

Programme Coordinator's Report 2024

We have had a full and vibrant programme with at least two walks offered each week and a good variety of London, countryside and special interest walks each month. We completed two long distance paths during the year – the Capital Ring and the Middlesex Greenway. Both proved very popular and we had very large groups on some of the Capital Ring sections.

All this has only been possible because we are fortunate to have a large pool of walk leaders and we would like to extend our thanks to them for their enthusiasm and support. We have run a successful programme of support for new leaders and have been pleased to welcome eight new people this year to the team. The key to a full and varied walks programme is to have new leaders coming forward each year and we hope to recruit more volunteers next year.

Based on the strength of our team of leaders we are hoping to be able to offer an even fuller programme next year. It is our ambition to be able to offer two walks on weekends so members have more options (longer/shorter, countryside/local) in addition to weekday walks. We also plan to undertake four long-distance paths: the North-South London and Chiltern Heritage Trail on Wednesdays and London to Brighton and Thames Path on Saturdays (with the Thames Path to be completed in 2026).

We would like to offer a huge thank you to Carolyn for all her work as Programme Coordinator over the past three years. She successfully managed the introduction of the new Walks Manager system by Ramblers central office and the new format of the programme that was required. She also encouraged and supported leaders to enter their walk details directly onto the website which has greatly improved the efficiency of the programme production.