



Red Rope Socialist Walking and Climbing Club

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National Gathering at 'Thornbridge Outdoors'

3 nights from Friday 23rd June leaving Monday 26th

Thornbridge is a comfortable, well equipped outdoors centre near Bakewell, in the heart of the Peak District. You could squeeze 4 days of walking and/or climbing into this trip if you arrive early and leave late! And it's a chance to meet old friends and make new ones in an excellent location. There's great walking around the Monsal Trail, with climbing and scrambling a short distance away at Curbar and Froggatt Edges. Swimmers may know suitable spots on the River Wye. A drive away is the famous "dragon's back" walk featuring Parkhouse and Chrome Hill. *Photo, bottom right.*

We will be staying in 'The Farmhouse'. This unit sleeps 38 people in 7 dorms with big, comfortable bunks. There is a patio with seating for 36 as well as a large dining room. All bedding is provided but not towels. Camping is available if required. This is an upmarket venue so charges may be slightly higher than usual.

Saturday night will feature the traditional big meal and quiz. There will be a bar with real ale, wine and non-alcoholic drinks at cost price, so there is no need to bring your own. Jon Marsden has already made plans for another fiendishly fab treasure hunt. There will also be optional, free navigation workshops. Booking forms will be available soon. Keep an eye on your in-box!

[www.thornbridge outdoors.co.uk](http://www.thornbridgeoutdoors.co.uk)





Come to our Annual General Meeting!

4pm to 6pm on Saturday 25th March on Zoom

(link will be sent to members)

Our Annual General Meeting comes at a time when our access to land and to protest are under the most serious threat for many years. Those who hold financial power have also proven incapable of putting the threat of environmental catastrophe as a first priority. We can be proud as a club that we regard these issues as central to our values.

This meeting is a chance to take stock of how well we're doing as a club, elect officers and consider our policies and our constitution. The meeting is a vital part of Red Rope democracy. Covid is still with us but our national trips are flourishing and we are making efforts to increase our membership.

Each region and Scotland are entitled to elect a rep to serve on the new National Committee. If anyone would like to stand as an officer and would like more information about the role please contact Pete Watson at secretary@redrope.org.uk asap.

Current NC officers are as follows:

National Secretary: Pete Watson (co-opted in 2022)

National Treasurer: Humphrey Southall

Membership Secretary: Gill Platt

Bulletin Editor: David Symonds

MIS editor: Jon Marsden

Ramblers Association Representative: Dave Doody

BMC Rep: Peter Billington (co-opted in 2022)

Mountaineering Scotland Rep: Helen Todd

Publicity Officer: Esme Roslin (co-opted in 2022)

Publicity/ Website: Janet Saunders

IT Officer: Dave Doody

National Trips Secretaries: Becky and Sarah Bates

National Trips Treasurer: Adrian Jones

LMC Huts Liaison Officer: Barbara Segal

Training Officer: vacant

Any member can stand for any post, vacant or not. Some of the people above would be delighted to step aside, others less so! Whilst we have organised occasional training courses we don't have a training officer as such. This would basically be about finding out what training would be popular and employing trainers to conduct the courses. The officer isn't obliged to attend those courses, but may choose to. The club does have funds ready to be spent on training, which we have always considered important.

National Secretary's Report

I believe that helping the club to grow and renew itself is a top priority and I have promoted this idea since becoming co-opted national secretary in June. The political climate is right for us to grow in a time of the cost of living and climate crises, and Tory attacks on our right to roam and protest.

I thought our turn out, with Red Rope flags flying, at the 90th anniversary of the Kinder Trespass was outstanding and showed that we are alive and kicking!

The National Committee have agreed to have "New Members' Months" in March and April this year which I hope will be taken up by the regions. I have supported Esme Roslin, our new publicity officer, with her plans to advertise our club more widely. It's clear that club activity has recovered since the pandemic has waned, but new active members are needed to sustain us.

I have convened meetings of regional reps and spoken to individual regional reps about their ideas for our club. I have also convened NC meetings since June 2022 and attended publicity group and trips group meetings. Uta Praekelt and I attended the annual AGM and dinner of the prestigious Alpine Club (at no cost to our club) on behalf of Red Rope.

