

Walks Programme and News

Summer 2025

For your diary

**Scavenger Hunt on
Tuesday 3rd June**

Details on Page 10. Book by 20th May.

Wednesday evening walks start on 4th June at 6 pm

In **July** the Saturday walk is on the **12th July**

Summer Bank Holiday – August 25th

The next committee meeting is scheduled for September 10th

See Pages 12-14 for the dates and details of Offa's Dyke Path. We have completed 5 sections and this programme includes the next 7 sections.

Message from the Chair:

We have experienced some very interesting and diverse walks during the Spring. Thanks to all the walk leaders, back markers and those helping with recces for making such a successful start to the year. Thanks to Helen for all her efforts in putting together the Summer Programme and to all the walk leaders for offering walks throughout the county and beyond – there is always something new to enjoy and look forward to!

- The **Wednesday evening walks start on the 4th June, with an earlier start time of 6pm**, allowing more time for the walks and include a visit to the pub afterwards.
- The **Scavenger Hunt** is scheduled for Tuesday 3rd June. **Please book your place with Sharita by the 20th May.**
- Look out for details of how to confirm your booking for the walk across **Morecambe Bay on Saturday 30th August**, or to take part in an alternative walk from Arnside.

There is a saying that “every picture tells a story” and if the 150+ photographs on our social media are indicative then I think it is safe to say that the Betws-y-Coed weekend was enjoyed by all. Thanks to all the contributors. There will be a different type of walk to experience on our October visit to Bourton-on-the-Water and next May we are going to Grasmere.

You may have seen that we now have a regular advertisement in The Gossip magazine and since October 2024 our membership has increased by sixteen which is encouraging. Not all new members join the walks but we have been very happy to welcome several newcomers recently. Thinking about joining a walk? Do come along!

In April we attended the MDCE Health and Well Being Festival in Market Drayton and will be attending the October event. Our emphasis this time has been on Footpath maintenance and keeping Footpaths open for everyone to use, showcasing the excellent work of the 3P's group.

We are looking for a new **Footpaths Secretary** to take over from John, so if you think this role may be of interest to you then please have a chat to see what it entails.

Happy rambling,
Claire.

Wednesday Walks

Starting 6 pm from the cricket ground (MDCASC) car park all walks are leisurely or moderate of about 5 miles in length. Those intending to travel direct to the start MUST ALWAYS ensure that the leader knows of their plans.

4th June	Market Drayton MDCASC [5 miles]	John & Margaret.	01630 656252 07776 487594 M
11th June	Swynnerton Village Hall Fitzherbert Arms after [5 miles]	Margaret HI	01782 796688 07854 377981 M
18th June	Market Drayton Golf Club Salisbury Hill	Julie & Tony	01630 656940 07760 195076 M
25th June	Norton in Hales	Helen	07403 571913 M
2nd July	Loggerheads [4.7 miles]	Jeff & Janice	01630 673685 07836 276242 M
9th July	Wybunbury Swan Inn after [4miles]	Claire	01630 673050 07811 532259 M
16th July	Whitchurch Horse and Jockey	Bill & Barbara	07962 848212 M
23rd July	Fringes of Combermere woods then back to the Combermere Arms [4 miles]	Henry	01948 841978 07910 565768 M
30th July	Market Drayton area from MDCASC Red Lion after [4 miles]	Joan & Peter	01630 653569 07807 445994 M

Sunday walks

Those intending to travel direct to the start **MUST ALWAYS** ensure that the leader knows of their plans. **Departure times are from Market Drayton.**

1st June

11 miles moderate walk from Buxton, passing historic Georgian architecture before ascending to traverse wild moorland and skirt Errwood reservoir, returning along a Roman road. 1,800ft of ascent.

Parking at Market Street, Buxton. SK17 6LD. £4.60 All day. GR SK 05864 73136

Leader Claire	01630 673050	Depart 08.30
	07811 532259	

8th June

9 miles easy/moderate walk from Bridgnorth taking Severn Way north - Total ascent 725ft. Parking in the Innage Lane Car Park - free on Sundays.

Post Code WV16 4HL, Grid Ref. SO714 930.

Leaders Jeff and Janice	01630 673685	Depart 08.30
	07836 276242	

15th June

10 miles moderate walk from Newcastle on Clun. To include Mardu, Hergan, Knuck Bank/Clun Forest and Rhespass. 1,835ft of ascent.

Car park Community Centre postcode SY7 8QN GR SO249 823.

