

Area Rights of Way Protection Officer

Overview

Nottinghamshire is one of the 59 Ramblers Areas across England. Our Area has 13 Groups who organise walks, social activities, and protection of our Rights of Way. All Area Officers are elected at the Annual General Meeting and are accountable in year to the Area Council whose membership is Group representatives and Area Officers.

The Rights of Way Protection Officer is responsible to Area Council for the management and co-ordination of RoW protection work in Nottinghamshire.

What's in it for you

- You will be joining a team of enthusiastic volunteers working to protect Rights of Way in the countryside, one of Ramblers core objectives
- The opportunity to help promote Ramblers as the guardian of our Rights of Way network
- An opportunity to develop a knowledge of the processes by which both local and national government handle Rights of Way matters

What you will be doing

- Manage the Area response to Path Orders, and Land Owner Deposits, consulting with appropriate Groups, and responding accordingly.
- Receive Planning Inspectorate Appeals regarding changes to RoW, and consult with appropriate Groups. In some cases this will also require consultation with Ramblers Central Office.
- Provide guidance and support to other Area Officers, particularly the Area Countryside Officer, on RoW matters.
- Organise the response to planning application matters in conjunction with Group representatives,
- Liaise with other bodies who have an interest in rights of way access matters.
- Attend Area Council & Area Management Meetings (both quarterly in-person meetings) and the RoW Sub-Committee Meetings (currently monthly, mainly on Zoom)
- Liaise with Area Rights of Way Maintenance & Improvement Officer regarding administration of RoW Sub-Committee meetings (i.e. Agenda, Chair, date/time, Minutes etc)
- Support the Area Publicity Officer and Area Webmaster in providing information on RoW protection issues.

Desirable Skills

- Good interpersonal skills
- Capability to develop an understanding of Right of Way law and apply it to real life situations
- Confidence in carrying out computer-based analysis of local authority planning systems
- An ability to develop working relationships with both Ramblers volunteers, and external organisations

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