



Greater Manchester and High Peak Area

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Dear Member

I am writing to inform you that the AGM of the Greater Manchester and High Peak Area will take place on:

Saturday 16th March 2019 at 2pm

at Cross Street Chapel, Cross St, Manchester M2 1NL

The Agenda is overleaf.

Before the meeting there will be a short walk meeting at 11 am by the Tiled Map in Victoria Station. It will be a leisurely walk round the city centre including canals and Spinningfields, approximately 4 miles long, returning to the city centre for lunch at around 1 pm before the AGM begins.

To keep our costs down we have not produced an annual report for every member, however we have made it available for download on the area website together with the minutes of the 2018 AGM. The report can be downloaded by going to the publications page of the Area website on <http://manchester-ramblers.org.uk/pubs.asp>.

If you do not have access to the internet or would like a hard copy of the minutes or Annual Report, please contact me and I will send you one by return of post. As usual the minutes of the 2018 AGM and the Annual Report will also be available on the day.

Nominations for posts on the EC may be made on the nomination forms which have been sent to local group secretaries. There will be additional forms available on the day, or again in advance from the secretary. Completed nomination forms should be handed to the Chair before item 10 on the agenda.

If you would like to submit a motion to the AGM then please submit this to the secretary in writing, signed by both the proposer and seconder, by 5 pm Friday 8th March.

Tea and Coffee will be available both before and also at the end of meeting. For those people coming on the walk you will be able to eat your lunch at the venue before the meeting.

Finally, the Summer Programme is also included with this letter - if you no longer wish to receive these programmes by post, please inform Ramblers Central Office who will then be able to remove you from the mailing list.

Kind Regards,

John Ireland
Area General Secretary

**The Ramblers Association
Greater Manchester and High Peak Area
Annual General Meeting to be held at
Cross Street Chapel, Cross St, Manchester M2 1NL
On Saturday 16th March 2019 at 2pm**

Before the meeting there will be a short walk - for details see notice of AGM.
Tea and coffee will be available before the meeting from 1pm.

Agenda

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Chair's Opening Remarks**
- 3. Keynote Address - Dr. Peter Rookes, Board of Trustees**
- 4. Presidential Address**
- 5. Minutes of the AGM held on 24th March 2018**
- 6. Matters Arising**
- 7. Annual Report**
- 8. Presentation of Accounts**
- 9. Examiner's Report**
- 10. Election of Officers and individual members**

The AGM is required to vote for/approve the following posts at the AGM -

President	Treasurer	Footpath Co-ordinator	Publicity and Information Officer
Vice-President	General Secretary	Access Officer	Sunday Walks Officer
Chair	Membership Secretary	Countryside Officer	Wednesday Walks Officer
Vice-Chair	Minutes Secretary	Website Administrator	Elected Member (up to 10)

- 11. Appointment of Examiner**
- 12. Motions for debate**

General Council urges the Board of Trustees to work with schools and young people as a means of:

- a. increasing awareness of The Ramblers and opportunities for walking*
- b. developing a new cohort of walkers*
- c. supporting national and local initiatives on public health and childhood obesity*

We suggest this is done by:

- a. producing a schools' pack for distribution amongst schools (possibly seeking external funding for this) and material aimed at young people to distribute through their organisations and via social media.*
- b. producing a pack for Groups and Areas which may wish to follow up this initiative, bearing in mind the issues of safeguarding.*

Proposed by S. Dare, Seconded by M. Metcalf

- 13. Greater Manchester Spatial Framework - Discussion**
- 14. Any Other Business**
- 15. Closing Remarks**