South Bank Ramblers Annual General Meeting

14:15 on 14 November 2026

Herne Hill Baptist Church, Half Moon Lane, LONDON SE24 9HU

Arrivals with refreshments from 13:15

Tea, coffee, cakes and fruit will be provided, but please bring your own lunch sandwich

Formal AGM begins at 14:15

Agenda

1. **Apologies for absence**
2. **Minutes of previous AGM of 9 November 2025 and matters arising**

   VOTE ON MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM
3. **Annual report from Chair**
4. **Annual report from Walks Team**
5. **Annual report from Web Manager**
6. **Annual report from Membership Secretary**
7. **Annual report on Social Media, Website Enquiries and Publicity**
8. **Treasurer's Report and Accounts**

   VOTE ON TREASURER'S REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
9. **Discussion of motions and issues from Members**
10. **Election of Officers to the Committee**

    See overleaf.

    VOTE ON ELECTION OF OFFICERS TO THE COMMITTEE
11. **Appointment of Independent Examiner**

    VOTE ON APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER
12. **Any other business**

    Request for volunteers to monitor London LOOP and Capital Ring (Barbara Moss)

Election of Officers to the Committee

- Committee 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 standing or proposed for election are shown in the final column.
- Any members present are invited to stand to join the Committee.

AGM in November	**2026 (for information)**		**2027**
Ramblers' year	**2025-26**	**Years to date**	**Standing for election for 2026-27**
Chair	Sue Ellenby	1	Sue Ellenby
Vice Chair			**VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT**
Secretary	Dick Dunmore	3+	Dick Dunmore
Treasurer	Linda Casbolt	3+	Linda Casbolt
Walks Organiser	Liz Cleary	3	Liz Cleary
Membership Secretary	Craig Dunant	1	Craig Dunant
Web Manager	Dave Hetherington	3+	Dave Hetherington
Assistant Web Manager			Craig Dunant
Publicity & Marketing	Kleo Zhao	3+	Kleo Zhao
Social activities	Gail Bourne	3+	Gail Bourne
Inner London representatives (up to two may attend)	Dick Dunmore	3+	Dick Dunmore
	Linda Casbolt	3+	Linda Casbolt
			Hilary Jarvis
Other Committee Members			**VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT**

13. Walks Team (for information)

The Walks Team were Liz Cleary, Hilary Jarvis, Caroline Kerr and Hilary Porter.

14. Area and General Council (for information)

The Inner London AGM will be held from 14:00 to 16:00 on Sunday, 6 December 2026 at Coram's Fields, 93 Guildford Street, London WC1N 1DN. Subject to an Extraordinary General Meeting on Governance on 21 November 2026, Inner London Area will appoint three representatives to the General Council in 2027.

15. Quiz answers

16. Photo competition results

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The Chair, Hilary Jarvis, opened the meeting, to which:

- Simon Atyeo had led 22 walkers from Lower Sydenham; and
- Dick Dunmore had led 28 walkers from Vauxhall.

Total attendance was 45.

The formal business was preceded by a celebration of the Group reaching its fortieth birthday, for which Gail Bourne had baked a "SBR 40" birthday cake and Dave Hetherington had researched the history of the Group from programmes dating back to 1995 and other sources. He showed that perhaps a blunter approach to getting people to lead walks had been used compared to today. He would be posting an article on the website and asked if anyone had any programmes dating further back to get in touch.

1. Apologies for absence

Received from Mark Brejza, Heather Bull, Dudley Cloake, Patricia Cloake, Lee Jenner, Barbara Nicholas, Gillian Robinson, Helen Turner and Nick White.

2. Minutes of AGM of 17 November 2024 and matters arising

These had been posted on the South Bank website. Following a vote, the minutes were approved and accepted as a true record.

3. Annual report of Chair (Hilary Jarvis)

Hilary's report from the Chair had been posted on the South Bank website.

She welcomed everyone to the Group's third AGM at the Windmill, an oasis of calm in a very urban area.

