



**North East  
Lancashire**

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**IMPORTANT - 2023**

The COACH SECRETARY (Barbara) and CHRISTINE who takes the telephone and postal bookings are both retiring after the Otley Victorian Fayre trip.

COACH RAMBLES WILL NEED VOLUNTEERS TO COME FORWARD AND HELP TO ORGANISE THE PROGRAMME of 2023 TRIPS. The Programme has already been finalised. A quotation has been received from Moving People. It is now over to you to make YOUR coach rambles a success in 2023.

Could you take the telephone and postal bookings for Blackburn and/or Burnley areas? The Coach Secretary role can be split up so if you like publicity, organising and

planning, scheduling, social media, bookkeeping etc or have other skills to offer please volunteer or, you could of course, volunteer for the full Coach Secretary role.

**Ramblers North East Lancs Area is meeting on Tuesday 8th November. They need to know if there are any willing volunteers and what they can contribute.**

The success of Coach Rambles 2023 depends on volunteers coming forward as soon as possible.

**PLEASE Email: Michael Counter - [chairnelancsramblers@gmail.com](mailto:chairnelancsramblers@gmail.com) "VOLUNTEER NOW"**

## 'LEADERS WANTED'

Coach Rambles needs more walk leaders. Please do not sit there and hope that someone else will do it! With 11 trips x 3 walks per trip and an extra 6 'A' walks from April to September this means there are 39 walks to be led each year. Our team of leaders is down to 5 regulars and 4 who can lead one or maybe two a year!

Could you co-ordinate and support the Leaders & the 2023 Destinations, routes, risk assessments, first aid kits etc?

**NE Lancs Area is meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> November to discuss Coach Rambles 2023 so please let them know they will have some new leaders.** We cannot operate without enough walk leaders!

Email: Michael Counter - [chairnelancsramblers@gmail.com](mailto:chairnelancsramblers@gmail.com)

**VOLUNTEER NOW PLEASE**

***Travel expenses £20 and a FREE seat are available so Leaders can pioneer their walks.***

***You must be a Ramblers member to Lead or Back-Mark RAMBLERS WALKS***



**MAKE SURE YOUR CHEQUES ARRIVE BY THE OTLEY DEADLINE - OTLEY - Friday, 25th November**

The Communication Workers Union (CWU) has called on its members who collect, sort and deliver parcels and letters to take further national strike action on the following dates:

Deliveries on: 4, 10, 16, **25 November** and 2 December 2022

Monday 28 November 2022

- More November dates may be introduced



The  
**OTLEY**  
VICTORIAN  
FAYRE

**Sunday, 4th December. TICKETS ON SALE.**

*Ramblers Members AND Non-Members TICKETS NOW ON SALE.*

*Less than 17 remaining.*

There is NO Refund for a cancellation and NO CARRY FORWARD to February 2023 as this is a special trip.

We are sorry but as this is our **Festive Trip** we are unable to take bookings from people that have not attended a Coach Ramble during 2022. If we have seats available you will be able to book from 6.00pm on Tuesday, 8th November.

***This is to ensure that Ramblers members and our regular Coach Ramblers take priority and have first choice.***

**NO CASH PAYMENTS FOR OTLEY CHEQUES ONLY  
PLEASE or BOOK on TicketTailor**



## OTLEY, WHARFDALE VALLEY

4th DECEMBER 2022 - VICTORIAN FAYRE, NOON TO 6:00pm

Coach parking and free information leaflets already arranged for our festive Coach Ramble.

**OTLEY** has its origins as a town in Saxon times, its name coming from Othe, Otho or Otta, a personal name, and the Old English for a wood clearing ... but its history dates much further back.

The **Wharfedale Valley** was carved with the melting of Ice Age glaciers that left behind the dramatic landscapes that surround the town today. Otley's position in the Lower Wharfe valley in the Yorkshire Dales means it is perfectly placed for all sorts of fun opportunities in the great outdoors: walking in the Chevin forest above Otley, along the river or on a longer trail.

Otley was one of the first nationally accredited **Walkers are Welcome** towns when it received the designation in 2009. Thanks to the varied landscapes around the town, it is perfect for walkers with different interests and fitness levels. Visitors can take leisurely strolls by the river to challenging hikes over the Chevin or across the wider Wharfedale Valley. The local Walkers are Welcome group has developed and published a number of walks which start and finish in Otley. These include Otley Four Walks (3-6 miles); Otley Four More Walks (6-9 miles). More information on [The Great Outdoors](#).

**RAMBLERS GUIDED WALKS - SEE BELOW. FULL WALK DETAILS WILL BE ON THE WEBSITE AS SOON AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE** <https://www.coach-ramblesorg.uk/>



### DAY VISITORS -

There is plenty of History and Heritage to discover and information [HERE](#). From Emmerdale to Heartbeat...Otley is quite the movie star with many famous TV shows and films being filmed on the cobbled streets of the quaint West Yorkshire market town.

You can visit the [LOCATIONS](#).

Find out more about the History & Heritage [HERE](#)



### Eating, Refreshments and Shopping -

From artisan ales to prize-winning pies...check [HERE](#). And, of course, walking and cake go hand in hand, so make sure to check out some of the wonderful cafes and tearooms, pick up some fish 'n' chips, or even visit one of the fabulous pubs for lunch. See [BUY IN OTLEY](#) for local businesses.



**WALKERS** - for those wanting a *self-guided walk* you can walk the surrounding countryside.

The local Walkers are Welcome group has developed and published a number of walks which start and finish in Otley. These include Otley Four Walks (3-6 miles); Otley Four More Walks (6-9 miles). More information on [The Great Outdoors](#).

