

AGM – Ramblers Vale Group

Vale Path Volunteers (VPV) Report November 2025

During the first ten months of 2025 the VPV cleared 9,060m of footpaths and other public rights of way, spending 450 person work hours doing it.

This included three sessions assisted the Historic Ridgeway Volunteers for the National Trail, Working for the Ridgeway Partnership. This involved clearing work at the historical site of Scutchamer Knob on the Ridgeway, South of East Hendred.

On 15 October 2025, VPV marked its 200th path clearance at Mill Road, Abingdon—significantly, the same site as one of the first paths cleared on 13 March 2012 and the 100th cleared again on 2 June 2021, see videos links below produced by Andy B

<https://vimeo.com/1127588599/4e219e0e11>

<https://vimeo.com/1127594853/997083bd12>

<https://vimeo.com/1127596970/affefa3efe>

Since its establishment in 2012, the VPV team has completed 200 individual path clearance projects covering over 72,000 metres and requiring nearly 4,000 hours of volunteer work, with an average of six attendees per session.

After reviewing membership, we contacted inactive members; twelve resigned due to age or other commitments. Six new members joined in 2025, bringing total membership to 21 plus two non-active members.

The VPV works with the Oxfordshire Country Council South-West Countryside Access Team, which liaises with landowners. They can also suggest paths for the team to work on. We have also received suggestions for paths to be cleared from walks leaders, which is a very important source of information.

If anyone considers that a path needs the attention of the VPV, or spots a fallen waymark post, please get in touch with me.

I would like to thank all members of the VPV team for the great work they have carried out, often in very hot conditions.

Full details of the work of the VPV can be found on the Vale Ramblers website



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