W3W: tuxedos.intruders.rice

Leaders Paul and June	01588 671483	Depart 08.30
	07853 044333	

22nd June

c8.5 miles moderate walk from Bishops Castle taking in Blakeridge Woods and Reilth Top. 1,500ft ascent. Park at Livestock Market. SY95 5DD

Leaders Mo	01630 695692	Depart 08.30
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29th June

c8 miles moderate walk from Picklescott Village Hall. £2 per car please. Weather permitting good views. Postcode SY6 6NR goes past VH GR SO437 994

Leader David K	01743 341742	Depart 08.30
	07891 647837	

6th July

The Three Mills Walk, exploring the Cheshire/Wales borderlands. 8.5 miles 700 ft ascent. Meet at or near Borderbrook Primary School in Tallarn Green SY14 7LJ

Leader Henry	01948 841978	Depart 08.30
	07910 565768	

13th July

9 miles moderate walk parking at Loggerheads Country Park (£7 all day GR SJ 198 627 Post Code CH7 5LH), following the well-known "Leete" path and returning via Pantymwyn, Cefn Mawr and the Outdoor Education Centre. 1,700ft of ascent mostly on good paths. There is a cafe which closes at 16:00 hrs.

Leader Bill and Barbara	07962 848212	Depart 08.30
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20th July

c 7.5 miles moderate walk parking at Longden Village Hall £1 per person. Walking south using the Shropshire Way part of the time and returning via Longden Common. Nearest Postcode SY5 8FA. GR SJ444 064. £1 per person

Leader Hilary	01952 541633	Depart 08.30
	07773 246942	

27th July

9.5 miles leisurely/moderate walk from Bridgnorth including River Severn, Quatford, Roughton, Rindleford and Fen Gate. A fine varied walk in Shropshire. CP Low Town Car Park (free). GR SO720 930 Postcode WV15 6BB

Leader Cathy	01630 655068	Depart 08.30
	07967 000326	

Offers of walks for next programme
(October 2025 to January 2026) this week please

3rd August

10 miles moderate walk from Diddlebury Village Hall based on The Corvedale Three Castles Walk. SY7 9DH.

Leader Helen J	07403 571913	Depart 08.30
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10th August

8.5 miles moderate walk from Aston on Clun Village Hall (SY7 8EH). The walk will visit Burrow Hill Fort and return via Hopesay.

Leader Vince	01630 638551	Depart 08.30
	07768 852329	

17th August

8.5 miles moderate walk from Stiperstones car park. Goes over Linley Hill with good views from the beech tree avenue. Norbury church has 2000 year old yew tree in churchyard. More good views on return walk.
Grid Ref SO 369 976 Postcode SY5 ONL (limited help)

Leader Chris W	01630 658276	Depart 08.30
	07890 145561	

24th August

9 miles moderate walk with 1,875ft ascent, to include Church Wood, Shobdon Hill Wood, Mortimer Trail with views over the River Lugg valley.
Parking at Aymestrey Parish Hall. A donation of £2.00 per car is suggested.
Nearest post code HR6 9SU, GR SO 4256 6495, W3W factored.punctual.padlock.

Leaders Paul and June	01588 671483	Depart 08.30
	07853 044333	

31st August

9.5 miles moderate walk from Llangollen including the Pontcysyllte aqueduct. Walk to the aqueduct via the Panorama Walk, returning via the hills on the southern edge of the Vale of Llangollen. Park at Long Stay CP (off A539) Mill St, LL20 8RY.

Leaders Steve and Pauline	03330 116186	Depart 08.30
	07969 954566	

7th September

10 miles moderate walk on Cannock Chase with no stiles. Passing the Glacial Boulder, Birches Valley, Fair Oaks pools and through Rugeley Quarry. Parking at Coppice Hill car park. From Brocton go to Chase Road (Post Code ST17 0TL) and continue for approximately 3/4 mile & turn left to reach Coppice Hill car park. Parking towards end of car park. GR SJ979 191. What3words flamenco.grouching.weds

Leader Alison	07481 896621	Depart 08.30
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14th September Part of The Shropshire Way Festival of Walks

11.3 miles moderate/strenuous walk with 2,100ft of ascent. Following the Shropshire Way out of Clun we climb up to the Cefns ridge and on to Three Gates and Hergan where we join Offa's Dyke Path and head south to return to Clun. Parking at Clun Memorial Hall Postcode SY7 8NY

Leader Claire	01630 673050	Depart 08.30
	07811 532259	

21st September

9 miles moderate walk from Alstonefield via Milldale, the Tissington Trail & Biggin Dale with good views. Parking by the Memorial Hall DE6 2FR donation requested.

