in future.

Kleo Zhao said that, of South Bank's 700 members, 550 accepted email but only 200 accepted text, which cannot be sent without permission. Potential media were therefore email, Instagram, Facebook or on the website. Jane Baird suggested that almost anyone who can receive emails or text can also check the web, and Hilary Jarvis noted that there had been arrangements whereby those with no internet access had a support "buddy". Linda Casbolt noted that we were in a transition and that government restrictions, Ramblers' guidance, and leaders' and walkers' preferences would change. Dave noted that there would be a range of practical issues to consider.

Barbara Moss noted that information on disruption and cancellation is also critical. Those without email or the ability to check online needed to call the leader to check that the walk was happening. Gary asked if Dave sent everyone emails, but it was pointed out that this would be done by Barbara.

Sue Ellenby agreed that the current programme was a little thin and that the Group always needed new leaders. Training was available if people were interested, and existing leaders could be shadowed or "buddy" a prospective new leader. Martin Fidler suggested that people could be invited to join a recce, or to act as a joint leader, to help them gain confidence. Simon Atyeo suggested that this could be mentioned at the start of walks.

9. Election of Officers to the Committee

Nominations for positions on the Committee had been posted on the website and further nominations were invited in advance. One further nomination was received, for Barbara Moss as Membership Secretary. Following a vote, the Committee for 2021-22 was as shown on the table below.



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Role (Note that different role names may be recorded by Ramblers)		Elected for 2021-22
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		Linda Casbolt

10. Vacancies at Area Council

Dick Dunmore, South Bank representative to Inner London Area, reminded the AGM that the Inner London Area AGM would be held on 15 February 2022 at a venue in Clapham. The Chair, Vice Chair and Web Lead were all standing down, and South Bank Members were encouraged to consider putting themselves forward. Angela Dawe, Inner London Secretary, pointed out that descriptions of the roles were on the web, and that the Area, in contrast to the Groups, was involved in issues such as campaigning and dealing with the Mayor's office on issues such as green spaces and the development of new walking routes.

The Area can also put forward three representatives for Ramblers' General Council in April, and South Bank Members were encouraged to consider putting themselves forward.

11. Appointment of Independent Examiner

Jane Baird had offered to act as Independent Examiner for 2021-22. Her nomination was approved and accepted by a vote.

12. Quiz answers

The Quiz was based on identifying items of walking equipment, anagrams of which were provided, from photographs of parts of them. Two teams identified all ten items correctly.

13. Any other business

Roger Aylward proposed a vote of thanks to all the Committee, leaders and other volunteers.

Gail Bourne proposed a vote of thanks to all those who had baked for the AGM.

The meeting was concluded at 14:41.

Chair's Report for AGM 19.11.22

This has been a marvellous year after all the difficulties associated with Covid, the isolation and the restrictions. However, we no longer have to book our place on a walk (unless a leader requests limited numbers), which allows for the flexibility of going on a walk. We have returned to the days of when you could decide the night before or even on the morning to walk or not. We are seeing an increase in walkers who have rediscovered a passion for walking and all the health benefits.

We have a full programme of walks from short walks, longer more vigorous walks to almost sightseeing walks. We are of course always looking to offer more walks. So, if there are any members who think they would like to try leading a walk? Perhaps in a local area or further afield. Please get in touch with the Walks Team at sbankswalks@gmail.com who will be delighted to help.

We have had our challenges this year as well. Rail strikes have had a significant impact with Walk Leaders juggling and amending walks to fit around alternative dates. There have also been cancellations by Leaders who have caught Covid. Thankfully this is occurring less.

The Walks Team and Dave will explain in more detail the changes Ramblers are introducing to Walks Manager and the implications both for Walk Leaders and Rambling Groups.

Risk assessments, I know, have not been 'loved' by our Leaders but are a necessity now and have proved useful as a reminder to always check your walk and be aware of any hazards.

Our thanks must always go to those committee members who are standing down this year: Gill Farnsworth, who has previously been both Chair and Vice Chair and a very active committee member; and Elspeth Cox, our Treasurer, who has managed our finances and kept us on the straight and narrow of financial management. Eileen Smith who was due to step down from her role as part of the Walks Team has agreed to stay on until the new system of Walks Manager is embedded.

I would like to thank those on the committee for all their hard work during the past year, it is easy to forget when an organisation runs so smoothly, that behind the scenes there are people giving freely of the time to ensure this happens. This also applies to all the Walk Leaders who have been leading so many walks and as well as being receptive to gentle cajoling. We are at Southbank so fortunate to have leaders who offer such a variety of walks and so many.

