**SAFETY SUMMARY for the period 1st April 2023 until 31st March 2024**

**Number of Incidents 4 (2 reported and 2 not reported to Ramblers)**

**Nature of Incident 1** 20.04.23. Owlthorpe walk over rough ground -back leader tripped, fell, and banged her head on a stone. Casualty required hospital treatment.. All Owlthorpe walk leaders met to review the incident and agreed not to use that route ever again and to take greater care to keep the group together on future walks. The leader involved made a complete recovery. **Incident reported to Ramblers.**

**Nature of Incident 2** 19.06.23. Crystal Peak walk. A walker, having a bad day, threatened to throw themselves off a bridge onto the road below during the walk. Leaders calmed them down and the incident ended by the walker leaving the group at the scene. The three Peaks volunteers involved in the incident met with Sue to discuss this incident and follow-up because of safeguarding concerns. The walker and the leaders agreed at the time that the threat to jump was a ‘lashing-out’ response which the walker had no intention of following through. It was therefore agreed that ,because the walker had specified that they wanted no further communication or intervention, this incident would not be reported.

**Nature of Incident 3** 18.07.23. Handsworth walk. A walker slipped on the pavement and as she fell, brought down the person beside her who fell heavily on her knees. The first lady was not injured and completed the walk. The other lady required hospital treatment for her injury which required an overnight stay and surgery. A meeting of all Handsworth walk leaders agreed that all possible precautions had been observed on this walk and the incident could not have been avoided. The walker still has ongoing issues with her knees. **Incident reported to Ramblers.**

**Nature of Incident 4** 29.11.23 Bramall Lane walk. A walker stepped over a low wall and landed heavily hurting her knees. After a rest she was able to continue. The leaders on this walk all agreed not to use this particular route again to reduce the risk of a repeat incident. The walker involved made a complete recovery. This incident was not reported to Ramblers.

**Weather warnings.**

Several Met Office Yellow weather warnings were issued on weekdays across the course of this year. In each case a dynamic risk assessment on the ground was made by one or more VWL on each affected walk and the walk cancelled or not according to local conditions. This information was relayed to Sue who posted any cancellations on the websites as a matter of priority.