

Area Countryside Secretary



Role type:	Campaign/management
Main purpose of the role:	To contribute to the Rambler's work in preserving and enhancing the beauty of the countryside for the benefit of the public.
What we need from you:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A love for the British countryside and an interest in working to maintain and enhance its beauty, especially for all people who walk in it.• An interest in developing the countryside work at Area level• An ability and interest to read through information from central office monthly mailings and to identify the countryside issues on which the Area may want, or ought to note and respond.• An ability to influence committee and other Ramblers members and then to accept and act on jointly-taken decisions.• An interest in working alongside others and in involving other members of the Ramblers with the countryside work• Ability to work with a computer and to correspond by email.
What's in it for you:	This is an opportunity to combine your passion for walking whilst taking positive steps to help preserve and protect the natural beauty of the countryside. You will be working as part of a team and meeting lots of new faces.
Why you are needed:	To find out about developments that affect the walking environment and surrounding countryside, through local information sources such as the local planning authority, and through communications received from central office, and contact with local groups (both Ramblers and other highway users).
What you could be doing:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keeping up to date on issues relating to the countryside and to communicate these as appropriate to members of the Area Committee and to Ramblers members in the Area.• Working with the Area committee to prioritise countryside issues• Making comments on behalf of the Ramblers including writing to statutory or other bodies on matters of importance (eg. proposals, consultations etc)• Co-ordinating with neighbouring Ramblers Areas on countryside matters which cross Area boundaries including regional work.• Encouraging other members of the Ramblers in the Area to become involved in supporting countryside work.
Resources:	Resources are available on the volunteer section of the Ramblers website www.ramblers.org.uk/volunteer . 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.
Contact:	Walking Environment Team walking.environment@ramblers.org.uk / 020 7339 8584