

The Ramblers - St Andrews & N.E. Fife Group

St Andrews and North East Fife Ramblers held their AGM via Zoom earlier this month. The office bearers and committee members were all re-elected for a further year as follows. Convenor – Jane Houston; Secretary – Jim Coates; Treasurer – Ian MacKenzie; Walks Co-ordinator – Colin Brown; Press Correspondent – Jane Houston; Webmaster – Michael Hammond; Independent Examiner – Dorothy Cameron; Area Representative – Jim Forret; Committee Members – Carol Philip; Christine Arnold; Susan Richmond. Jeannie Cranfield, Delivery Officer for Ramblers Scotland also joined the meeting. As well as updating us on the work being undertaken nationally, she provided helpful ideas on managing our walks to ensure we continue to meet sportscotland's Covid-compliant guidelines.



Last week we met for a mid-week, 8-mile walk at Tentsmuir. All eyes had been fixed on the weather forecast, which could best be described as changeable, but fortunately the early morning showers cleared away just as the ten attendees gathered at the walk start in Leuchars. We set off towards Earls Hall in good spirits and soon we reached the edge of the forest and a short coffee stop. The wet and muddy tracks provided the perfect opportunity for your correspondent to test her long-required new boots on their maiden journey, and she was pleased to finally

rediscover the joys of dry-footed walking. The sun appeared from behind the clouds and it became unseasonably warm as we joined the path leading behind the dunes to a pleasant spot for lunch. Our leader was in fine philosophical form as he mused on the expanse of sea before us – before providing further entertainment when his less than perfectly-chosen location for a comfort break caused minor alarm to two unsuspecting walkers not in our group. After lunch we continued through the forest towards Kinshaldy stables, then onto the main access road before taking the path across the marshes and back to Leuchars.



For the time being we are not preparing a full walks programme, but details of any planned walks – which are open to guests as well as members of Ramblers – can be found on our website www.standrewsnefiferamblers.com