

8-17 SEPTEMBER 2023



+ Canal
Fun Day

● Free guided walks for all ages and abilities ●

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Welcome to our 4th Stonehouse Walking Festival

The small town of Stonehouse sits alongside the Stroudwater Canal and the Cotswold Way.

We aim to celebrate the range of walks the Stonehouse area has to offer with free, guided group walks.

This year we are highlighting the canal restoration works to restore the missing mile. See our schedule for details.

Grades of walks

Easy: Mainly level terrain along pavements, footpaths, and across fields.

Also available are walks especially for those who may need mobility aids, or who are returning from injury or illness.

Moderate: Short sections with gradients and/or rough terrain; any climb taken at a relaxed pace.

Hard: A longer distance, some sustained steeper slopes needing a good level of stamina.

What you need to know

All walks **start and end** in central Stonehouse, exact locations given.

Parking is free in the Stonehouse public car park just off the High Street.

Toilets including a disabled toilet are available in the public car park.

Dogs are only welcome where stated in the walk descriptions.

Some walks **require booking** as numbers are limited. These are clearly marked on the programme.

Please **read the guidelines** on the back cover of this leaflet before attending any of our walks.

Any **updates** will be posted on Facebook and on our website.

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08 SEPT

Friday 18:00

Festival Launch Walk

Vineyards, railway, canal & Cotswold Way

2.5 hrs → 2 miles

Easy

📍 Public Car Park GL10 2NG

Our launch walk will take us through one of Woodchester Valley Vineyards and will be accompanied by the Stroud Red Band. Afterwards we will pick up the Cotswold Way, going down on to the canal at Ryeford. From here we will take the towpath back to Stonehouse as far as Bridgend, before returning via Regent Street to the car park. Please note that the steps (down) at the railway crossing are steep. No dogs please.

- There will be a chance to sample a Woodchester Valley award-winning wine made partly from Stonehouse grapes or enjoy a soft drink.
- Includes a short taster of a big event to take place in 2024 to celebrate a little known but important part of Stonehouse's history. Come along and find out more.



Walk Leader: Carol Kambites

09 SEPT

Saturday 10:30

Family Fun Walk

A walk around the town's green spaces

2 hrs → 2 miles max.

Easy

📍 All Pulling Together GL10 2DB

This is an accessible walk for buggies and prams, around the town's green spaces. We will start at All Pulling Together (APT), at the junction of Park Road & Elm Road. Adults will be expected to supervise their own children while using play equipment at each green space.

- The walk will end with a picnic.
- Bring your own lunch which can be left at APT during the walk.
- Free drinks provided.
- Toilets available at start/end of walk.
- Assistance dog on a lead welcome.

Walk Leaders: APT Volunteers



09 SEPT

Saturday 09:00

Stroud via Painswick Valley

A circular walk to the market town of Stroud

4 hrs → 5-8 miles

Hard

📍 Public Car Park GL10 2NG

A walk over the hills to Stroud passing through Ruscome and Whiteshill before crossing the Painswick Valley and climbing to Oakbrook Community Farm. The walk offers fine views of Selsey Common and the Painswick Valley. A final descent brings the walkers into the busy market town of Stroud. Once in Stroud you can browse the stalls of the award-winning Farmers' Market and have lunch at one of the many cafes.

The return to Stonehouse is a 3 mile walk along the Stroudwater canal.

- There is an option for walkers to extend their stay at the Stroud Farmers' Market and return to Stonehouse by train.
- Dogs not recommended as there are several stiles en route which may prove difficult/impossible for less agile dogs.

Walk Leaders: Rachel & Stephen Armstrong



09 SEPT

Saturday 11:00

Standish Church Walk

A circular walk through farmlands with views

4 hrs → 7 miles

Easy

📍 Public Car Park GL10 2NG

This scenic and mainly flat walk takes us north across fields and beyond Great Oldbury where we pick up the bridle path to St Nicholas Church in Standish. This 600-year-old building with beautiful stained glass windows houses an impressive memorial to Sir Henry Winston, Lord of the Manor of Standish who died in 1609.

We then venture eastwards into what is officially the Cotswold AONB to return via Arlebrook along country lanes and through farmlands, again with lovely views.

No dogs as we pass through fields with livestock.

