

SAFETY SUMMARY for the period 1st April 2025 until 31st March 2026

Number of Accidents/Incidents 7 (none reported to Ramblers)

- Nature of Incident 1** 01.04.25 – **Handsworth** walk. Walker tripped on a bramble growing across the pavement and fell on her face. She sustained minor grazes that were cleaned up immediately. No first aid required, and the casualty made a complete recovery.
- Nature of Incident 2** 08.04.25 - **Dore** walk. A new walker walked into an overhanging tree branch stunning herself momentarily. No first aid required, and the casualty made a complete recovery. Northern Power were informed and they attended within days and removed the offending branch.
- Nature of Incident 3** 01.05.25 – **Wadsley/Wisewood** walk. Walker with a history of stroke became unstable on the gravel path and fell backwards. The casualty said he was unhurt and completed the walk before catching his bus home.. No first aid required.
- Nature of Incident 4** 09.06.25 – **Graves Park** walk. A walk leader, having taken the register and giving the welcome speech felt suddenly very dizzy and sick as she set off to walk. Two walkers helped lower her gently to the ground and a passer-by rang 999. The casualty spoke to the ambulance service and by mutual consent agreed that she would go home immediately and that her GP would contact her in the afternoon. Another leader took her home and by the time the GP rang she was feeling much better. No first aid as such required and the casualty made a full recovery.
- Nature of Incident 5** 20.08.25 – **Bramall Lane** walk. Walker with a history of stroke became unstable on the steps leading from Soth Road to the back of the railway station and fell headfirst down several steps. He broke his fall with his right wrist which was badly bruised. After a rest the casualty felt well enough to rejoin the walk. No first aid required and the casualty made a full recovery.
- Nature of Incident 6** 26.09.25 – **Woodhouse** walk. Walker tripped on a bramble growing across the pavement and fell to the ground. She did not sustain any injuries and was well enough after a rest to continue with the walk.
- Nature of Incident 7** 19.02.26– **Grenoside** walk. Walker with significant mobility issues fell to the ground at the very end of the walk. He wasn't hurt but the leader who helped him to his feet hurt his back. Both casualties attended the walk again the following week and made a complete recovery.

In addition to the incidents listed above, two safeguarding issues were reported. Both related to inappropriate behaviour. In both cases the offender was taken to one side, warned about their behaviour, and told they would be asked to leave the walk if there was a reoccurrence.

Weather warnings.

Met Office 'Yellow Weather Warnings' were issued on multiple occasions 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 was 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. No Met Office amber or red warnings affected our walks over this period.

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