

Webmasters Report 2025

Thanks to all who provided photos and recorded tracks during the past year.

Our group website continues to receive most visits on Mondays after photos of the previous day's ramble(s) have been posted. The average for 4 recent Mondays (20th October, 27th October, 3rd November and 10th November) was; 55 different visitors, 66 sessions and 177 page views.

As you will know, the map of our walks, which appears on the website is not an OS map, but a copyright free alternative. It would be much more informative if we able to use OS maps, and it recently occurred to me that the National Ramblers website must have a licence to use OS maps on their website and that might cover use on group websites. I emailed Ramblers Central Office on the 8th October and received an automated reply saying my query would be dealt with in 7 working days. Having not received a reply, I emailed them again on the 20th October, then again on the 2nd November. I finally received an ambiguous reply on the 6th November. I asked for clarification in messages I sent on the 11th November and again on the 18th November. I received a reply on the 19th, but apparently "it's a bit of a grey area" and we still await a definitive answer from OS.

Putting it mildly, there is vast room for improvement in speed at which Central Office staff reply to queries from volunteer members.

At a recent committee meeting Mark Roberts volunteered to update the website on occasions when I'm unable to do so. He emailed Central Office to explain the situation and requested a personal password in order to be able to transfer files. This was over a month ago and he has still not received a reply, which begs the question; how long would some Central Office staff keep their jobs were they not working for a charitable organisation?

Anyway, that's enough moaning from me. I'm will to stand for re-election as webmaster for the coming year.

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