It had been a busy year for South Bank. We had a full programme of walks including short walks, longer more challenging walk, gardening walks, special interest walks and sightseeing walks. Among other highlights we had led walks for the Blind Ramblers and now had a group of volunteers who were very supportive in guiding at these events.

The Chair thanked the Committee for their hard work during the past year, and the Walk Leaders who had been leading so many varied walks. As ever there was a need to find new Walk Leaders as existing Leaders moved on or were temporarily unable to lead.

From the end of 2025, people leading walks for Ramblers would need either: to have led at least 12 walks for Ramblers in the last 3 years; to have completed 3 online training modules: or to hold a recognised mountain training qualification. We had gained 6 new walk leaders, all of whom had completed the new training, as had most existing South Bank leaders.

Tim Sai Louie, Chair of Inner London Ramblers, congratulated South Bank both on the number of walks they provide and their success ensuring that a large proportion of leaders had completed the training.

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The Chair encouraged all members to read emails/newsletters sent by Ramblers and to be an active participant. Ramblers offer training and varied talks to all their volunteers, which are interesting and very informative.

4. Annual report of Walks Team (Liz Cleary)

We had produced three walk programmes in 2024-25, each covering a period of four months.

During the year, 13 walks had been cancelled, mainly due to illness, but in almost all cases another leader had offered a replacement walk. The outcome had been:

- 38 walks completed in Autumn 2024, September to December;
- 40 walks completed in Spring 2025, January to April; and
- 40 walks completed in Summer 2025; May to August.

In summary, 118 walks completed, an average of over 2¼ walks every week, by 26 leaders including the 6 new leaders mentioned by the Chair.

There had been a mix of urban and rural walks ranging in length from 6 to 15 miles, all accessible by public transport, including visits to gardens and the Airfield Control Tower Museum at Greenham Common.

Liz thanked Caroline Kerr, Hilary Porter, Dave Hetherington and the Walks Leaders for their role in planning and delivering such a large and varied programme.

5. Annual report of Webmaster (Dave Hetherington)

Dave said that, since the last AGM, he had published around 1,700 photos taken on 103 different walks. He reminded those submitting photographs to do so to the shared SbankWalks@gmail.com, which would also allow Kleo to post them on Instagram and Facebook.

Photos should not be of low resolution, but he could reduce the size of large files if needed to make them suitable for publication.

There was also a need for variety on the website, to avoid too many photographs of “bluebells, snowdrops and sheep”.

He also drew attention to the “Latest Updates” section on the website publicising pop-up walks, cancellations and changes. The Walks Team have become proficient in updating the website and now carried out all updating.

Maintenance of the website “Joomla” software was carried out regularly but the need had been limited as the current software was quite stable.

Tim Sai Louie reported a concern with Walks Manager that inclusion of the word “CANCELLED” in a walk description had apparently led to the walk being cancelled, and encouraged the Walks Team to monitor Walks Manager carefully.

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Finally, Dave said he would welcome anyone computer literate and interested in learning how to manage the website.

6. Annual report of Membership Secretary (Barbara Moss)

Barbara explained that the status of "Associates", who paid to receive South Bank programmes, had now ended with the production of printed programmes. She now dealt with two groups:

- Members of South Bank Group, for whom Ramblers HQ provided an email list; and
- Affiliates, Members of other Groups who have recorded with Ramblers HQ an interest in South Bank and for whom it provided an email list.

At the ends of October, the total number had been 713 in 2021, 712 in 2024 and 711 on 2025, a remarkable result.

Barbara also noted the value of welcoming people considering joining Ramblers on South Banks walks, to encourage them to join the organisation and the Group.

Barbara drew attention to Ramblers badges, leaflets and other marketing materials on the tables and encouraged people to take and place in libraries, community centres and other public places.

Finally, she reminded Members that Group Membership Secretaries can access but not change records held centrally by Ramblers. Members should notify any changes, such as address, direct to Ramblers, who would update the central records on which she drew.