Leaders Paul and Chris	01630 672601	Depart 08.30
	07813 809770	

28th September

c9.5 miles moderate walk from Tilston Village Hall (Postcode: SY14 7HH Grid Ref: SJ 46013 51359) then towards Higher Carden, including Clutton, Coddington, Barton, Wetreins Green and returning on the Bishop Bennet Way.

Leader Sharita	07858 510252	Depart 08.30
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Saturday walks

Booking Required

Those intending to travel direct to the start **MUST ALWAYS** ensure that the leader knows of their plans. **Departure times are from Market Drayton.**

7th June

8 miles moderate walk with 1.550 ft of ascent from Carding Mill Valley NT CP (Postcode SY6 6JG GR SO 44757 94337). Charge for Non-members. Taking in the Long Mynd, Pole Bank and Little Stretton. Cafe and toilets.

Leader Margaret HI

01782 796688
07854 377981 M

Depart 09.00

12th July

9.8 miles moderate walk from Bishops Castle taking in Cwmmawr Dingle, Reilthtop, Offa's Dyke and Bishop's Moat. Parking at the Livestock Market. Nearest post code SY9 5AE. GR SO 324887. W3W: bells.cultivation.lingering

Leaders Paul and June

01588 671483
07853 044333 M

Depart 09.00

Offers of walks for next programme

(October 2025 to January 2026) beginning of August please

2nd August

c10 miles moderate walk on Cannock Chase. Parking at Milford Common car park £3.50 all day ST17 0UH GR SJ 972 210

Leader Cathy

01630 655068
07967 000326 M

Depart 09.00

6th September

8 miles leisurely walk from Tarporley taking in Eaton, passing Utkinton Hall then joining the Sandstone Trail with views of Beeston Castle ahead. Park in Bell Meadow Court car park, off High Street. CW6 0DT GR SJ 552 626

Leader Claire

07811 532259 M
01630 673050

Depart 09.00

Walk Booking System - Tuesday, Saturday & Offa's Dyke

To book on a walk

Simply text the leader's mobile number (preferable) or phone the Walk Leader to book your place on your chosen walk.

The leader will add your name to the list and confirm your place or advise you if the walk is already full.

Look out for e-mails which alert you to a walk which is already fully booked, or check the Ramblers website.

Be sure to let the leader know if you find you are unable to attend.

For Walk Leaders

The maximum number on a walk should not exceed 30. However, it is up to you as the leader to set a limit that you feel comfortable with and for which there is sufficient parking at the start of your walk. Reply to text or e-mail bookings to confirm or reject.

Accept bookings on a strictly first come – first served basis. The most convenient way to record bookings would be to complete the Walk Register as bookings are received, and this would serve as a basis for a “roll-call”/ check list at the start of the walk.

Once you have the maximum number of attendees for your walk you can e-mail Heather (heatherjm13@gmail.com) and/or Helen (hvjacobs@btinternet.com) and we will e-mail the Group and update the Ramblers website with a “FULLY BOOKED” notification.

Tuesday Walks

Booking required

Starting 9.30 am from the cricket ground (MDCASC) car park all walks are leisurely or moderate of about 5, maximum 7, miles in length. Walks will start within a c45 minute drive of Market Drayton. Those intending to travel direct to the start MUST ALWAYS ensure that the leader knows of their plans.

3rd June

Suitable for all walkers. Details below

Book with Sharita on 07858 510252 by 20th May.

Scavenger Hunt

Start at 10.00 at Broughton Parish Room ST21 6NW

JOIN US FOR THIS FUN EVENT!

Follow the route and see

how many items you can find.

Followed by tea and cakes at the hall at 2 pm

10th June	Nantwich [6 miles]	John and Margaret	01630 656252 07776 487594 M
17th June	Copmere [6 miles]	Patricia	07792 567328 M
24th June	Telford Town Park [5 miles]	Pam	07480 852565 M
1st July	Mount View Hopton [5.5 miles]	Paul H	07939 220782 M
8th July	Wedgwood Monument [5miles, with 1 steep climb]	Bill and Barbara	07962 848212 M
15th July	Pipe Gate [6 miles]	Helen J	07403 571913 M
22nd July	Doxey Marshes [7 miles]	Claire	01630 673050 07811 532259 M

Tuesday Walks continued

Booking required

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29th July	Sound Heath Nature Reserve [5 miles]	Henry	01948 841978 07910 565768 M
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Offers of walks for next programme