Thanks to Malcolm Donne who has decided to stand down after being our BMC rep for several years, and welcome to Peter Billington who has taken over.

Thanks for the support I've received since taking on the role. We should be proud of what we do and have achieved. We are made up of volunteers who give up time to make our events successful. Long may it continue! **Pete Watson**

Mam Tor illustration by RRer Jean Luce
www.jeanluceartist.com/

Dartmoor and Wild Camping

From an online article by Claire Marshall,
BBC Rural Affairs Correspondent, 24 January 2023

Landowners have agreed to let people "wild camp" on most of Dartmoor without permission, days after the High Court placed restrictions on the practice. Last week the court ruled the long-held tradition of wild camping had no basis in law, after a case brought by a landowner. There is now an agreement between Dartmoor National Park (DNPA) and most Devon moor landowners. Wild camping there must "leave no trace" under the agreement. Landowners who have signed up will be paid an unknown sum by the park. It was the only area of England and Wales where under a local law there had been an assumed right to wild camp without permission.

Guy Shrubsole from the Right to Roam campaign called it a "stitched-up deal". "The public have just had their right to wild camp summarily snatched from them by a wealthy landowner - now we're expected to be grateful to landowners who grant us permission to wild camp, and pay for the privilege. "We will not accept any attempts to make people pay to wild camp, and call on MPs to back a new Right to Roam Act to defend and extend public access to nature." He said a protest march on the moor planned for Saturday would still go ahead. There has been widespread opposition to the court ruling on social media. Dr Bishop of the DNPA said it is still considering appealing against Friday's high court decision.

A Better Right to Roam from an online article in 'The Conversation' by Ben Mayfield, University of Lancaster, January 2023

Under Green MP Caroline Lucas' Countryside and Rights of Way Act (Amendment) bill, which is due to be debated this spring, rights of access would be extended to grazing land, woodlands, green belt and river banks. This new act would restore the rights on Dartmoor and provide a statutory right to camp on all access land.

It has been estimated that half of England is owned by less than 1% of the population. One argument for this is that landowners have served as custodians of the countryside for generations, and that wider access and recreation could bring litter and environmental damage. It is worth noting, however, that landowners have been accused of failing to stem pollution from farming on their land, including pollution to the River Taw in Dartmoor. Elsewhere, mass trespassers discovered a pit of fly-tipped rubbish and dead pheasants on the Duke of Somerset's estate. This could go unnoticed if not for the vigilance of the public.



The Stars Are For Everyone

When I heard that a wealthy landowner had won the right in the High Court to ban wild camping on his 4,000 acre Blachford Estate on Dartmoor I was incensed by his selfishness, and by the law that supported his case against the Dartmoor National Park Authority. A protest march was quickly organised by The Right to Roam and The Stars are for Everyone campaigns for 21 January. I was determined to join it!

I remembered the time I had been part of a group of hardy Bristol Red Ropers wild camping on Dartmoor many years ago. To this day I am not sure where we camped, but the experience of setting out across the moor at dusk with the bare minimum of camping equipment is still ingrained in my memory. We cooked a simple shared meal and told stories under a dark sky sparkling with stars and listened to the strange sounds of the moor settling down for the night. I know this is at the root of my love of Dartmoor and my confidence to explore it, understand it and respect it.

The new proposed restrictions to wild camping would not allow RR to camp in the way we did. Permits and payments to the landowner are on the cards now. It was a life changing experience for me, which I am sure many others have known. But this won't be possible again if the landowners have their way.

Once I signed up with the Right to Roam campaign we were kept well informed about the planned march. A friend and I bought our train tickets to Ivybridge where

a long queue of campaigners waited patiently for coaches to take us up to Cornwood. The long wait was because many more campaigners (3 to 4,000 in all) had arrived in the tiny village than anticipated so road blocks were inevitable. But the march set off at exactly the planned time after a few speeches and the long tail of colourful campaigners slowly walked the two miles up on to Stall Moor to raise the spirit of Old Crockern, see the press articles for more about this if interested. The sun shone and it felt like a portentous day for a protest about the right for everyone to continue to enjoy the glorious wilderness that is Dartmoor for ever.