Finally, I would encourage you all to read the emails/newsletters sent by Ramblers and be an active participant. Ramblers are offering training and talks to all their volunteers and often interesting and informative.

Hilary Jarvis

Chair (AGM 19-November-2022)

Walks Team's Report for AGM 19.11.22

At the start of this year we produced a three-month programme covering February – April 2022. This got us back on track to our usual schedule of three walks programme per year, each covering a four-month period (Jan-Apr; May-Aug; Sep-Dec).

The summer programme (May-Aug) had 57 walks and the autumn programme (currently ongoing) has 55 walks.

There was concern about the lack of Saturday walks and this was also raised by a walker after the AGM in November 2021. We aimed to address this issue and also reintroduce the possibility of two walks on Saturdays. We had a good response from leaders, with a walk every Wednesday and Saturday and four Saturdays having two walks in the summer programme. In the current autumn programme, there is a walk every Wednesday and Saturday and six Saturdays have two walks scheduled.

The summer and autumn programmes this year have been affected by numerous train strikes, resulting in some walks having to be cancelled. Five walks were cancelled due to strikes in the summer programme and eight cancelled so far in the autumn programme. This has been very frustrating for leaders after putting in the work to plan and recce a walk. However, most leaders have rescheduled their cancelled walks to future dates, which we very much appreciate.

As Dave has reported, WalksFace can no longer be used for leaders to submit their walk details. Ramblers new Walks Manager system is being trialled, with Capital Walkers representing the inner London groups on the pilot scheme. Dick is liaising with Capital Walkers to pass on our comments/queries regarding the scheme. In the meantime, the spring 2023 programme is in preparation and leaders are emailing their walk details to the Walks Team. The spring programme should be emailed to members and associates around 5th December.

A big thank you to our walk leaders for continuing to support South Bank group, offering a wide range of walks throughout what has been another difficult year.

Eileen Smith – November 2022

Web Administrator Report - AGM 2022

Website Rebranding

During 2022 Ramblers undertook a rebranding and restructuring of the main Ramblers website, to make it look more attractive and easier to navigate through. I upgraded the South Bank Group website to reflect this, switching to the new Ramblers Logo and also to the new colour sets used on the main website.

Walk Submissions

Many of you are already aware that we can no longer use our WalksFace – Walk Submission facility. This is because the software vendor no longer provides support for this product.

For the time being we have reverted to the old method of submitting walks via email. This will stay in place until Ramblers release their new “Walks Manager” system, which we hope to start using in the first half of 2023.

I have added a new menu option to our website called “Walks Submitted So Far” so walk leaders can see what walk dates have already been taken.

Walks Photos

Processing the walks photos on the website is still my main activity. So far in 2022 I have received over 1,500 photos relating to over 100 walks.

As usual, you can send in your photos by email to SBankWalks@Gmail.Com please try to be selective and limit the numbers to no more than 6 photos per walk.

You can also view our photos by clicking on the Instagram or Facebook links on the homepage.

Dave Hetherington – October 2022

Membership Secretary's report for 2021-2

I took over from Margaret Pedler as Membership Secretary at last year's AGM. The main part of my work is downloading up-to-date membership data from the Ramblers Association (hereafter RA) "Insight" web site and using this data to send out Walks Programmes and Updates and other messages from South Bank Ramblers to our members. Unfortunately, the relevant section of the Insight database was being redeveloped at the time, and I was not able to gain access until 20 December. The first programme I sent out covered the months from February to April.

Throughout the year, membership numbers have hovered around the 700 mark. At the end of October 2022, we had 687 members, including 16 affiliates (members of another group who have told RA that they wish also to receive news from South Bank). This compares with 698 at the same date in 2021, and 719 in 2020. In the last three months, we had 14 new members and 4 reinstated, compared to 20 whose subscriptions lapsed, 9 who resigned, and 4 who moved to another area: 18 in and 33 out. The corresponding figures for August to October last year were 28 in and 22 out.

We also have an Associates list of 112 RA members who have contacted South Bank directly to join the list. Since the pandemic, we have waived the £3 subscription and do not advertise associate membership; neither can we be sure that those who are on the list are still members of RA.

Last year's report mentioned the increasing proportion of members providing an email address. There are now only 90 who do not (and also about half a dozen whose registered emails are invalid). Margaret had sent out letters inviting them to the AGM and Christmas lunch, and encouraging them to register an email address with RA. I repeated this exercise when the February programme was released; the programme was sent out by email, and "postal only" members and associates received a letter reporting that it was now available on the web site, and inviting anyone who had no internet access to telephone me to request a hard-copy programme. 3 members and 2 associates did so.