7. Annual report on Social Media (Kleo Zhao)

South Bank Ramblers (@southbankramblers)

Kleo reported that there had now been 1,288 posts on our Instagram account since May 2021. Recent posts had been viewed an average of 130-180 times.

The Instagram account had 534 followers, 13% more than the previous year. 71% were women and 29% men, with broadly equal numbers in each of the age bands 35-44, 45-54, 55-64 and 65+.

The posts continued to be viewed people who were not following us, showing a growing reach to new audiences and potential to attract new supporters.

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Since May 2022 we had an active Facebook page, linked to Instagram so that information and photos are automatically shared.

The Facebook account now had 180 followers, 19% up on the previous year.

Kleo noted three appearances in other media:

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- An article on a walk *"Linking Central London's Elizabeth Line Station Entrances,"* written by Dick Dunmore, featured in **South East Walker** March 2025 issue, providing excellent publicity for our group. Since the Elzabeth line opened in 2022, this walk has been led 6 times and joined by over 100 participants.
- An article about our *Volunteer Summer Event* to be featured in **South East Walker** February 2026 issue.
- A local newspaper in the Pinner/Eastcote area published an article in October about our walk *Northwood Hills to Rickmansworth*, led by Richard Hodkinson. The piece encouraged readers to explore the great outdoors and provided excellent publicity for our group and its activities.

Kleo also read three examples of unsolicited feedback from individuals who had attended South Bank walks.

Hilary Jarvis thanked Kleo for responding to queries through our media and giving, or arranging, timely and tactful answers to questions.

8. Treasurer's report (Linda Casbolt)

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

Linda highlighted the main points of the Accounts and her report:

- In the past three years, the Group had declined the "Basic Allocation" of around £1 per Member offered by Ramblers HQ, but for 2024-25 had accepted the £780 offered.
- Income from Ramblers Worldwide Holidays has risen from £340 to £390 in 2024-25. Members booking a holiday with RWH should mention the Group in the special request box to ensure that we receive this income.
- All Committee meetings had held cost-free online or at a Committee member's home.
- Most costs therefore related to the AGM and the summer training and/or social event.

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

Following a vote, the meeting approved and accepted the Accounts and the Treasurer's report.

9. Discussion of motions and issues from Members

No formal motions had been received from Members and no issues were raised by Members present.

10. 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.

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Following a vote, the Committee for 2025-26 was as shown on the table below.

Role (Note that different role names may be recorded by Ramblers)	Elected for 2025-26
Chair	Sue Ellenby
Secretary	Dick Dunmore
Treasurer	Linda Casbolt
Walks Organiser	Liz Cleary
Membership Secretary	Craig Dunant
Web Manager	Dave Hetherington
Publicity & Marketing	Kleo Zhao
Social activities	Gail Bourne
Inner London representatives	Dick Dunmore
	Linda Casbolt
Other Committee members without portfolio	Hilary Jarvis

Sue was pleased to be returning to the role of Chair but indicated how important it was to get new people involved. She acknowledged how very impressive Hilary and the team had been in keeping the group thriving both during and after the pandemic. She encouraged people to give their time and ideas to the group. She outlined the buddy system for new leaders and the volunteer event as supportive and fun for those involved.

11. Area Council and General Council

Tim Sai Louie said that the Inner London Area AGM would be on 7 December 2025 at Coram's Fields, 93 Guildford Street, London WC1N 1DN. South Bank Members were welcome to attend and/or to join either of the two walks to the AGM from Blackfriars or Paddington.

At the AGM the Area appoints three representatives for General Council, Ramblers' governing body, in 2026.

12. Appointment of Independent Examiner

Jane Baird had offered to act as Independent Examiner for 2025-26.

After a vote, her nomination was approved and accepted by a vote.

13. Quiz answers

The Quiz, sourced by Hilary Jarvis, related to identifying stations in London from pictorial clues to their names.

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14. Any other business

Hilary Jarvis ceremonially cut the Group's birthday cake, slices of which were distributed to attendees.

