



# WHITCHURCH WALKERS

## Winter Programme 2023



Date	Meet at Sherry Mill car park, unless otherwise stated, for walk to:	Leader(s) Details
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct 10.00	<p><b>Apedale and Silverdale</b></p> <p>This 8.5-mile walk visits three former (now transformed) mining areas.</p> <p>After driving to Grubbers Ash car park, we will walk through Apedale Country Park, down to Bateswood Nature Reserve and the memorial for the Minnie Pit disaster in 1918. We then climb up to Scot Haye and enter Silverdale Country Park. Then we will return to Apedale and the Heritage area, where it is possible to get a cup of tea in the cafe before returning to the car park.</p> <p><b>This walk is not suitable for dogs.</b></p>	Helen Lea Hlea30@sky.com 07562 358331
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct 1.30pm	<p><b>The 'Prees Circular'</b></p> <p>A 5-mile circular walk with excellent views</p> <p>From Sherry Mill Hill car park we will car share to the walk start point at Prees Cricket and Recreation Club.</p> <p><b>Dogs allowed, but dog owners should note that there are some stiles on this walk and we will have to cross the A49.</b></p>	Mick Hobson 07545 465446
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov 10.00am	<p><b>Meres &amp; Woods</b></p> <p>This 7.5 mile walk from Ellesmere is a circuit of Colemere, Burns Wood &amp; Whitemere to enjoy the trees in their autumn foliage.</p>	Jean White & Dot Bishop
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov 1.30pm,	<p><b>Whixall Area</b></p> <p>This is a walk of 5 miles (or slightly more) exploring the footpaths and wonders of the Whixall area.</p> <p><b>Dogs on leads welcome.</b></p>	Tony Eccleston anthony.eccleston@stasz.co.uk 07972 050016
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec 9.00am	<p><b>Chirk area</b></p> <p>This 8-mile walk follows the canal towpath to start, then through the tunnel to Chirk. Traversing Chirk Castle grounds to pick up Offas Dyke path, later joining The Shropshire and Maelor Ways to return back to the start."</p> <p>Due to daylight restrictions at this time of year, this walk will leave Sherrymill Hill car park at the earlier time of 9.00am, so the walk will commence at 10am from Chirk bank.</p> <p>People should bring torches for the tunnel transit, and then if time gets tight, we will have illumination.</p>	Kevin Ikin Kevinikin@hotmail.co.uk 07775 526227

Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec 10.00am	<b>Christmas Walk followed by Christmas Meal at The Archie</b> To ring the changes, I'm thinking of taking the 10.05 bus [511] to Prees Heath [The Raven] and walking back via Brown Moss. 4 miles, so 10.00am start from Whitchurch Bus Station.	Malcolm Monie malcolm@monies.me.uk 07746 687242
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 10.00am	<b>New Year Bimble</b> Step into 2024 with our regular New Year walk on our local footpaths. Followed by a convivial drink in one of our excellent hostelrys.  Distance: 4-5 miles. <b>Dogs on leads are welcome.</b>	Baz Fewster 07977 463049
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan 10.00	<b>3 Farms</b> Incorporating Bubney Farm, Hadley Farm and Belton Farm, this walk takes in the rolling scenery around Whitchurch.	Sue Garner
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan 1.30pm	<b>A Winter Jaunt: Ash, Brown Moss, Broughall</b> After meeting, we will drive to The White Lion in Ash for a winter walk taking in Brown Moss and Broughall. 4 – 5 miles	Paul Sears searsfamily2@hotmail.com
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb 10.00am	<b>Rawhead &amp; Bickerton Hill via Hartshill</b> Meet at Sherrymill Hill at 10am to car share to start of walk  Park at Bickerton Poacher pub, Wrexham Road, Bulkeley SY14 8BE  This walk is approx 8.5 miles with a sharp ascent at the beginning and up to Bickerton Hill and can get muddy this time of year so poles are recommended  Bring a packed lunch	Janet Murray
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb 1.30pm	<b>Local Walk</b> Join us for a 5-mile walk exploring some of our local right of ways.	David Portch 07930 138958
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> Mar 10.00am	<b>Overton and the River Dee</b> This walk, which includes parts of the Maelor and Wat's Dyke Ways, is about 7 miles	Malcolm Monie malcolm@monies.me.uk 07746 687242
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> Mar 1.30pm	<b>Brown Moss and Back</b> This 5-6 mile walk to and around Brown Moss gives a chance to explore this Site of Special Scientific Interest. If open, we will stop at the Chef in the Woods for a cuppa.  People should bring refreshments with them, and <b>dogs on leads are welcome.</b>	Jan Collins jancollins16@gmail.com

## NOTES:

1. The meeting point for all walks is Sherry Mill Hill car park, unless otherwise stated.
2. Saturday walks will be 5 or 6 miles, Sunday walks between 8 and 10 miles. However, both may be subject to change depending upon weather, walking conditions and unforeseen circumstances.
3. Details of walks are available from the sources below.
4. All members are expected to observe the Country Code.
5. Dog owners, please check website or full programme to check if dogs are allowed. If so, dogs MUST be restrained on a fixed lead of no longer than 1.2m. (4ft) at all times.
6. In all matters relating to any walk, the leader's decision is final.
7. Junior members are welcome, but aged fourteen and under must be accompanied by an adult.
8. Members are reminded that they are on walks entirely at their own risk.
9. On Sunday walks, bring packed lunch and – unless a pub stop is indicated – a drink.
10. Please wear suitable clothing & footwear – fields are often very muddy.
11. Please bring your car if available for all “away from home” walks.
12. The cost of transport for “away from home” walks should be shared by members at a rate of 20p per mile per car. Drivers are encouraged to accept this amount or donate to club funds.
13. Members are requested not to walk in front of the leader.
14. People with a known medical condition should be aware that group leaders may have a basic First Aid knowledge but cannot take responsibility for existing medical conditions.

**For further details, queries and photo gallery, please go to [www.whitchurchwalkers.co.uk](http://www.whitchurchwalkers.co.uk) or our Facebook page or email us at [whitchurchwalkers@gmail.com](mailto:whitchurchwalkers@gmail.com)**

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