

Tameside Ramblers has a Facebook group and three WhatsApp groups. These rules are to advise our members:

(i) who is eligible to join each group and (ii) the purpose and correct use of each group.

Facebook:

- (i) **Who can join?** This is a private Facebook group. New members must belong to a Ramblers group and must have previously walked with us, or be close family (partner, sibling, offspring, parent) of a Tameside Ramblers member. Applicants have to answer one of two questions to confirm eligibility.
- (ii) **The purpose of the Facebook group:** It can be used by any member of the group. It is used by Walk Leaders and Social Secretaries to publicise and give supplementary information about upcoming walks and social events and by any member to post reviews and photos taken on walks, or to provide walking-related information that may be of general interest to other members.

WhatsApp: There are three WhatsApp groups, as shown in the table below.

	1. Tameside Ramblers Walks & Events	2. Ramblers Banter	3. Ramblers: for Sale/Request
Who can join?	Active walkers, Walk Leaders & Social Secretaries of Tameside Ramblers	Any member of Tameside Ramblers	Any member of Tameside Ramblers
Purpose and use:	This WhatsApp group is used solely for publicising upcoming walks and social events. Posts should only be made by Walk Leaders and Social Secretaries. Posts about other matters, should be made on the Banter group.	Use this group for items of general interest or for chats between members. Also, for reviews and photographs of walks, social events, walking holidays, etc. and to publicise upcoming walks and social events,	Use this group for advertising useable items of surplus walking gear. Prices should be reasonable. It would be appreciated if sellers would donate the proceeds to Tameside Ramblers. For details, contact the Treasurer.
What not to do:	No photographs other than to publicise upcoming walks and social events. Please do not try to contact Walk Leaders or Social Secretaries via this group. Contact them direct, via the phone numbers given in the Walks Programmes.	Please do not try to contact Walk Leaders or Social Secretaries via this group. Contact them via the phone numbers given in the Walks Programmes	Please do not post anything other than relating to items for sale or items requested.
How to join	By request to Alan James, Cathryn McDowell, or Stewart Ramsden (Admins)	By request to Alan James, Jo Manning, or Stewart Ramsden (Admins)	By request to Alan James or Stewart Ramsden (Admins)
NOTIFICATIONS: WhatsApp sound notifications can be turned off by opening the app, click on the three dots at the top right, select 'Mute notifications', then select '8 hours' or '1 week' or 'Always'.			
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