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/631241>

Please sign the above and distribute to your contacts. When I signed there were over 10,000 signatures, but 100,000 are required for a Parliamentary debate.

Chrissie Amey, Bristol Red Rope 25 January, 2023

Jim McMahon, the shadow environment secretary, said the court decision earlier this month to overturn the long-held right to camp in the Dartmoor national park shows that there needs to be a rethink of land access. He said, "I am interested in the right to experience, the right to enjoy and the right to explore, meaning that people should be allowed to take part in activities such as swimming, camping, climbing and birdwatching rather than simply walking.

Courtesy of Guardian News and Media, January 2023



Chrissie Amey

Isle of Wight national trip, 28 Nov to 3 Dec 2022

“The jewel in the UK’s south coast, over 50% of the Isle of Wight is classed as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and is one of few places with UNESCO Biosphere Reserve status in the UK – awarded for the island’s unspoiled landscape, clear waters and thriving wildlife. A dream destination for lovers of the great outdoors.” **And we were staying in the 50% that was AONB!**

Seven walkers travelling from Stockport to Brighton caught the ferry on a Saturday to the Isle of Wight with the promise of warmer weather, some Mediterranean style gardens, an interesting coastal path trail, and a dark sky area displaying the Milky Way and stars. Would it live up to Red Funnel’s statement above? (We had all taken lateral flow tests on the morning of departure and would again mid-week, having agreed a plan should anyone test positive.)

Being out of season, the excellent Island Coaster bus wasn't running, although other local buses were. Some attractions were closed, and it was dark at 1600 hours, but this was compensated for by the lack of tourists and cars, and much cheaper accommodation. Most of our walks were a loop, taking in downs with splendid views and then descending to the coastal path where unexpectedly we walked towards the sea sparkling in the sunshine.

On Sunday we walked from Beachcombers, our house in Ventnor for the week, to Stenbury Down and Appuldurcombe Down, taking in the coastal path. On Monday, walking together from Freshwater Bay, we climbed onto Tennyson Down with great views of the famous Needles and the Tennyson Monument. The cliff face of different coloured sandstone was basked in sunshine as we walked towards Alum Bay.

Photo, Linda Goss



Alum Bay, photo Janey Hewitt



On Tuesday we split into two groups. It started disappointingly cold and misty with yet another set of steep steps on the coastal path out of action due to coastal erosion. Retracing our steps through Shanklin I met a local resident who, noticing my binoculars, told me he had just seen a juvenile white tailed eagle only 500 metres away. It was only the second time he had seen one on the island. A couple of years ago a breeding programme for white tailed eagles was started at the Isle of Wight, and I very much wanted to see one, but wasn't hopeful. I took my lunch break where I could scan the open spaces and an hour later, was rewarded with a clear view of the brown backed bird with a pale breast, yellow legs and claws and a vicious looking yellow hooked beak. Yes, it was the juvenile white tailed eagle. What a joy. Meanwhile, the group walked onto Shanklin Down hoping to see the excellent views as promised in the Cicerone guide book. That night, after another delicious meal, we stepped outside our accommodation to appreciate the Dark Sky status and enjoyed watching the Milky Way.

On Wednesday we did a circular walk along the coastal path and Mottistone Downs. It was picturesque with flowers still in bloom, leaves on the trees, sun sparkling on the sea with a backdrop of white cliffs. It felt like summer had been extended. On Thursday we did a figure of 8 so that anyone wanting a short walk could join us at lunch time. Again the sun shone and we climbed hills to Catherine's Oratory. Lunch was taken overlooking the lighthouse. Later, dropping down to the lighthouse, we left the coastal path to explore the shore, and then traversed back up to Buddle pub for some local ale, music and an open fire. Friday was departure day for some, so we went for a gentle stroll into Ventnor where I said my goodbyes and caught a bus to explore Bonchurch Down.

