

MAGHULL RAMBLERS - CONSTITUTION

1. Title. The Club shall be known as Maghull Ramblers ('the Club') and shall be affiliated to the Ramblers Association.
2. Objects. To foster and promote rambling activities and to provide social activities.
3. Membership and subscriptions. Membership shall be open to any person paying the annual subscription. The subscription period shall run from 1st October of each year. New members joining from January onwards, shall pay the subscription on a sliding scale. The annual subscription shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting.
4. Expulsion of members. Members of the Club whose conduct is inappropriate or who decline to abide by any of the Rules that may be laid down by the Club may be expelled or suspended by a meeting of the Management Committee.
5. Management Committee. This shall comprise the following honorary officers of the Club:
 - Chairperson.
 - up to two Vice Chairpersons [added at AGM 1 November 2007].
 - Treasurer.
 - Membership Secretary.
 - Up to two Social Secretaries.

Other members of the Club may be co-opted as and when necessary. The Management Committee shall meet as required to arrange the activities of the Club and shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

6. General Meetings. A General Meeting of the Club shall be held at intervals throughout the year. Dates of meetings shall be published on the Club Website and the Monthly Notice Board. Any member may attend and discuss the activities of the Club. In addition, a Planning Meeting shall be held at least twice a year to discuss and plan the Club's activities. In addition to the Committee, Walk Representatives and any experienced member with useful input, should be invited to attend.

7. Annual General Meeting. The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held not later than 30th November in each year. Notice of the meeting shall be given to members by insertion of the date and venue in the relevant programme of activities. The business of the Annual General Meeting shall include:

- Receive the audited accounts for the financial year from the Treasurer.
- Receive the annual report of Activities from the Chairperson.
- Elect an honorary auditor.
- Elect the members of the Management Committee.
- Agree subscription rates for the coming year.
- Transact any other business as necessary.

Any votes at the Annual General Meeting shall be by a simple majority on a show of hands from members. Should more than one person stand for election for any position, it shall be decided by voting slips and a secret ballot.

8. Amendments to the Constitution. Any amendments to the Constitution may be considered only at the Annual General Meeting or by a Special Meeting of the Club.

9. Special Meetings. A Special Meeting of the Club may be called to discuss any urgent amendments to the Constitution of the Club or any other issues of a general nature that are sufficiently urgent not to await the next Annual General Meeting. A Special Meeting of the Club must be sanctioned by at least ten members.

10. Dissolution. The dissolution of the Club may be considered only at a Special Meeting or Annual General Meeting of the Club. At least one month's notice must be given to members of the intention to hold such a meeting. The decision to dissolve the Club must be carried by at least two thirds of the members present. If the Club is to be dissolved, all debts and liabilities must first be discharged. Thereafter any surplus funds may be distributed amongst the members or transferred to another voluntary organisation with similar interests.

11. Adoption. This Constitution was amended from that adopted at a General Meeting of the Club on 1 March 2005 and shall be effective from the amendment date of 25th November 2025.

Maghull Ramblers Club – Rules.

The rules are as amended at the AGM held on 25 November, 2025

1. Organised walks.

- 1.1. All walks organised by the Club shall have a walk leader, who must be a Club member.
- 1.2. All participants on an organised walk must follow the directions of the walk leader and must not stray from the party.
- 1.3. All walks shall be graded as to distance and height climbed (except for Easy walks with less than 300 feet of climbing) and participants should choose one that is within their capability.
- 1.4. A walk leader may refuse to take anyone on a walk if they are considered to be physically incapable of undertaking the walk, and/or are unsuitably attired and/or if they may be a danger to themselves or the party.
- 1.5. The walk leader's decisions are final and the party must adhere to them.
- 1.6. Children under 16 will not be allowed on a walk unless accompanied by a responsible adult.
- 1.7. The walk leader and all participants should observe the Countryside Code.
- 1.8. Any participant bringing dogs on a walk is solely responsible for them and must keep them under close control.
- 1.9. The walk leader and all participants should, as far as is reasonably possible, observe the Clubs' Guidance for Walks.
- 1.10. The Guidance for Walks shall be made available to all members in printed and electronic form and shall be published on the Club's website.

2. Coach trips.

- 2.1. A standard fare will be charged. This will be determined at a Club Planning Meeting or at the Annual General Meeting.
 - 2.2. Non-members will be charged a supplement.
 - 2.3. Applicants may be refused seats if there are insufficient places available at the time of booking.
 - 2.4. Bookings will open at times to be published on the Website and Monthly Notice Board.
 - 2.5. Coach seats may be booked by telephone or text within social hours, after the opening of bookings, as announced on the Website and Monthly Notice Board and payment must be made within 24 hours to confirm allocation of the seat.
 - 2.6. There is no entitlement to a refund if booked seats are not taken.
 - 2.7. Smoking or vaping is not allowed on the coach.
 - 2.8. Dogs are not allowed on the coach.
 - 2.9. The person taking the coach bookings is entitled to a free seat on the coach.
 - 2.10. The law requires all coach passengers to wear seat belts when they are in the seat and the vehicle is moving. Any passenger bringing young children should provide suitable child restraints or booster seats.
3. Walk leaders' expenses.
 - 3.1. Walk leaders may claim reasonable travelling expenses for the purposes of a pre-walk reconnoitre.
 - 3.2. If travelling by car, a fixed mileage allowance to cover fuel costs may be claimed.
 - 3.3. The amount of the mileage allowance shall be determined at a Planning Meeting or an Annual General Meeting.
 - 3.4. In addition, incidental expenses, such as parking, public transport or taxis may be claimed.
 - 3.5. A walk leader on a coach trip may opt for a free seat instead of expenses or, if expenses are claimed, may pay a reduced fee for the seat as decided by the Committee.
4. Weekends away and holidays.
 - 4.1. All weekends away, holidays and any other event that is more than a day trip shall be self-funded.
 - 4.2. The Treasurer shall keep funds for events in the Club account, but recorded separately in the monthly balance sheet from regular Club funds and no event shall be supported by Club funds. If the Organiser of an event wishes, they may take responsibility of the funding personally, not involving the Club Treasurer.
5. Payment of subscriptions.
 - 5.1. Annual subscriptions are due on 1st October of each year.

- 5.2. Existing members have until the date of the next Annual General Meeting in November of that year to renew their subscription, after which date their membership will be deemed to have lapsed and they will be liable to pay any non-members supplement unless and until the subscription is paid.

6. Amendments to the Rules.

Any proposed amendment of or addition to the Rules may be considered only at the Annual General Meeting or at any Special Meeting of the Club.

7. Publication of the Constitution and Rules.

7.1. Copies of the Constitution and Rules shall be made available in printed and electronic form.

7.2. Members may obtain a printed or electronic copy of them upon request to the Membership Secretary.

8. Link to Country Code -

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