

## Title: **Organising Socials**



**ramblers**  
at the heart of walking

Reference: GEN002

### **Introduction**

Social events are excellent ways to encourage membership. Many Groups use them not only as a way of sharing with existing members but also of opening the Group out to potential new members.

### **Ideas for socials**

- ✓ Pub meal / night
- ✓ Wine and cheese evenings
- ✓ Film screenings
- ✓ Raffles (could all donate a small gift for the prizes)
- ✓ Take your own food for a buffet
- ✓ Ten pin bowling
- ✓ Beetle drives
- ✓ Inspirational speakers
- ✓ Local concerts/plays, dance
- ✓ Exhibitions
- ✓ Performances
- ✓ Quiz nights
- ✓ Canal boat trips
- ✓ Award ceremony
- ✓ Book readings
- ✓ Picnics

These activities can serve as a great way to introduce new people to the Group and encourage membership.

Due to the charitable status of the Ramblers, there are, however, certain restrictions on Groups running social events:

- Social events must not dominate a Group programme. They should be occasional events
- *Either* they should be open to the public and clearly promote the charitable objectives *or* they should be organised as fundraising events
- They should not be loss-making

If you have a query about social events please contact us at [volsupport@ramblers.org.uk](mailto:volsupport@ramblers.org.uk).