- Wear long trousers and waterproof boots as pathways can be overgrown, muddy and uneven.
- Hot drinks in the village hall. Bring your own lunch.
- Meet the farmers at 'Stonehouse Milk' for a quick chat and a pint on the way back.

Walk Leader: Gill Sermon



10 SEPT

Sunday 10:00

Canals and Commons

Historic canal and 3 spectacular commons

5 hrs

→ 11-12 miles

Hard

📍 Public Car Park GL10 2NG

Starting in Stonehouse Car Park we go down to the canal and make our way all the way through Stroud to Bagpath. We then leave the towpath and scramble uphill to Rodborough Common, where we can lunch at Winstones Ice Cream.

From here we make our way across Minchinhampton Common and drop down through St Chloe to South Woodchester. We then climb up through the village into Dingle Wood and out onto Selsley Common where we pick-up the Cotswold Way back into Stonehouse via Middleyard and King's Stanley.

- Bring food and lots of water.
- Wear suitable footwear and clothing.
- Dogs allowed.

Walk Leader: Neil Gibbs



10 SEPT

Sunday 14:00

Stonehouse History Walk 1

High Street East

1.5 hrs

→ 1-2 miles

Easy

📍 Public Car Park GL10 2NG

On this walk we will be looking at the architectural and quirky features of some buildings in Stonehouse. From the main car park we go east to Brown's Lane, Pearcroft Road, Burdett Road, railway, Verney Road, and back down Queen's Road to the car park. No dogs please.

Walk Leaders: Vicki Walker, Mike Davis, Jim Dickson, Shirley Dicker
from the Stonehouse History Group

- ✓ [Booking required with Vicki Walker on 01453 826334 or register on our website: stonehousewalks.co.uk](https://www.stonehousewalks.co.uk)



10 SEPT

Sunday from 11:00

Cotswold Canals Connected

Canal Fun Day

Easy

📍 St Cyr's Churchyard GL10 3QP

Sunday 11:00, 13:30 & 15:00

Captain Sally has lost her boat!

Cotswold Canals Connected invites you to join them on a walking adventure with Captain Sally. Follow in the footsteps of her great, great, great grandfather Blackbeard the pirate, and help her to find her lost boat.

Expect treasures lost and treasures found and if we see her boat maybe even a ride back down the canal with her motley crew.

- Suitable for pirates aged 7 and under and their grownups (if they are brave enough!).
- The walk and boat are fully accessible for wheelchairs and pushchairs.

Walk Leader: Lois Francis/Captain Sally

- ✓ [Booking required on Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com)

Sunday 12:00

Stonehouse by the sea?

A maritime history of the local area.

Local historian Stuart Butler, and member of the Radical Stroud collective, will be joining us on an accessible walk along the towpath. Learn about how, once upon a time, Stroudwater was a lot closer to the sea than you might think: Blackbeard, pirates, the Spanish Main, Africa, the West Indies, the transatlantic slave trade, the Mason-Dixon Line. Find out more at St Cyr's Church and the Ocean on a little but informative saunter.

Walk Leader: Stuart Butler

- ✓ [Booking required on Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com)

Search for Stonehouse Walking Festival or scan QR Code:



11 SEPT

Monday 09:30

Eastington Orchard

Cross country walk to a community orchard

3 hrs → 5 miles

Easy Public Car Park GL10 2NG

A walk across the fields and through a 5-acre wood to Eastington, where we will pass a converted water mill and a church and have coffee and a snack (bring your own) in Coneygree Community Orchard. No dogs please.

- The walk is flat but there are some stiles and rough paths and we will be passing through fields with cows.

Walk Leader: Carol Kambites



12 SEPT

Tuesday 10:00

Views all the Way

Landscapes from Randwick and Pitchcombe

5 hrs → 12 miles

Hard Public Car Park GL10 2NG

Starting at the Town Car Park we go up to Randwick Woods via the "Muckie" and then down into the Oxlynch valley. We then scale Ring Hill hillfort and join the Cotswold Way where we follow through until Edge Common.

After a stop, we continue via Scotsquar into Pitchcombe Woods and then scale the hill again up to Bird in Hand. We then re-join the Cotswold Way back through Randwick Wood and eventually drop back down to Stonehouse.

- Dogs allowed.