Barbara Moss and Hilary Jarvis were given gifts to thank them for the roles they had so ably filled:

- Hilary Jarvis thanked Barbara Moss for her contribution as Membership Secretary.
- Linda Casbolt thanked Hilary Jarivs for her contribution as Chair.

With no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 14:43.

3. Annual Report from the Chair

As a new member, I innocently attended an AGM in 2008 and found myself on the Committee … there were only 8 of us there! With Margaret Wasdell taking on the Chair, there were over 40 at the next AGM. I have since then loved participating. After a short break off the Committee, (to give me more time for drugs and alcohol (a charity) and being a magistrate) I am now enjoying being recycled back as Chair, for the second time in my South Bank Committee career.

The Team is a pleasure to be part of. Members of the Committee, and the Walks Team, brings enthusiasm, efficiency and commitment to maintaining an extensive walks programme, with 118 walks completed this year. Our profile has also been raised through social media and our responsive website. Kleo, Dick and Hilary liaise constructively, with Ramblers, South East Walker, and the Blind and Inner London Ramblers. We also contribute to other Ramblers groups that replace gates, or install signs and handrails in areas where we enjoy walking. Our Treasurer Linda, and Web Man Dave have been instrumental in this. The enthusiastic involvement of Kleo and Craig in the Thames Path celebratory walk also reflected our outward looking approach.

We are very grateful to all of our Walks Leaders, who offer a huge variety of walks. Hardly any were cancelled without a replacement being offered. The Walks Team, led by Liz, with support from Caroline and the Hilary, is amazingly helpful and responsive throughout the year.

In recognition of the contribution of the leaders, and other volunteers, we held our annual thank you and training event in July, at the Bowls Club. Other successful events were the AGM and Christmas lunch. Many thanks to Gail and Hamish for their organisation.

We all benefit from the joy of walking, exercise and friendly contact with others … not to mention the film, holiday, and clothing recommendations! The Group has nearly 700 members and we need to constantly welcome new leaders and refresh the committee. We welcomed Craig onto the Committee at the last AGM, and he has been an enthusiastic asset.

At this AGM we will sadly be losing Hilary Jarvis, who needs to commit time elsewhere. Hilary brilliantly steered the group through the biggest challenge of Covid, and has always been thoughtful and helpful. We will miss her.

Please do consider becoming one of our volunteers. I am sure you will enjoy it.

I very much look forward to seeing you at the AGM.

Sue Ellenby

Chair

4. Annual report from Walks Team

This year we have continued to produce 4-monthly walks programmes, supplemented by additional pop-up walks. There has been a walk on most Wednesdays and Saturdays, as well as on some other days, throughout the year. The number of walks during the year, including pop-up walks added after the programme was published, are as follows

	Walks completed 2025-26	**Walks completed 2024-2025**
September – December	42	38
January – April	38	40
May – August	37	40
Total	**117**	**118**

During the year 9 walks had to be cancelled, due to extreme weather, train disruption, or illness or injury, but in most cases a replacement walk was offered. Two of the walks were cancelled during the period of extreme heat in the summer. The Walks Team decided to leave it to individual walk leaders to judge whether their walk should go ahead during this period, but we put on the website general advice to walkers to ensure that they took sufficient water and sun protection, as well as checking for last minute changes to walks.

The walks have been a mixture of urban and country walks, ranging in length from about 5 to 15 miles, and all are reachable by public transport. The programme has included walks with visits to gardens and galleries, three War Memorial or Remembrance-themed walks in November, a London by Gaslight walk, walks with the Blind Ramblers, and Christmas Eve and Boxing Day walks. South Bank leaders also led a London section of the Thames Path Relay organized to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Thames Path: an example of working together with other organisations as well as an opportunity to gain publicity for our group.

In addition to publishing details of walks online, we produce a copy of each programme which is circulated by e mail to South Bank Members. From 2026 the programme emailed out has a new format, containing a summary of the walks with the title, starting point and time, distance and leader's name and contact, rather than a full description. Walkers are advised to check the online programme for additional information and for any later changes, cancellations or additional walks.