We set ourselves a challenge to stick to the food budget and carry forward as little as possible for future trips. By Friday night only three of us remained and we were down to the final tin of baked beans and 3 baked potatoes. After Pravin had used his spices on the beans, we had a very tasty meal. Baked beans will never be the same again! We were impressed with the footpath signs, which were the most thorough and clearest any of us had seen in many years of hiking — they made following the trails even more joyous.

The trip ran smoothly with tasks shared, such as organising transport and ferries, treasury, coordinating food and shopping, plus planning the delightful walks which often ended in serendipitous moments. It was thanks to Lady Luck that we didn't have to worry about drying wet boots and clothes. Even though our ferry broke down the day before we departed, it was mended in time for our sailing. It might also have been lucky that the many Shanklin football fans buzzing with excitement on our ferry home were on their way to, and not from their match!

National Trips News 2 February

8 successful national trips ran in 2022 so thanks to all our trip organisers, including new volunteers, Janey and Yvonne. We did some number crunching and found that 48 members went on at least one trip, 17 joined two and 8 joined three so the majority involved go only once each year. Reserving 2 places for members new to National Trips is working and we welcomed some new or returning members on all but one of our trips.

We have 10 trips booked for this year with 3 new organisers coming forward. (Thanks Pete, Sue and Ralph). Most trips are already full, but there are reserve lists. However, the Borrowdale trip in July and The Gathering in June still have spaces.

We considered booking shorter trips of 3 or 4 nights but supporting organisers with 10 trips is keeping us busy, so we're hoping that any regions not yet running trips this year will step up and organise at least one weekend trip, which is the best introduction to getting more involved with our club.

*Our trips sub-group met in January. It is encouraging to share enthusiasm with members who bring a wider perspective and new ideas. One of these was a camping trip to Shropshire in August or September which we will confirm, provided we have at least 4 keen people by 1st March. The venue will be **Bridges YH** which offers campers access to the hostel's facilities, making group catering and any wet weather much easier to manage.*

It was confirmed at last week's National Committee meeting that free navigation training will be offered at The Gathering in June at novice and intermediate level. Also on our agenda were AGM motions about trips, and an updating of our Covid guidance - with thanks again to Dr Gill Cox for her advice. Look out for details in MIS and on the website. Looking forward to meeting lots of you through the year but keep an eye on the MIS - one trip was full in less than 2 days!

Becky and Sarah
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National trip to Beddgelert, Snowdonia, October 2022

This was my first visit to Beddgelert and I was impressed! Not only was the scenery breath-taking, with the rugged mountains and areas of lush green forests, but the food was delicious too! I also had the opportunity to meet some more Red Ropers while we stayed in the LMC's cosy hut, which felt completely cut off from the rest of the world.

Everyone was so welcoming and friendly. It was great to be able to bond over our shared love of the outdoors. I also appreciated the wisdom and experience that everyone was willing to share with me. For example, several people took the time to teach me how to read and fill in route cards, factoring in things like the terrain and the weather forecast on summits *and* the valley, essential skills for any serious outdoors person.

The first day involved a bus ride to Rhyd Ddu and a walk back to the hut via the pass between Snowdon's south ridge and Yr Aran. The mountains were covered in fog when we set off but were clearing when we reached the pass. There was then quite a tricky decent which we managed like graceful ballerinas in over-trousers - even the blokes! We then picked up the Watkin Path which led us to the fab café at Bethania for coffee and cake.

The second day we split into two groups. Heavy showers were expected and those with more experience and a thirst for adventure went off to do the Aberglaslyn circuit, whereas my group opted for a rainy saunter around some incredible woods laced in green mossy jackets. Speaking of jackets, I'm glad we had them with us as we got caught in some severe hail, thunder and lightning. It was pretty thrilling! We sheltered under some trees during the worst of it. However, we were back in the village not long after that.

The forecast for the third day was better so we did what the ultras had done the previous day, walking to Llyn Dinas, then ascending above the Sygun copper mine and looping round to the Aberglaslyn Pass. On our way we met a very fit looking elderly man in shorts who volunteers for the local mountain rescue team. The previous day he had escorted a couple who had no map or gear down from Snowdon. He was 84 years old and had led treks in Nepal for much of his life but had to stop when he could no longer get insurance.

