

RYEDALE WALKING GROUP CELEBRATE THEIR 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY!



Ryedale Walking Group was founded by four people in September 2006.

Our aim was "To promote the enjoyment of fresh air at minimal cost and to keep local public rights of way open by using them".

We became an independent organised walking club in 2009 when we adopted a constitution, elected a committee and became affiliated to The Ramblers', who safeguard walkers' interests in the UK.

When we started out we had just two walk leaders and we organised two led walks each month for our 30 members. We now have 100 plus members and organise at least one walk every weekend all year round and on some evenings during the summer.

We usually have up to twenty members out on our walks, with distances varying from five miles to fifteen miles. Two walking holidays are organised each year, one of which is in the UK, the other in mainland Europe. In 2015 our holidays were in Mallorca and on Hadrian's Wall. This year we have organised walking holidays in the Czech Republic and Derbyshire.

Our varied programme of walks are mostly based in Ryedale, the Howardian Hills AONB, the North York Moors National Park and the Yorkshire Wolds. Every few months we travel further afield to the Yorkshire Dales or the Lake District, sharing cars wherever possible.

We hold regular social events such as visits to pubs for meals, a barbecue and an Xmas dinner walk. We support two charities, Scarborough and Ryedale Mountain Rescue Team and the Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

Potential new members are always welcome to join us for their first walk free of charge. Just turn up for your first walk with good strong footwear for walking on uneven surfaces, the right clothing to suit the day and the season, and a packed lunch. An annual membership fee, currently £7, is then payable on your next walk.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Go to our website at **www.ryedalewalking.com** where you can find our walk programme and the latest updates on forthcoming walks.

Alternately telephone **01751 476380, 01723 371700** or **01751 474344** for more information.

Ryedale Walking Group continues to go from strength to strength as an integral part of the Ryedale Community.



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