We reported last year that from the end of 2025 all Ramblers walk leaders would have to complete online training in leading walks (or show in another way that they are qualified to lead). Almost all our leaders successfully completed the training, and we now have 42 leaders able to lead for South Bank, though not all are currently active. 26 leaders have led walks for us during the year, including 2 new leaders who we have been pleased to welcome. We are always pleased to gain new leaders, so do get in touch if you would like to join our team. Help and advice are available!

During the year we updated a number of documents on the South Bank website, including the walk leader guidance and checklist, as well as guidance to walkers on what to expect when joining a South Bank walk. This includes a reminder to check the website before setting out for any last-minute changes to walks.

Thanks to my fellow walks team members, Caroline, Hilary and Dave for help with checking the walks programmes and dealing with queries from walk leaders and amendments to walks. And of course we are very grateful to all our walk leaders for their enthusiasm and dedication in devising, reconnoitring and leading walks. Without you South Bank would not exist!

Liz Cleary

Walks Coordinator

5. Annual report from Web Manager

Photo volumes

Since the 2025 AGM I have posted to the website over 1,400 photos spanning 107 walks. These photos have been visited on our website over 20,000 times.

So, I'd like to a big thank you to all our photographers.

If you would like to contribute any of your walks photos, please email your photos to me via our group email: SbankWalks@Gmail.com. This allows Kleo to see them too, so that she can post them on our Instagram and Facebook pages.

Website maintenance

Website maintenance is ongoing to ensure that the website is always running the latest available releases of "Joomla", the underlying software. This year, only a small number of upgrades were required, these were mostly to bolster website security to protect it from malicious attacks.

Walks Bulletins

As usual, we like to remind everyone to check our website before coming on any of our walks.

The "Latest Updates" section on our Homepage warns walkers of any last-minute changes or cancellations to walks, or any new "pop-up" walks that were not included in the original programme.

Dave Hetherington

Web Administrator

6. Annual report from Membership Secretary

The main activities undertaken in the year:

- Each week we email joining members a welcome message with a copy of the current walk programme and Things to know when joining a walk with South Bank Ramblers.
- We email the new walks programme to all members when published, plus invitations to the AGM and Christmas lunch.
- We respond to occasional enquiries posted on the Ramblers website. These are mainly asking how to join South Bank.

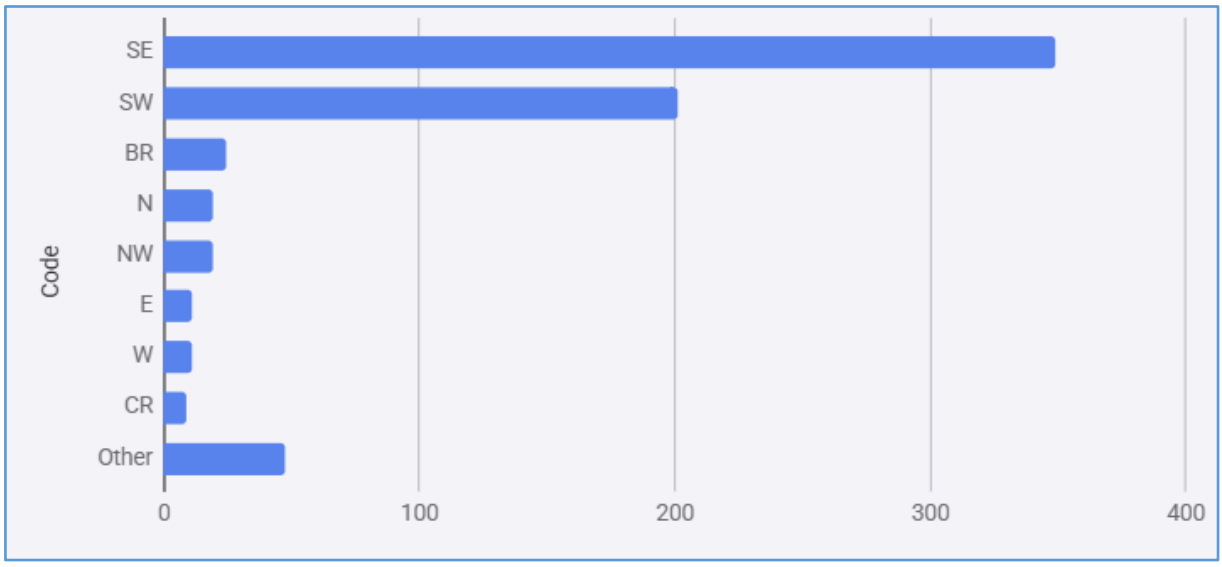
Membership records are maintained directly by members on the central Ramblers database, including which local group they belong to. Using the Insight dashboard, the Membership Secretary has read-only access to the database, specifically the records for members who have selected South Bank as their local group. We use this to track joiners/leavers and retrieve up-to-date email lists. We do not maintain separate local member records.