The rest of the walk was spectacular as the clouds cleared and the sky turned blue. We walked down through the valley to the pass, followed by a rocky path at the side of the full and flowing river. We clambered over rocks and scaled boulders. I reflected on how the other group did this the day before, during the storms and thought WOW!

I expected I would ache but my legs clearly love this life. I came away from it feeling inspired to get more experience and even register for some navigation training in 2023. I was particularly struck by the sense of camaraderie that exists among members. Not been on a trip yet? Make it your New Year's resolution and join us... see you there! **Esme Roslin** PS Many thanks to trip organiser, Humphrey Southall.

30th September to 2nd October 2022. Leaves turning. Rolling hills. Patchwork fields. Red-capped mushrooms in the woods. First London Red Rope trip since before the pandemic.

12 people. Two dogs. Bretton Independent Hostel near Eyam in the Peak District.

Three walks. All along Bretton Clough. Two along Abney Clough as well. What's a clough? A narrow valley; a cleft in a hillside; a ravine, glen, or gorge.

Who got lost? Debbie and Sarojini while practising their navigation skills. Their compasses contradicted each other! Scaling slopes of bracken. Retracing their steps. A path facing the wrong direction turned out to be the right one! Humphrey's walk led seamlessly over Eyam Moor.

Eyam. Poignant village. Lists of plague dead outside the cottages.

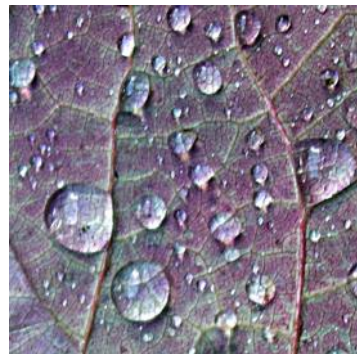
Delicious meals. Lentil and cauliflower version of shepherd's pie (Pam M). Nut roast with roast potatoes (Anne). Chocolate brownies (Sarojini). Apricot marzipan tart (Pat). Plus wine and olives of course (Pam C).

Lots of washing up (thank you, Damien).

Most animated conversation over dinner: whether the hostel should stop providing bedding to reduce the costs. Those concerned about the planet versus those concerned about their comfort. Let's report mixed views, said Sara L wisely.

Jessie and Dilly ecstatic to see each other. Jumped around in front of the fire. Ran around on the lawn outside the hostel. Had to be separated at bedtime. One huge yellow cushion for Dilly, one huge red one for Jessie. Jessie came with Dermot and Helen and Dilly came with Joanna who organised the trip very effectively. You may have gathered that Jessie and Dilly are the dogs!

Good quality hostel. Each bunk bed has its own light. Warming open fire. Large kitchen. Sufficient toilets and showers for 12. Amazing view from hostel towards Abney. Sounding like an estate agent so will stop now!



London Red Rope, Peak District, late summer 2022

Something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue – reflections of a new Red Roper

So I am the something 'old' – recently retired and not far short off being able to claim my state pension. The something 'new' is my addition to the membership of Red Rope – its Sheffield enclave to be precise.

The 'borrowed' covers my need to acquire warm gloves in the recent cold spell – a loan from one of my sons. And finally, the 'blue' is my Paramo jacket which has also become a necessary item as this winter throws wind, rain and snow at the walking community.

Why Red Rope? Well, I enjoy walking the Peak District – have done for the last 20 years since moving to Sheffield – and the addition of like-minded folk for amiable conversation was the motivation.

And what are my first impressions? After four Sunday walks, I am delighted with my decision to join.

Unlike some 'political' groupings, no one thrusts their world view down anyone's throat, conversation range across politics, life, the universe, and everything. And everyone has been very welcoming.

The challenge of learning everyone's names has been just that – a challenge. Although it helps when two of the members I have met so far have the same first name so reducing my chances of offending by a good percentage.

The wealth of knowledge and experience shared across the group has already inspired thoughts of fresh items for my bucket list. The reassurance that like-minded people live among us has also been a boon.

