

Ramblers Areas & Groups Officers & Volunteers

The Ramblers & HF Holidays Ltd

You will have received information from The Ramblers concerning the announcement made on 18th August 2011 of The Ramblers proposed new partnership with HF Holidays Ltd. We would like to use this opportunity to communicate our perspective to you.

Firstly we want to tell you that we remain totally committed to the ideals & objectives of The Ramblers and, in particular, to assure you of our continued support for the work that is done by all the local Areas and Groups to encourage people to walk and maintain footpath access for all. We will continue to do this directly by advertising in your local publications and helping you to cover production costs. Our private group holiday service continues to be available for your use too.

Secondly, the statement from The Ramblers referred to the fact that our Charitable Trust has been “increasingly funding other charities”. The Trust has put more money into The Ramblers over the past 4 years than at any other time in its history – over £1m –whereas the total of grants to other charities over the same period totals £70k. Both RWH and its Trust are in excellent financial shape and none of this funding would have been possible had this not been the case – RWH continue to fund the Trust as necessary.

We have been constructive in our discussions with Ramblers management to support a relationship which has lasted 65 years and enabled The Ramblers to sustain its activities into the 21st century. Please be assured we will be working hard to continue supporting your activities as much as possible.

Kind regards,

Ramblers Worldwide Holidays.

Please reply to lizc@ramblersholidays.co.uk for any further information.