

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What is Poynton Rambling Club?**

We are an independent members' club run on fairly informal lines. We are affiliated to the Ramblers Association but we are not an official RA Group. We aim to minimise our committee meetings so that our volunteers can spend their free time organising walks and social events

### **How Much Does It Cost To Join?**

Our annual subscription is £8 per person. Our subscription year starts on 1st July. Any new membership applications after 1st April will be extended to cover the following year's subscription without additional payment.

### **How Do I Decide That I Want To Become A Member?**

If you are not sure about joining the Club, you can come on up to 3 free walks, after which you would be expected to become a member

### **How Do I Join?**

The easiest way to join us is to follow the 'Join Us' link on this website. If for some reason this is not possible or you have any questions regarding membership please email the club. Mail to: [enquiries@poyntonramblingclub.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@poyntonramblingclub.co.uk)

### **What Kind Of Walks Do You Organise?**

We have walks to suit different abilities. See the Walk Schedule for further details

### **How Do I Choose a Walk to Suit Me?**

There are things to consider:

Walks of any grade are likely to include stiles but the club does not include a stile count in the walk details. If you have any queries about the route or doubts about joining a walk, please discuss with the Walk Leader through the 'Contact US' page

How We Grade Our Walks:

The grade of the walk and its distance are quoted separately in the schedule of walks.

Easy: Up to 7 miles, mainly level paths or tracks, minimal uphill sections. Gentle pace, frequent stops possible.

Moderate: 5-10 miles, Good paths or tracks possibly with rough terrain in places but no narrow sections, some hills but not steep or sustained. Faster pace with regular rests.

Harder: 7-12 miles, Established paths but often including rough terrain with steep and/or sustained uphill & downhill sections requiring effort & fitness. Brisk pace required, less frequent rests.

Demanding: 7+ miles, Walks with significant ascent & descent, often steep sections and possibly over rough & rocky terrain with narrow sections and significant exposure. Potential for difficult & changeable weather conditions. Brisk steady pace essential, only suitable for experienced and fit walkers. Maximum group size of 6 suggested to ensure safety.

### **Can I Bring A Dog On A Walk?**

A member may bring a Dog on a walk at the absolute discretion of the Walk Leader who must give permission in advance. Any dog on a walk must be kept under effective control in all circumstances during the walk, in accordance with the Country Code and any exclusion notices. A dog cannot be brought on a walk by a non-member.