

Report on links with other groups

Over the last two years, the LDWA London Committee has made donations from its funds to the Inner London Ramblers, having developed a good relationship with them, including organising a joint walk in 2023. These funds aim to invest in areas of the London walking network, which have been a part of many LDWA walks.

LDWA has made its second donation to Inner London Ramblers to support their work to address the deterioration in the London Loop and Capital Ring orbital paths. Their project has over 50 volunteers. As well as replacing TfL's out of date route guidance with up to date and accessible guidance and maps, they have invested in better signage and other improvements to the walking network.

Over the last six years they have purchased or obtained a large number of waymark discs, stickers and vinyl overlays for fingerposts and have made significant improvements to waymarking, organised some re-routing and started to replace stiles with gates.

With the first donation from LDWA London Group and other funds they purchased 20 new posts and added waymark discs. The ability to offer posts to landowners has led some to agree to install their own, with the Ramblers providing them with direction and adding signage. This has enabled LDWA's previous donation to last longer than expected.

The Rambler volunteer coordinators group met in December, and are expecting to buy some new posts soon. They have also bought more waymark stickers for both the Capital Ring and London Loop and also have another order of vinyl overlays for some signposts planned in the coming months.

They are also investigating how to get some of the remaining 40 stiles on the Loop replaced by gates and have reached out through the upcoming issue of South East Walker to Ramblers Areas / groups who have working parties who may be able to help.

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