

Step Out Sheffield 2022-2023 Report

Firstly, a huge thank you to everyone involved in Step Out Sheffield, all our walk leaders and the committee who put in a great deal of time and commitment to the programme, and to all our walkers who make our walks fun and sociable, in some of the loveliest parts of the city, forging friendships and keeping us all young!

This being my first year as chair I have taken time to get to feel the nature of as many walks as possible. This has been a challenge in many ways in trying to find places, not knowing all the districts of Sheffield. I have also been getting to grips with the way we organise the walks and getting to know the volunteers who lead them. This has been my thread at the networking meetings this year, and the most recent meeting at Hillsborough produced a good number of ideas which I hope to implement over the next year. This may be a change for all as walks start to become more self sufficient with guidance from the committee.

We are now back to full walking programmes. Numbers on some walks are back to normal, some are still affected following the pandemic but all walks are operational and there has been a gradual increase in numbers, hopefully this growth will continue.

We continue to be associated with Ramblers until 2025 and I hope that we will all be thinking about the future and whether to continue this partnership.

Dorien Brookes

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