I also receive occasional messages from people who want to know how to join South Bank Ramblers. Since membership and subscriptions are handled by RA, all I can do is send them a link, and point out that they can choose South Bank as the branch they wish to join. Or, if they are already members of RA and wish to remain members of their home group, send me their membership number and I can put them on the Associates list.

Finally, it's been good to send out a programme and welcome message to a new member and then find myself talking to them on the next walk!

Barbara Moss

Social Media Report



[South Bank Ramblers \(@southbankramblers\)](https://www.instagram.com/southbankramblers/)

Since last AGM, we have had 252 posts over the eleven-month period between the end of November 2021 and the end of October 2022. Each post contains 5 to 9 photos. In total there are approximately 2,000 photos that have been posted on our account. Currently we have 328 active followers, an increase of 106 users - representing a growth of 48% - over previous reporting period.

Instagram offers three-month analytics on complimentary basis. In the last three months we have reached 792 users, engaged with 118 users who either commented or liked our posts. Followers of our account and audiences reached are predominantly London based, with the largest age groups being 35 to 44 and 45 to 54. We have additional 30% of followers aged 55 or over. Notably, three quarters of users our posts reached are non-followers, resulting in a number of enquiries.

Analysis of reached/engaged audience:

Reached audience

Top towns/cities

London	25.9%
Wadhurst	2.3%
Godalming	1.9%
Royal Tunbridge Wells	1.8%

Reached audience

Top age ranges

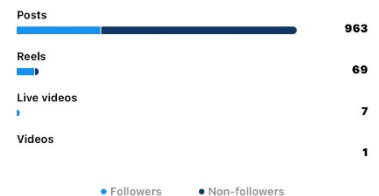
45-54	24.8%
35-44	23.6%
25-34	22.1%
55-64	15.5%

Followers and non-followers

Based on reach



Content reach



Analysis of followers:

Top locations

of your followers

Towns/Cities Countries

London	39.7%
Edinburgh	1.8%
Titchfield	0.9%
Great Missenden	0.9%
Manchester	0.9%

Age range

of your followers

All Men Women

13-17	0.6%
18-24	5.9%
25-34	13.9%
35-44	25.4%
45-54	23.6%
55-64	15.2%
65+	15.2%



[southbankramblers | facebook](https://www.facebook.com/southbankramblers/)

Our Facebook Page became officially active from May 2022. It's linked with the group Instagram so all information is automatically shared. The account is relatively new but our contents have reached various audiences. All enquiries about walks were dealt with directly on Facebook.

Facebook Page reach and visits:

Reach

Facebook Page reach ⓘ

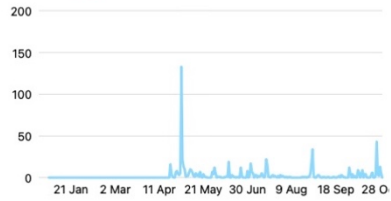
337 ↑ 100%



Page and profile visits

Facebook Page visits ⓘ

699 ↑ 100%



		2021/22	2020/21	2019/20	2018/19	2017/18
OPENING BALANCE (30 SEPTEMBER)	Main fund	3022.49	£2,847.14	£2,306.75	£2,441.77	£2,256.00
	Social fund	1109.51	£1,117.98	£558.84	£158.86	£188.83
	Total	<u>£4,132.00</u>	<u>£3,965.12</u>	<u>£2,865.59</u>	<u>£2,600.63</u>	<u>£2,444.83</u>
INCOME						
Main Fund						
Payment from Area Office		£0.00	£385.35	£1,125.00	£1,800.00	£1,993.00
Programme sales to associate members		£0.00	£0.00	£83.00	£335.00	£255.00
Walking Partnership		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£490.00
Advert sales		£0.00	£0.00	£50.00	£187.50	£137.50
Other donations		£125.21	£10.00	£0.00	£0.00	£15.00
Bank interest		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total main fund income		<u>£125.21</u>	<u>£395.35</u>	<u>£1,258.00</u>	<u>£2,310.10</u>	<u>£2,890.50</u>
Social Fund						
Walking Partnership (Commission on holidays)		£250.00	£120.00	£400.00	£610.00	£0.00
Donations			£0.00	£279.23	£289.08	£199.01
Total social fund income		<u>£250.00</u>	<u>£120.00</u>	<u>£679.23</u>	<u>£899.08</u>	<u>£199.01</u>
TOTAL OVERALL INCOME		<u>£375.21</u>	<u>£515.35</u>	<u>£1,937.23</u>	<u>£3,209.18</u>	<u>£3,089.51</u>
EXPENSES						
Programme printing, postage and admin		£83.98	£0.00	£663.26	£1,293.88	£1,846.16
General admin		£10.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£3.64
Bank charges		£0.00	£0.00	£21.20	£12.40	£0.00
Meeting costs		£269.81	£220.00	£0.00	£277.90	£511.12
Volunteer gifts		£88.37	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Walk leader training: venue for summer event		£80.00	£0.00	£0.00	£40.00	£182.31
Walks related		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£99.45	£26.50
Donation to Saturday Walkers Club		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£50.00	£0.00
First Aid kits		£0.00	£0.00	£33.15	£0.00	£0.00
Donation Wimbledon & Putney Common Conservators		£250.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Materials for two kissing gates with name plaques		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£683.89	£135.00
Total main fund expenditure		<u>£782.16</u>	<u>£220.00</u>	<u>£717.61</u>	<u>£2,445.12</u>	<u>£2,704.73</u>
Social Fund						
Meeting refreshments		£164.90	£128.47	£120.09	£85.43	£88.98
Social after training event		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£413.67	£140.00
Total social fund expenditure		<u>£164.90</u>	<u>£128.47</u>	<u>£120.09</u>	<u>£499.10</u>	<u>£228.98</u>
TOTAL OVERALL EXPENDITURE		<u>£947.06</u>	<u>£348.47</u>	<u>£837.70</u>	<u>£2,944.22</u>	<u>£2,933.71</u>
CLOSING BALANCE (30 SEPTEMBER)	Main fund	£2,365.54	£3,022.49	£2,847.14	£2,306.75	£2,441.77
	Social fund	£1,194.61	£1,109.51	£1,117.98	£558.84	£158.86
	Total	<u>£3,560.15</u>	<u>£4,132.00</u>	<u>£3,965.12</u>	<u>£2,865.59</u>	<u>£2,600.63</u>

**RAMBLERS' ASSOCIATION
SOUTH BANK GROUP**

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS 1 OCTOBER 2021 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

The main points to highlight from the 2021/22 financial year are:

- We continue to have a very healthy balance, and did not require any funding from Central Office during the year.
- Continuing the practice, started after the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020, of only sending hard copies of our walks programme to those without email access, has continued to keep our costs low and help us to use charitable funds as effectively as possible.
- Income from Ramblers Worldwide Holidays increased to £250 from £120 in the previous year. We would remind members that holidays booked via Ramblers Worldwide Holidays can provide a donation to the group, if you mention the name of your group when you are booking. (If booking online, you can mention this in the special request box.)
- Committee meetings have all been held either virtually or at a committee member's home, and have therefore not incurred any costs. All meeting costs shown in the accounts relate to the AGM.
- The venue cost of hiring St Faith's for our Nov 2022 AGM totals £305. We paid a deposit of £145 in the 2021-22 financial year to secure the booking. The full cost of £305 will be met from our 2022-23 accounts, and assuming there are no issues with the event, our £145 deposit will then be returned.
- The Committee is delighted that we were able to donate £250 to Wimbledon & Putney Common Conservators towards footpath repair.
- We have also set aside £750 towards repair or replacement of a stile or gate in the 2022-23 financial year. The Inner London Area Council is looking into where this could best be allocated. As our funds remain high, we could increase this amount if needed.
- Even with this year's footpath repair donation and the amount set aside for further practical work next year, our funds remain above the recommended reserves level, therefore we have again declined any funding from Central Office for the 2022-23 financial year.

We continue to bank online with Unity Trust Bank, in line with the Ramblers requirements. All payments require authorisation by at least two of the three committee members registered as signatories.

I attach summary annual accounts, with earlier years' figures for comparison. Jane Baird is kindly acting as our Independent Examiner and has certified the year-end accounts as a fair representation of our financial activities over the year to 30 September 2022. We are grateful to her for also kindly agreeing to undertake this again next year.

After volunteering with the Ramblers in various Group and Area roles for 10 years, I will be standing down at the November AGM due to other commitments, and I am grateful to Linda Casbolt for offering to take over the Treasurer role.

I submit for adoption the attached Financial Accounts of the South Bank Group for the year October 2021 to September 2022.

**Elsbeth Cox
Treasurer South Bank Group
October 2022**