(October 2025 to January 2026) this week please

5th August	Almington and Hales [5 miles]	Cathy	01630 655068 07967 000326 M
12th August	Myddle [5 miles]	Joan & Peter	01630 653569 07807 445994 M
19th August	Shifnal [5.5 miles]	Chris W	01630 658276 07890 145561 M
26th August	Swynnerton [7 miles]	Margaret HI	01782 796688 07854 377981 M
2nd September	Ashley Willowbridge [6 miles]	Ellie	01630 881989 07583 305835 M
9th September	Burston [6 miles]	Peter K	01270 811650 07476 718185 M
16th September	Near Cound [5.25 miles]	Paul H	07939 220782 M
23rd September	Croxton [6 miles]	Sharita	07858 510252 M
30th September	Fauls [5 miles]	Julie & Jan	01630 656940 07825 699504 M

Offa's Dyke Path 2025

Specified Fridays

Booking required by the Wednesday

As all walks are linear a car shuttle will be organised on the day

Those intending to travel direct to the start **MUST ALWAYS** ensure that the leader knows of their plans. **Departure times are from Market Drayton.**

Leader Claire

01630 673050

Depart 08.00

07811 532259 M

20th June

Section 1 Hay on Wye to Gladestry

This section starts off alongside the Wye before passing through the rolling territory of the Powys – Herefordshire border. The route lies across Little Mountain, then following the outstanding former drovers' road Red Lane to the remote hamlet of Newchurch. Next crossing Disgwylfa Hill before reaching The Royal Oak at Gladestry. **10.4 miles 1,611 ft of ascent**

Parking at either - Start of walk at Hay on Wye parking in the Pay and Display car park at Oxford Road £4 HR3 5EQ GR SO 22927 42239 OR Gladestry Village Hall HR5 3NR. Grid Ref SO 2311 5514. W3W: dozens.diverting.gears

27th June

Section 2 Gladestry to Evenjobb

The Trail rises to over 400 metres (1,300 ft) on Hergest Ridge with dramatic 360 degrees views. On a clear day Pen y Fan can be seen to the south, the Malverns to the east and the hills of Shropshire to the north. From there descending to the market town of Kington. On leaving Kington the Trail passes over Bradnor Hill and Herrock Hill, above twisting, deep valleys. On Rushock Hill, the Trail meets up with Offa's Dyke itself which continues along Burfa Bank before reaching Evenjobb. **10.3 miles 1,917 ft of ascent**

Parking at either - Start of walk at Gladestry Village Hall HR5 3NR. Grid Ref SO 2311 5514. W3W: dozens.diverting.gears OR Evenjobb Grid ref and W3W for Village Hall are Grid Ref SO 2628 6234. W3W: painter.redouble.nanny.

However, continue past the Village Hall then take the first left by the telephone box, pass Horseyard Lane and then take the next left (at green triangle of grass) and parking is in the layby on the left. (By kind permission of Christianne).

18th July Section 4 (Reverse) Churchtown to Knighton

From the hidden gem of Churchtown at the foot of a narrow valley you will find the church and no town! At Hergan where there is what seems a natural break in the Dyke, the Shropshire Way joins the Trail. Just above Newcastle on Clun we pass the midpoint marker post. This section also has some of the best preserved sections of Offa's Dyke that can be found on Llanfair Hill at the point where the Jack Mytton Way crosses the Trail. Thereafter mainly descending to reach Knighton. **11.1 miles 2,387 ft of ascent**

Parking at either - Start of walk opposite the church at Churchtown. GR SO 26451 87315. W3W: archives.patching.jigsaw OR Knighton - Bowling Green Lane car park LD7 1DS, (toilets, daily rate £4 Cash Only) Grid Ref. SO 2891 7231 W3W: regularly.acclaimed.best

25th July Section 6 Forden to Four Crosses

From Forden we climb up through woodland to reach the earthworks of Beacon Hill fort, where from the southern boundary there are fabulous views to the east, south and west. Then a descent to Buttington Bridge on the River Severn. The path then follows the river and a short section of the Montgomery canal, then rejoins the river for a further 3.5 miles leaving it at Derwas Bridge for the final c2 miles to Four Crosses. **14.8 miles 1,498 ft of ascent**

Parking at either - Start of walk at Forden Community Centre SY21 8NE (Next to school). Off B4388. Use post code SY21 8NE Grid Ref SJ 2286 0105 W3W: segmented.clinking,horns OR Four Crosses at Llandysilio Church in Wales School and Four Crosses Village Centre car park, off The St. SY22 6RB GR SJ 269 187

