

# Area Access Officer



<b>Role type:</b>	Campaign/management
<b>Main purpose of the role:</b>	To promote and protect open access to the countryside as a way of enabling all people to come to a greater knowledge, love and appreciation of the countryside.
<b>What we need from you:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To keep informed of matters relating to Access land in your Area through information sent from central office, from local Group networks, local access forums and local authorities.</li><li>• To monitor and report back to staff at central office about relevant local access issues.</li><li>• To co-ordinate the access work across the Area, for instance, through contact with local Ramblers' Groups, or the establishment of an Area Access Committee.</li><li>• To represent the Ramblers on access issues when communicating with external agencies.</li><li>• Ensure that news and important information about access issues is represented in Area publications (eg, newsletter &amp; website), and with the Area Publicity Officer, to the wider public through the local media.</li></ul>
<b>What's in it for you:</b>	This is an opportunity to combine your passion for walking whilst taking positive steps to help promote, protect, improve access to the countryside. You will be working as part of a team and meeting lots of new faces.
<b>Why you are needed:</b>	To find out about developments that affect the walking environment, specifically access land, through local information sources such as the local access authority, and through communications received from central office, and contact with local groups (both Ramblers and other highway users).
<b>What you could be doing:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Keeping up to date on issues relating to access land and to communicate these as appropriate to members of the Area Committee and to Ramblers members in the area.</li><li>• Working with the Area committee to prioritise access issues</li><li>• Making comments on behalf of the Ramblers including writing to statutory or other bodies on matters of importance (eg. proposals, consultations etc)</li><li>• Co-ordinating with neighbouring Ramblers Area on access matters which cross Area boundaries including regional work.</li><li>• Encouraging other members of the Ramblers in the Group to become involved in supporting access work.</li></ul>
<b>Resources:</b>	Resources are available on the volunteer section of the Ramblers website <a href="http://www.ramblers.org.uk/volunteer">www.ramblers.org.uk/volunteer</a> . Extensive support is available from the Walking Environment Team at central office, on the phone or email and sometimes through staff visits. A detailed handbook is provided. Occasional training workshops are run.
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