

Area Membership Secretary's Report

In October 2024 it was reported that we had 2989 members. As of 31st May 2025 we have 3059 a net increase of 70. This is really good so it is worth looking at how things have changed group by group. In doing so it also critical that you read the notes below.

GROUP	OCTOBER 2024	MAY 2025	
WK01 City of Birmingham.	379	389	+10
WK02 Coventry.	249	244	-5
WK03 Mid Warwicks	200	194	-6
WK04 Rugby	242	243	+1
WK05 Stratford	301	302	+1
WK06 Southam	77	80	+3
WK07 Solihull	354	364	+10
WK08 Sutton Coldfield	231	236	+5
WK09 Castle Bromwich	69	64	-5
WK10 South Birmingham	334	342	+8
WK51 West Midlands Walking Group	252	255	+3
WK53 West Midlands 40+	96	98	+2
Non-aligned	210	248	+43

The non-aligned is both a concern and an issue to address in that the addresses given by the members are very clear. Numbers wise I ask you to note the following which I feel are significant.

Birmingham = 61

Coventry = 39

Mid-Warwicks = 62

Solihull = 25

I am in correspondence with Ramblers Central Office (C.O.) to determine why these members have lumped into a non-aligned group and not allocated to a specific group.

These are shown for academic interest and it is important not to compare your local group with other groups. There are factors at play that make it very difficult for a group with a smaller membership to catch up a group with a larger membership. If you look at the three groups with the largest membership, they are large urban areas and their membership numbers reflect this. In other words, membership does appear to be proportionate to population density.

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