11 Members cannot be reached as the email address on their record does not work. Anyone in this position should update their record via the Ramblers website or help desk.

Every week we welcome some new members while others leave, either because they have left the area, moved to another group, or ceased being Ramblers members. As the table below shows, the numbers in and out roughly balance.

End October	**2022**	**2023**	**2024**	**2025**	**2026**
Members	671	681	681	677	666
Affiliates	16	18	31	34	40

This is where our members come from, by postcode, at the date of this report.



Further analyses of membership records can be provided if required.

Craig Dunant

Membership Secretary

1 November 2026

7. Annual report on Social Media, Website Enquiries and Publicity

Social Media

Our social media activity continued steadily throughout the year, with regular posting on Instagram and Facebook, averaging 3-5 posts per week. Thanks to our enthusiastic walk photographers, we have a consistent supply of good-quality photos, allowing us to showcase our walks and activities throughout the week. Engagement has remained steady, with some particularly popular posts. Our Christmas Lunch Reel attracted over 700 views.

Website Enquiries

Website enquiries have been handled promptly throughout the year, generally within 24 hours. Enquiries cover a range of topics, including joining walks, membership and general group information. While the volume was fairly steady earlier in the year, it has become noticeably quieter in recent months, averaging just 1-2 enquiries per week.

Publicity

We have continued to contribute articles to *South East Walker*, helping to raise the profile of our group and share some of our activities and experiences. Articles include:

- Coverage of our 2025 AGM and 40th anniversary celebrations.
- Our Volunteer Summer Event.
- Interesting signs encountered on our walks.
- Kissing gates in the Chilterns, written by Dave.
- The Thames Path 30th Anniversary Relay, featured on the front page of the September issue as part of the event's cover story.

We hope to continue contributing interesting stories and articles in the coming year.

4. Thames Path 30th Anniversary Relay

One of the highlights of the year was our participation in the Thames Path 30th Anniversary Relay in June. Craig and I worked closely with Tim and Jackie, walk leaders from neighbouring Ramblers groups, to coordinate the Inner London sections of the relay. Our own section, from Blackfriars to the Cutty Sark, attracted 32 walkers despite exceptionally hot weather, with temperatures reaching around 32°C. The event was a great example of teamwork, with valuable support from our committee members, fellow walk leaders and volunteers, both during the preparation and on the day. Special thanks go to Hilary, Dick, Gail, Dave and Richard for their contributions. The relay was a success and also highlighted opportunities to promote future walks along the Thames Path to a wider audience.

Looking ahead

Our priorities for the coming year are to maintain regular social media activity, continue responding promptly to website enquiries, and look for more opportunities to promote our walks and the group through *South East Walker* and other channels. Finally, a big thank you to everyone who has contributed photographs, stories and support throughout the year. Your contributions make our publicity work possible.