So I would highly recommend it to anyone looking to walk the dales and hills while engaging in conversations which never disappoint and often inspire.

The jokes are a bonus with my query as to where to turn at the next split in the path led to a discussion as to whether all our walks should only include left turns given our socialist leanings. I was assured that a circular walk could achieve this in principle, but this challenge has yet to be conquered – suffice to say, turning to the right rarely goes by without comment in the Sheffield Red Rope group!

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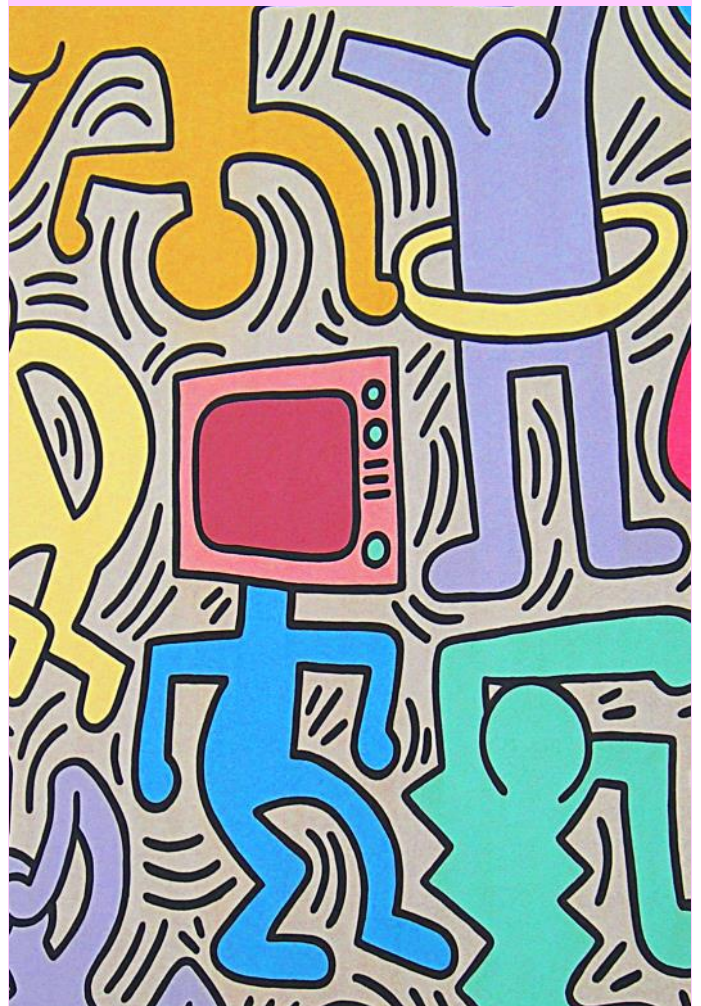
Many thanks, as always, to all contributors. The next deadline is 30 July. The positive comments either side of this column auger well for the 'New Members' campaign in March and April, as mentioned by Pete Watson on Page 3. The remarkable front cover photo was taken by Sarah Thwaites of Merseyside RR.

Sarah says, 'I'm often to be seen taking close up photos on my cheap android phone. Insects, leaves, flowers, moss, fungi, lichen – I love them all. I spotted this bee while watering my allotment, a moment of respite in my working day.'

For the past year I've posted one of these photos each day on Facebook without comment. I started when I was compulsively checking the world and local news. I wanted a daily reminder that life wasn't only bombs, destruction, death and disease (the latter two feature heavily in my job). Luckily I can walk fast enough to catch up when 'must have' photos leave me lagging behind on our walks!'

*Below: Keith Haring's impression of Saturday night at the Gathering. Don't miss out! **David Symonds***

Latest news: Cicerone guide books have revived our 20% discount for online orders - **redrope20** is the code.





manchester red rope rocks!

This article outlines how our group has improved since we started walking on the northern hills on a weekly basis, as opposed to once a month.