8th August Section 7 (Rev) Oswestry racecourse to Four Crosses

From Oswestry Old Racecourse we go through Candy Woods and then on to Trefonen. We then continue via Moelydd where from the summit there are stunning 360 degree views and a toposcope. After that we cross Llanymynech Hill and descend past Llanymynech Quarry to reach Llanymynech with its Hoffman Kiln. The Path then joins the Montgomery canal for 2.8 miles on the way to Four Crosses. **11.4 miles 1,232 ft of ascent**

Parking at either - Start of walk at Oswestry old racecourse car park located at South Common. Grid ref: SJ 259 305 SY10 7HL OR Four Crosses at Llandysilio Church in Wales School and Four Crosses Village Centre car park, off The St. SY22 6RB GR SJ 269 187

15th August Section 9 (Reverse) Llandegla to Trevor

This part of the route is part of the Clywdian Range and Dee Valley AONB. The route ascends through Llandegla Forest before passing over open moorland on its way to the well named 'World's End'. We traverse the spectacular Eglwyseg Crags near Llangollen as it passes by Dinas Bran and skirt below the dramatic limestone outcrops of Trevor Rocks, eventually dropping down to the village of Trevor on the Llangollen canal.

11 miles 1,846 ft of ascent.

Parking at either - Start of walk at Llandegla parking in Ffynnon Tegla - car park opp. Memorial Hall, shop and café, road is on right just before the church. Nearest postcode LL11 3AW GR SJ 19662 52397 continue down Allt Yr Efail towards Church. Walkers welcome in Church with toilet and free refreshments OR at Trevor Pontcysyllte aqueduct car park, LL14 3RY. P&D. Sign posted off the A539 at **second** brown sign P, turn left down Tower Hill car park on right.

12th September Section 12 Bodfari to Prestatyn

The most northerly section of the Trail is still in the Clwydian Range. Proceeding northwards from Bodfari the glimpses of the sea open up into full view with the ever growing off shore wind farm of Prestatyn and Rhyl filling the horizon. Fabulous views of Snowdonia and the North Wales coast (from the Great Orme to Deeside) are seen from Prestatyn Hillside before descending into the town and onwards to the end of the Trail at Prestatyn beach. **12.5 miles 2,195 ft of ascent**

Parking at either - Start of walk at Bodfari, Dinorben Arms, Bodfari. LL16 4DA OR Prestatyn at Bastion Road car park LL19 7EY Pay & Display £5 All day.

COMMITTEE

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WALKS - general information

Unless stated otherwise, the meeting place for all walks will be the **Market Drayton Community Amateur Sports Club (MDCASC) car park, located at the Cricket Ground Betton Road (off the Newcastle Road). Post Code TF9 1HH. GR SJ 68266 34644.**

Walkers are strongly recommended to travel to the walks via the Market Drayton meeting point, to ensure minimum demand for car parking at the start of the walk. Those intending to travel direct to the start **MUST ALWAYS** ensure that the leader knows of their plans.

The Market Drayton Group encourages **car sharing** as this reduces the parking places required at the start of the walk. Drivers appreciate voluntary contributions from passengers; as a guide we believe **6p per mile per passenger** is an amount which reasonably covers the costs incurred.

Packed **lunches** and adequate **drink** are required for all walks.

The group regrets that in the interests of safety we do not allow **dogs** on walks. Assistance dogs are allowed to walk with their owners.

REMINDERS to all WALK LEADERS

1. It is essential that you **reconnoitre** all walks in advance.
2. Ensure that there is ample and permissible **car parking** to avoid problems on the day.
3. During walks there are occasional difficulties from problems such as blocked footpaths, cropped fields, dangerous stiles etc. In these cases the leader should record the details of the problem and report it to the appropriate local authority. The method of contact for the usual authorities are as follows:

Shropshire:

Go to Shropshire Council website Report Report a Rights of Way issue complete form.

Or Phone 0345 678 9000

Staffordshire:

Go to Staffordshire County Council website..... Report Something Rights of Way issue..... complete form

Or Phone 0300 111 8000

Cheshire East: Search “Public Rights of Way - Contact Us - Cheshire East-” and under the Contact Us section complete the online form or
Email: prow@cheshireeast.gov.uk

Cheshire West and Chester: reporting path problems in the west part of Cheshire, including parts near to Whitchurch. Contact the Rights of Way Officer via e-mail. [Elizabeth.Holmes @cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](mailto:Elizabeth.Holmes@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)

Telford & Wrekin Council Senior Rights of Way Officer 01952 380380 or
Email: rightsofway@telford.gov.uk

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