Kleo Zhao

Publicity & Marketing

1 November 2026

		2025/26	2024/25	2023/24	2022/23	2021/22
OPENING BALANCE (30 SEPTEMBER)	Main fund	1043.56	£585.68	£1,220.58	£2,365.54	3022.49
	Social fund	849.29	£1,103.24	£1,226.45	£1,194.61	1109.51
	Total	**£1,892.85**	**£1,688.92**	**£2,447.03**	**£3,560.15**	**£4,132.00**
INCOME						
Main Fund						
Payment from Area Office		£849.10	£779.76	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Other donations		£0.00	£0.00	£40.25	£155.80	£125.21
Bank interest		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total main fund income		**£849.10**	**£779.76**	**£40.25**	**£155.80**	**£125.21**
Social Fund						
Walking Partnership (Commission on holidays)		£450.00	£390.00	£340.00	£300.00	£250.00
Donations		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total social fund income		**£450.00**	**£390.00**	**£340.00**	**£300.00**	**£250.00**
TOTAL OVERALL INCOME		**£1,299.10**	**£1,169.76**	**£380.25**	**£455.80**	**£375.21**
EXPENSES						
Programme printing, postage and admin		£0.00	£0.00	£15.30	£0.00	£83.98
General admin		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£10.00
Bank charges		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Meeting costs		£61.95	£321.88	£107.85	£450.76	£269.81
Volunteer gifts		£0.00	£0.00	£52.00	£0.00	£88.37
Walk leader training: venue for summer event		£230.00	£0.00	£0.00	£150.00	£80.00
Donation to Saturday Walkers Club		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£200.00	£0.00
First Aid kits		£72.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Foil Blankets		£41.04	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Donation Wimbledon & Putney Common Conservators		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£250.00
Gates		£500.00	£0.00	£0.00	£500.00	£0.00
Donation to Inner London Ramblers for Loop Signage		£0.00	£0.00	£500.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total main fund expenditure		**£904.99**	**£321.88**	**£675.15**	**£1,300.76**	**£782.16**
Social Fund						
Meeting refreshments		£319.26	£406.45	£313.21	£268.16	£164.90
Leaders social event venue		£0.00	£237.50	£140.00	£0.00	£0.00
Volunteer gifts		£33.99	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Taxi after walk incident		£22.94	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Christmas Dinner reimbursement to venue		£35.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total social fund expenditure		**£411.19**	**£643.95**	**£453.21**	**£268.16**	**£164.90**
TOTAL OVERALL EXPENDITURE		**£1,316.18**	**£965.83**	**£1,128.36**	**£1,568.92**	**£947.06**
CLOSING BALANCE (30 SEPTEMBER)	Main fund	£987.67	£1,043.56	£585.68	£1,220.58	£2,365.54
	Social fund	£888.10	£849.29	£1,103.24	£1,226.45	£1,194.61
	Total	**£1,875.77**	**£1,892.85**	**£1,688.92**	**£2,447.03**	**£3,560.15**

RAMBLERS' ASSOCIATION
SOUTH BANK GROUP
TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS 1 OCTOBER 2025 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2026

The main points to highlight from the 2025/26 financial year are:

- This year we requested and received our full funding from Central Office for the second time since 2020/21 and the second year in succession. This was £100 plus £1.10p per member, with 681 members this amounted to £849.10.
- Income from Ramblers Worldwide Holidays increased to £450 from £390 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 at a committee member's home and have therefore incurred minimal catering costs. All meeting costs shown in the Main Fund accounts relate to AGM catering, the venue (Windmill) was paid in advance in the prior year. This year's venue has not yet been invoiced.
- We donated £500 to The Chiltern Society to replace an old stile with a gate.
- We have requested and been offered full funding for 2026/27. This will be £890.45.

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 2026. We are grateful to her for also kindly agreeing to undertake this again next year.

I submit for adoption the attached Financial Accounts of the South Bank Group for the year October 2025 to September 2026.

Linda Casbolt
Treasurer South Bank Group
November 2026