

# CREWE AND NANTWICH RAMBLING CLUB

## CLUB RULES – REVISED DECEMBER 2017

- 1. Walk Leader.** Each ramble shall be under the sole charge of a leader who has the right to advise Members if they think the walk would not be suitable for them.
- 2. Back Marker.** A 'back marker' should be designated on each ramble to ensure the party is kept together.
- 3. Leaving the Group.** All walkers are expected to ensure that people behind them are aware of the route they are taking. Members must advise the leader before leaving the group.
- 4. Safety.** Members and Visitors take part in club activities at their own risk. The safety of Members is of paramount concern but accidents will occasionally occur. It is important, therefore, that each Member appreciates that they have a responsibility to identify hazards and take all reasonable precautions to eliminate or minimize the potential for an accident to arise.
- 5. Road Walking.** When road walking Members should observe the following extract from the Highway Code:

*"If there is no pavement keep to the right-hand side of the road so that you can see oncoming traffic"*

*You should take extra care and be prepared to walk in single file especially on narrow roads or in poor light.*

*Keep close to the side of the road. It may be safer to cross the road well before a sharp right-hand bend so that oncoming traffic has a better chance of seeing you. Cross back after the bend".*

*Under no circumstances should any member walk on the left hand side of the road except as stated in the above paragraph"*

- 6. Membership.** The Annual Membership Fee shall be agreed by the Committee prior to the club AGM each year and announced at the AGM.

Application For Membership – Application should be made to the Membership Secretary who will provide advice and guidance to potential Members.

New Members who wish to join C & N Rambling Club will be allowed to take part in ONE walk before being required to take up a paid membership.

New Members who join in the first 6 months of the Membership Year shall be required to pay the full Membership Fee.

New Members who join in the last 6 months of the Membership Year shall be required to pay 50% of the Membership Fee.

New Members who join in the last month of the Membership Year shall be required to pay the full Membership Fee and their membership shall be valid until the end of the next Membership Year.

There shall be no additional Joining Fee for the C & N Rambling Club.

Lapse Of Membership - If, after the end of the calendar month following the AGM, a subscription has not been paid, membership will cease.

**7. Life Membership.** Life Membership is available, The current charge for this is ten times the Annual Membership. This may be amended by the committee in future as required.

**8. Minimum Age For Members.** The minimum age for joining the club shall be 16 years. The Membership Fee for members between 16 and 18 shall be 50% of the normal Membership Fee.

**9. Children On Walks,** Fully paid up Members shall be allowed to bring children or grandchildren between 11 and 16 years on walks subject to the agreement of the Walk Leader. This agreement must be obtained before joining a walk or boarding the coach.

Parents or Guardians shall be fully responsible for their child's safety and conduct. Parents or Guardians must make sure their children have boots and appropriate clothing before they join a walk.

In the event that any child is unable to complete the walk, the Parents or Guardians shall be responsible for their child's safety and return to the walk start point / coach.

Coach Fare for children that take a coach seat shall be £4.

**10. Charity.** Members will undoubtedly support charities of their choice but the Club itself does not permit the sale of raffle tickets, charity event tickets or sponsorship forms on the coach or whilst on walks.

**11. Full Coach Policy.** If on arrival at the final coach pick up location there are too many passengers for the coach then volunteer drivers will be requested to take the overflow passengers to the walk location and return by car.

The car drivers shall not pay the Coach Fare and they shall receive the same expenses as the Walk Leaders.

Members who cannot board the coach and are transported by a volunteer driver shall be required to pay the normal coach fare.

**17. Members making own way to the Walk Start Location.** Members making their own way to the Walk Start Location shall be required to pay the sum of £2 towards the reccy and organisation of the walk.

**18. Coach Fare.** The Sunday Coach Fare shall be agreed by the Committee and shall be paid by all Members. This fare may be revised by the Committee as required.

**19. Walk Leaders Expenses.** Walk Leaders will be eligible for a contribution to the cost of reccying a walk. In addition they will not be required to pay the Coach Fare for the walk that they lead.

The amount of these expenses shall be agreed by the Committee. This amount may be revised by the Committee as required.

**20. Coach Pick Up and Drop Off Points.** The Club has agreed with the coach supplier a set number of Coach Pick Up and Drop Off Points. Members are requested not to approach the coach driver with requests for additional Coach Pick Up and Drop Off Points. Any requests for additional Coach Pick Up and Drop Off Points should be addressed to the Club Committee.

**21. Back Packs, Rucksacks and Boot Bags.** As per the coach suppliers regulations all large items of luggage must be carried in the coach luggage compartment and not in the passenger cabin. This is a general coach transport safety regulation which applies to the emergency evacuation of the coach in the case of a fire or accident. All Members are required to place their Rucksacks in the coach luggage compartment and not in the passenger cabin.

**22. Boots.** Clean walking boots may be worn on the coach during the outward journey but under no circumstances shall boots be worn on the coach on the return journey. All Members must make suitable provision for clean footwear for the return journey.