



**North East  
Lancashire**

## **North East Lancashire Area of the Ramblers ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

For the last couple of years, the Area has been without a Secretary and an Area Treasurer. These are two vital roles for the successful operation of Area and without people in these posts the Area cannot function and would go into suspension. This action would affect activities within the local Groups. ***Coach Rambles are run by the North East Lancs Area of the Ramblers.***

This is a plea for volunteers to help and take on one of these important duties. If you are unable to attend the AGM in person, but are able to help, please get in touch with Michael Counter. Help and training is available.

The AGM is the opportunity for members to get together to discuss local walking issues, receive the Annual Report and elect the Officers for the Committee who organise Area activities.

**Michael Counter, Area Chair (email: [chairnelancsramblers@gmail.com](mailto:chairnelancsramblers@gmail.com))**

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**The Annual General Meeting has been arranged for Saturday, 26th February 2022 commencing at 11.00am. The venue is The Briercliffe Road Church on the corner of Melville Street and Briercliffe Road, Burnley BB10 3DX.**

**The meeting will be followed by a lunch and cup of tea, if required. Price for the meal is £6.00 and booking is essential.**

**YOU NEED TO BE A RAMBLERS MEMBER TO ATTEND AND  
VOTE!**

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Please forward this newsletter to a friend or fellow rambler



### **LLangollen & Pontcysyllte Aqueduct**

**Llangollen** is a town and community, situated on the River Dee, in Denbighshire, Wales. Its riverside location forms the edge of the Berwyn range, and the Dee Valley section of the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, with the easternmost point of the Dee Valley Way being within the town.

**The Pontcysyllte Aqueduct** - For non-walkers and those wanting an easy 4-mile walk back to Llangollen along the canal towpath there will be an opportunity to visit *The Pontcysyllte Aqueduct* which is a navigable aqueduct that carries the Llangollen Canal across the River Dee in the Vale of Llangollen in northeast Wales. The 18-arched stone and cast iron structure is for use by narrowboats and was completed in 1805 having taken ten years to design and build. With stories, hands on models, games and films, you will be able to discover more about 'Ponty', how it was built - and why - at the free Trevor Basin Visitor Centre. The visitor centre will be reopened by 19th February. The towpath is due to reopen on the 19th February too! The coach will take you to Trevor and back.

**The walk leaders are B - Tony Culverhouse, C – Michael Counter and D – Jane Cordingley.**

**Walk Details for LLangollen** will be added to the [website](#) when they are received and a WALK DETAILS e-newsletter will be circulated before the booking deadline.

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**BOOKINGS taken from 0900, Sunday, 6th February 2022 for the Llangollen & Pontcysyllte trip. Please book as soon as possible and by 9pm on Sunday, 27th February. You can pay by sending a cheque made out to RA Coach Account to arrive with Christine by Friday, 25th February. If your cheque will not arrive in time please book online via TicketTailor. You must book and pay in advance to reserve a seat. Bookings are provisional and seats cannot be guaranteed until payment is received. See below!**

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**Day visitors and people wishing to do a self-guided walk are welcome on coach ramble trips.**

*It is important for safety reasons that independent self-guided walkers leave details of your names, brief route description or map and a contact mobile number with the Coach Secretary or Coach Courier as we need this information in case of an incident. You will be given a NE Lancs Coach Ramble mobile number for use on the day.*

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### **Book for the NEXT Trip to LLangollen - 6th March 2022**

***The coach will be full so please do not turn up if you have not booked and paid for a seat in advance. Check with Christine please. Please do not contact Moving People as we are a private hire and they cannot take your booking or payment.***

**Telephone** Christine Tormey on 01254 236068. Please telephone between 9am and 9pm Sunday to Saturday inclusive. Send your cheque for **£20 made payable to RA Coach Account** to Christine who will give you the address details when you make your telephone booking. Wrongly completed cheques and those without name/s, destination and pickup points on the reverse will be returned.

Please do not telephone Christine to book LLangollen before 9am on Sunday, 6th February 2022

**Pick up our latest leaflet for future 2022 trips from the couriers or the coach secretary on the coach or email [coachramblenel@gmail.com](mailto:coachramblenel@gmail.com)**

**Updates and last minute changes to individual trips will be notified to you via email. Unfortunately we do not have the capacity to make individual telephone calls.**

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**[YOU CAN CHECK YOUR PICKUP TIMES HERE](#)**



Simply click on the TicketTailor image to discover our **new online ticket sales** and then select your event. You can book online *from 9am on the 6th February 2022* for LLangollen on either the Blackburn or the Burnley coach - other events to be added monthly. See 2022 Programme below.

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**CANCELLATIONS** - You can cancel by phoning Christine up to 9pm on the Sunday seven days prior to the trip. For those individuals, although there is no refund, you can carry your booking forward to one of the next two available trips but you must specify which trip when cancelling and cannot cancel a second time. If you cancel after the deadline or do not turn up on the day you will lose your money. This is due to the fact that we will have committed to a specific size of coach.

***You cannot cancel via TicketTailor. You must cancel via Christine please.***

**PLEASE DO NOT CANCEL VIA WALK LEADERS OR COURIERS AS WE MAY HAVE PEOPLE ON THE WAITING LIST WHO WILL TAKE LAST MINUTE PLACES.**

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**[NE Lancs Coach Rambles Website](#)**



**The NE Lancs Coach Rambles are run by area volunteers**

**WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS**

**Can you help out? We need: -**

1. People to check people on the Blackburn coach when Darwen is the first pickup and the Burnley coach when Colne is the first pickup;
2. Assistant couriers who can take bookings on the coach when our regular couriers Denise and Elaine are not on a trip;
3. We need walk leaders for 'A' walks May to September and 'E' walks so we can provide more town trail and local walks of less than 4.5 miles;
4. For the D, C and B walks we are now relying on the same six leaders for every trip. *Without new leaders we will be unable to offer a wide range of three walks on every trip!*

When our current volunteers are unavailable we will be unable to offer the variety of walks, provide the service you are used to and it may mean that we have to suspend advance booking on the coach on some of the trips.

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***This will be our second coach ramble for 2022.*** The coach trips are run by the North East Lancs Area of the Ramblers and are open to members and non-members. However, we encourage everyone to join the Ramblers after three coach rambles so if you travelled with us three times in 2021 please join. Leaflets are available on the coach.

You can find out more about the benefits of Ramblers membership and also [JOIN HERE](#).

***You will only be able to attend the NE Lancs Area Annual General Meeting and volunteer with Coach Rambles if you are a Ramblers member.***

**Ramblers Website - [LINK](#)**

**[Facebook - www.facebook.com/coachrambler](http://www.facebook.com/coachrambler)**

**[Twitter - @ramblecoach](https://twitter.com/ramblecoach)**

**When you book with NE Lancs Coach Rambles you are accepting our terms and conditions which include the Rules which can be found on the [website](#).**

**Insurance - Walkers undertaking taster walks are only covered by our insurance for their first three walks. In order for insurance to continue you must become a Ramblers member.**



**Ramblers** - The coach rambles are run by members of the Ramblers North East Lancs Area. If you are not a member of the Ramblers, please join. Part of your membership fee will go to support local Ramblers groups in East Lancs. You are allowed three 'taster' walks as a non-member and after this you will be encouraged to join. When we have a waiting list preference may be given to Ramblers members. The Ramblers board of trustees have decided to hold fees at 2019/2020 rates for an additional year to the end of Sept 2022.

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