

Area Chair



Role type:	Governance/management
Main purpose of the role:	To identify and promote opportunities for the Area to contribute and make a difference to the local walking environment. To ensure that the committee has a clear sense of direction & purpose and these coincide with the Ramblers strategy.
What we need from you:	This role would suit you if you have a passion for promoting the charitable aims of the Ramblers and an ability to motivate and inspire fellow volunteers. You will need to be able to encourage discussion in meetings and a commitment to our democratic principles. You will also need a willingness to learn about the Area constitution.
What's in it for you:	The opportunity to shape the direction of the Area and work as part of a team. The chance to promote the Area through the whole organisation – sharing your successes and raising your issues.
Why you are needed:	Area committees need to be democratic and effective. The Chair is looked on to provide leadership, helping the committee to set aims and monitor them. They identify where more volunteers are needed and if the existing committee needs more resources or training. The Chair also encourages the board to regularly review their constitution.
What you could be doing:	Speaking with the Groups in the Area and helping them to work together, liaising with Board members, encouraging others to volunteer on the committee, networking, developing agendas for meetings, planning the AGM, putting forward ideas for campaigns and projects to the committee, promoting the aims of the Area to Groups and encouraging them to get involved, acting as a spokesperson and facilitating meetings.
Resources:	Resources are available on the volunteer section of the Ramblers website www.ramblers.org.uk/volunteer
Contact:	Volunteer Development Team volsupport@ramblers.org.uk / 020 7339 8500