If you are doing a self-guided walk please supply a route, contact mobile number and the names of the people in your party to the Coach Courier. If you are a large group (more than four) please supply this a week prior to the walk to the Coach Secretary if possible.



**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.*



**COACH RAMBLES GUIDED WALKS** - The walker leaders are:-

D Walk - 6+ miles - LEADER - Michael Counter

C Walk - 8 miles - LEADER Greham Wrigglesworth or Michael Bates

B Walk - 10 miles - LEADER Tony Culverhouse, 10 miles.

The route details will be added as soon as possible and be on the website <https://www.coach-rambles.org.uk/> - [SEE THE WEBSITE...](#)

**Note:** Walk details are subject to change on the day due to the local weather conditions and other safety factors. These are at the discretion of the Walk Leader.

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**IMPORTANT - We cannot accept cheques without a telephone booking first. Send your cheque for £20 made payable to RA Coach Account to arrive with Christine by post on Thursday, 24th November CHECK POSTAL STRIKE DATES. If your cheque will not arrive in time please book online via TicketTailor.**

Christine will give you the address details and pickup time when you make your telephone booking.

Wrongly completed cheques and those without name/s, destination and pickup points on the reverse will be returned.

**You must book and pay in advance to reserve a seat. Bookings are provisional and seats cannot be guaranteed until payment is received. We operate a waiting list if tickets sell out early. You may lose your place to someone on the waiting list if your cheque does not arrive on time (see below).**

***TicketTailor (see below) is a quick and easy way to book!***

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Simply click on the TicketTailor image to discover our **online ticket sales** and then select your event and the correct ticket.. You can book online for OTLEY on either the Blackburn or the Burnley coach - other events to be added for 2023.

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**IMPORTANT - CANCELLATIONS, NO SHOWS and PICK UPS**

We are getting a lot of **CANCELLATIONS** in the last few days before the trip and this means people on the Waiting List will have made other arrangements when we contact them so we have empty seats on the day. **CANCEL AS EARLY AS YOU CAN PLEASE.**

We are also getting a lot of **'NO SHOWS'** - people who do not turn up on the day and do not let us know. **PLEASE** be at your pickup point ten minutes before your pickup time. The coach drivers have been waiting five minutes for people to show up and we only need a few of these and the coach can be delayed by 15-20 minutes at the meetup point. **We will be leaving each pickup point at the allotted time and not wait the five mins unless you contact us.**

Please phone Christine before the trip and let her know if you will not be turning up. NO PHONE CALLS but you can msg 07599 106670 after 7:30am and before your pickup time on the morning of the trip.

We want to keep the outward journey to the meetup point to the minimum time possible. We are also **removing some of the pickup points** that have not been used since BEFORE August 2021 and where our regular travellers have a nearby alternative. This is for the benefit of everyone. **Please email coachramblenel@gmail.com if this causes you problems and we can discuss.**

If Ramblers NE Lancs local groups would like to make a 'special event' group booking on a Coach Ramble and provided the walk leader please contact Barbara, the Coach Secretary, to discuss terms! Discount not available if you book online and group bookings should be for Ramblers members.

Email: [coachramblenel@gmail.com](mailto:coachramblenel@gmail.com)

If you are not a Ramblers member now is an exciting time to consider joining. You can find out more about the benefits of Ramblers membership and also [JOIN HERE](#). **Concessionary membership** There are special rates so please make sure you have seen them [HERE](#). **Coach Rambles are run by the North East Lancs Area of the Ramblers.**



**DISCOUNTS - Cotswold Outdoors** - Ramblers members will know that **by using the code on their membership card** they can get discount at Cotswold Outdoors. Branches in Preston, Skipton and Manchester.

**Trespass Outdoors** - are now offering a 15% discount, in store only, at The Mall, Blackburn and Bury, Skipton and Preston branches on production of your Ramblers membership card at the till.

[Blacks](#) 10% discount - Skipton

[Millets](#) 15% discount - Bury and Skipton

[Rohan](#) 10% discount - Preston, Hebden Bridge and Long Preston

**Go Outdoors** - we understand that there may be discounts here too but

you need to ask and show your membership card.

**Local stores** offering discounts include Ken Varey in Clitheroe  
and Whalley Warm and Dry.

**Discounts at other stores may be available. Please let us know.**

CHECK FOR MORE DISCOUNTS AND INCENTIVES [HERE](#)

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**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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**NE Lancs Coach Rambles Website**

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## **WALKS PROGRAMME 2023**

**FUTURE TRIPS** 1st Sunday of the month - February to December  
2023 Ramblers Members will get advance booking.

**FULL PROGRAMME COMING SOON**

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

When our current volunteers are unavailable we will not be able to offer the variety of walks or provide the booking service you are used to.

To Volunteer email: [coachramblenel@gmail.com](mailto:coachramblenel@gmail.com)

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*This will be our ELEVENTH 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 have travelled with us three times SINCE FEBRUARY 2022 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 not be covered by Ramblers insurance once you have attended three guided walks and you will not be eligible to volunteer with Coach Rambles if you are not a Ramblers member.*



[Ramblers Walking Holidays](#) – the experts in guided walking adventure across the globe – is the Ramblers Walking Holiday Partner of choice.

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

**[Facebook - www.facebook.com/coachrambler](https://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. We may have to introduce a system where Members can book one-week prior to non-members or, 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.

*The Ramblers means The Ramblers' Association, a charity registered under number 1093577 in England and Wales and in Scotland under number SC039799, a company limited by guarantee registered under number 4458492 in England and Wales with its registered offices at 1 Clink Street, 3rd Floor, London SE1 9DG*

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