Catherine Agrain: We wanted to share how well our group is developing. We all found it hard not to be able to hill walk during lockdown and were craving for it. When we were able to go out again in small numbers, we decided to make it a weekly event. We needed to catch up on wasted time! We created a WhatsApp group initially for the few of us who got together when the lockdown rules permitted. Eventually, as we were able to resume our activities, we decided to keep the weekly walks and open the WhatsApp group to the Manchester branch. Going out weekly instilled a new energy to the group. Before this, we used to go out the first Sunday of each month and if you missed one or two walks it was a long wait before the next one. Somehow, the group lost its vitality and, on many occasions, only 3 or 4 members were on a walk.

The weekly outing has made us stronger as we know that there will be a walk most Sundays, unless the weather is terrible! We have also started to recruit new members, is it coincidence? This weekly contact is creating stronger friendships between participants.

Maryam Mojdehi: I joined Red Rope in September 2022, when I was experiencing a difficult time. Joining these lovely, supportive people on the walks made a difference and I found it easier to stay strong.

I am so happy to be a member of Red Rope and I would recommend it to anyone who wants to give a meaningful, positive shape to their Sundays and find good friends.

Sean Ashton: Although we have been doing our monthly RR Sunday walks for quite a few years, and we are having a walk most Sundays now, I think the importance to most people's (and my own) physical and mental health became much more obvious post

Covid lockdown. With limited social contact the walks became the highlight of the week, a time to chat and reflect with our friends and comrades. Our group has expanded, the walks are more frequent and we are finding new places to explore.

Barbara Binns: I have really enjoyed having regular Sunday walks. We have been to a much wider variety of places around Greater Manchester than we did when we only walked once a month. It has been good to discover so many different areas. Mainly the benefit has been to have more regular contact with 'old' members and also to welcome many new people. Our branch is growing!!! And not only with more oldies!

The routine of having a weekly walk means that it doesn't matter missing one because there is almost always another one the next week. I know that some people like to have notice of walks in advance, as we used to when we walked once a month, but I prefer the planning for the Sunday to happen in the week preceding it, so we can take account of the weather, and who is going to be walking, to decide on an appropriate walk.

Andrew Starkie: I just joined Red Rope and did my first walk on January 1st. The walks are great, with an immediate welcoming quality - no cliques, impressive.

Invited to a social (no thanks, not yet), invited to a New Year day walk (Oh yes, definitely!) One can never be sure of how things will go when you meet new people for the first time but this couldn't have been better. The next week was Higher Poynton and another opportunity to get to know people. The week after, Winter Hill! Again, everyone mixing, really friendly and discussing all sort of things. Big plus, humorous as well!

Diana Mitlin: in my one year with the club I have done: 29 walks, covering 403 km (data missing for two walks) and climbed 8729m. What an amazing walking group!

“As always what makes a good RR trip (and this was one) is the camaraderie, co-operation and meeting of like minded people.”



Goats in the Mist? Not a very original title!

“The Galloway Gang of Nine” – a book review

“I don’t know why these English people find Galloway place names so funny: what’s wrong with Old Wives Stank, The Neive of the Spit, Stinker (sic) Bridge, Nick of Curleywee and Rig of Jarkness ?”

The Scottish Place Name Directory

“The walk up the Merrick was great – the autumn colours were fab.” **Our Croydon correspondent.**

“I thought Dom only going in up to his knees on Shalloch on Minnoch was a poor effort.”

Bogsnorkelling Weekly

“We applaud the splendid effort on the 39 mile Big Country Route rated 9 out of 10. Shame about the laggard on the non-electric bike” **Electric Bike Promoter**

“So what if we got the forecast wrong? The Red Ropers did great woodland/river walks, went up mountains, swam in cold water, drove to the coast, botanic gardens and visited Scotland’s Book Town. Not our fault if they didn’t get off their sofas to see the 1 clear night for Dark Skies viewing” **Met Office**

“We were pleased to hear that the Garlies Lodge visitors made good use of the underfloor heating in the lounge” **Yoga Today**

“A new interesting area, combining the wilds of the Scottish Highlands with nearby civilisation”

Visit Scotland brochure

“Oh so picky these people to jib at the excellent 2 girder bridge over the raging torrent ”

Bridge Building Bulletin