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To whom it may concern,

At the Ramblers, we know the importance of doing all we can to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Organised outdoor sport and physical activity has **an explicit exemption** from the current rules, which limit other kinds of gatherings to six people. At present, organised outdoor sport and physical activity can take place anywhere in England – as confirmed in the UK government guidance.

This exemption includes all walks organised by Ramblers and Ramblers Walking for Health – **which will also comply with all relevant local restrictions, including on travel.**

The Ramblers continues to work closely with government and other partners, including Sport England – the government body that oversees physical and sporting activity across the country – to ensure that our activities comply with the rules implemented by the UK government.

Our activities are subject to procedures that are put in place by Ramblers, and Sport England – designed to ensure that those organising and taking part in organised physical activities implement the government requirements, to keep everybody safe. This includes managing the number of people taking part appropriately, and maintaining physical distancing.

You can find out more about how Ramblers and Ramblers Walking for Health activities are complying with government requirements here:

#### **UK government guidance**

[gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-grassroots-sports-guidance-for-the-public-and-sport-providers](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-grassroots-sports-guidance-for-the-public-and-sport-providers)

#### **Ramblers guidance and procedures for our walking groups**

[ramblers.org.uk/coronavirus](https://ramblers.org.uk/coronavirus)

As you would expect, we will continue to review our guidelines, to ensure compliance with national and local restrictions as we all move through this difficult period together. If you still have questions, please email [coronavirus@ramblers.zendesk.com](mailto:coronavirus@ramblers.zendesk.com)

Yours faithfully,

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