KINGSTON GROUP OF THE RAMBLERS
MINUTES
62nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2025
2pm Saturday 1 November 2025
at Kingston Quaker Centre

1) Attendance and apologies for absence: 52 members, which includes three guests, a member of South Bank group and two members of Richmond group. Apologies: Johnnie Byrne, Antoinette Coll, Frank Coll, Caroline Cunliffe, Maureen Draper, Paul Foster, Karen Harrison, Angela Horrocks, Rob Leach, Jenny Meier, Margaret Narroway, Heather Nash, Angela Robbins, Calli Scott, Roger Seear, Neil Taylor, Nurny Wanady, Peter Watson, David Watt, Mike Wheeler, Franes White and Richard Wildash
2) Minutes of previous meeting held on 2 November 2024 proposed by Eileen Strang, seconded by Caroline Loewenstein and all in agreement
3) Matter arising from the Minutes - none
4) Special appreciations were given to Gordon Bell, Bill Chilcott, Paul Draper, Angela Horrocks, John Summerfield and Maggie Wheeler.
5) Annual Report – Barbara, Chair proposed by John Dixon, seconded by Julie Gregory and all in favour after the addition of Alison Fure's bat walks and the King Athelstan events.
6) Treasurer's Report for year ending 30 September 2025 – Paul Draper outlined the treasurer's report in the absence of Calli Scott. Proposed by Linda Hobbs, seconded by Martin Lake and all in favour.
7) Election of Officers and Committee
   a) Chair: Barbara Crow
   b) Secretary: Brenda Horwill
   c) Treasurer: Calli Scott
   d) Membership Secretary: Janet Mackay
   e) Authoriser: Brenda Horwill
   f) Website Manager: Steve Ransome
   g) Committee Member: John Dixon: the committee were proposed en block by Linda Hobbs, seconded by Alison Fure and all in favour.

   Retiring from Committee: Paul Draper

   Appointed by Surrey Area: Kingston Footpath Secretary David Cooper
8) Election for Surrey Area Council Barbara Crow and Brenda Horwill: proposed by Dave Cooper, seconded by Helga Foster and all in favour.

9) Appointment of Independent Examiner - George Strang: proposed by Trish de Villiers, seconded by Alison Fure and all in favour

10) Any other business: Maggie Moran suggested that some of our surplus funds could be donated to a future Ramblers campaign. Martin Lake asked if there were still stiles in Surrey. There was much discussion about the need of more leaders and a buddy idea was suggested.

Talk: Elliot Newton - Biodiversity Expert and Director of rewilding at Citizen Zoo. Elliot gave a passionate and illuminating talk about the animals, water voles and beavers they are bringing back to our local area.

Announcement of Winner of Kingston Ramblers Photography Competition 'Fences, Doors, Windows': 1st prize Manoo Parmar, 2rd Cawah Chou and 3rd Nurny Wanady. The following were highly commended, Sylvia Cherry, Alice Hemper and Graham Pye.