

# Restarting Ramblers activities

## Site visits

### Can the activity re-start?

Yes – site visits can resume from **10 June 2020**, subject to following the latest government guidelines in England, Scotland & Wales.

### What is involved?

Site visits are carried out by **footpath officers and access officers** to inspect reported problems or proposed changes to the footpath network. These are often at the request of local authorities or landowners. Volunteers attend site visits to inspect paths, gather evidence and raise objections if necessary.



Remember – in order to volunteer, your role needs to be recorded on our system. Check your volunteer roles here:

<https://ramblers.goassemble.com>

### ✔ Decide whether the visit is necessary

Before you attend a site visit, think about whether it is really necessary. Can the visit be postponed, or carried out in a different way? Speak to your area or group footpath officer – and contact the Policy team if you are unsure:

[policy@ramblers.zendesk.com](mailto:policy@ramblers.zendesk.com)

### ✔ Check how the visit will be organised

The organiser (local authority or landowner) must plan and explain how the activity will be carried out safely **in advance**.



**If it's unclear how a site visit will be organised, or whether adequate safety measures are in place – do not attend.**

Tell the local authority or other organiser that you are unable to attend for this reason, and that you are following the Ramblers guidance for volunteers.

### – Do not organise site visits for groups yourself

These will not be considered Ramblers activities – and you won't be covered by the Ramblers insurance.

### ✔ Plan in advance

Check your route to and from the visit – and remember to follow the latest guidelines on travel.

### ✔ Follow the government guidelines on social contact, distancing & hygiene

Keep up to date and follow the latest guidelines. This is everyone's responsibility.



If you are unable to attend a site visit – think about alternatives.

Can you organise a meeting with other stakeholders online? Could another volunteer visit on your behalf to take photos?

### More information

Visit our [advice pages](#) to find out more about paths & access.

If you have questions about a particular site visit, contact the Ramblers policy team:

[policy@ramblers.zendesk.com](mailto:policy@ramblers.zendesk.com)