Walk Leader: Neil Gibbs



11 SEPT

Monday 16:30

Doverow to the Ocean

Sunset views from on high and along the canal

2.5 hrs → 4 miles

Moderate Community Centre GL10 2NS

Figure of 8 walk starting from Laburnum Park. We take a leisurely walk up and into Doverow's community arboretum via fields and woodland paths with panoramic views all around. Descending through fields on the other side overlooking Westrip Farm and down to Cotswold Green, we make our way back to Stonehouse via quiet roads and green spaces.

We then take the old vicar's path to St Cyr's for the sunset over the Ocean. The church will be open for the brave to ascend the 14th century tower for more panoramic sunset views and to inspect the six bells – four of which date back to 1636. Our return to Stonehouse is along the canal towpath.

- Wear good walking shoes and long trousers, as paths can be slippery, uneven and/or overgrown.
- Dogs allowed but not up the tower!

Walk Leader: Gill Sermon



12 SEPT

Tuesday 10:15

Stonehouse Health Walk

Ramblers "Walking for Health" programme

1 hr → 1-2 miles

Easy Community Centre GL10 2NS

This is part of a network of short group walks. Our walks take in the canal and our local area. We will choose the walk on the day. No dogs please.

- The walk shall be taken at a leisurely pace.
- Refreshments are available in the Stonehouse Community Café after the walk.

Walk Leader(s): Trained Health Walk Volunteers



Walk Schedule

Full booking details can be found on our website: stonehousewalks.co.uk

Date	Start time	Title of walk	Hours	Miles	Start from	Notes
Friday 8	18:00	Festival Launch Walk to the Vineyard	2.5h	2	PCP	Celebrate with a glass of wine
Saturday 9	09:00	Stroud via Painswick Valley	4h	5-8	PCP	Bring food & drink
	10:30	Family Fun Walk	2h	2	APT	Bring packed lunch
	11:00	Standish Church Walk	4h	7	PCP	Bring packed lunch
Sunday 10	10:00	Canals and Commons	5h	11-12	PCP	Bring food & drink
	11:00	Cotswold Canals Connected Canal Fun Day at Stonehouse Court Hotel & St Cyr's Church				Booking required on Eventbrite:
	11:00	Captain Sally has lost her Boat!				
	12:00	Stonehouse by the Sea Walk: A maritime history of the local area.				
	13:30	Captain Sally has lost her Boat!				
	15:00	Captain Sally has lost her Boat!				
	14:00	Stonehouse History 1: High Street East	1.5h	1-2	PCP	Booking required 01453 826334
Monday 11	09:30	Eastington Orchard	3h	5	PCP	Bring food & drink
	16:30	Doverow to the Ocean	2.5h	4	CC	
Tuesday 12	10:00	Views all the Way	5h	12	PCP	Bring food & drink
	10.15	Stonehouse Health Walk	1h	1-2	CC	
	14:00	Over to Westrip	2h	4.5	PCP	



Date	Start time	Title of walk	Hours	Miles	Start from	Notes
Wednesday 13	09:15	Three Parish Walk	2-3h	5	PCP	
	10.30	Fair Shares Accessible Walk		0.5	APT	Bring packed lunch
	14:00	Freedom on Water: Accessible Boat Trip	1.5h	2	StC	Booking required 07562 173659
	14:00	Stonehouse in Bloom Walk	1-1.5h	2	PCP	Booking required 01453 822998
	16:00	Stroudwater Canal Then and Now	2.5h	4	CC	Booking required 07957 149100
Thursday 14	10:00	Walk to Coaley Peak	4.5h	8-9	PCP	Bring food & drink
	10:00	Trees of Stonehouse 1: Around the Town	2.5h	2-3	PCP	
	14:00	Stonehouse History 2: Stonehouse Court, St Cyr's, Canal & Viaduct	2h	1-2	SCC	Booking required 01453 826334
Friday 15	10:00	Trees of Stonehouse 2: Doverow	2.5h	2-3	PCP	
	14:00	Over Doverow to Standish	2.5h	5	PCP	
Saturday 16	10:30	Bridge Over the Missing Mile	4.5	7	PCP	Bring a drink & snack
	14:00	Trees of Stonehouse 1: Around the Town	2.5h	2-3	PCP	(Repeat)
Sunday 17	10:00	Trees of Stonehouse 2: Doverow	2.5h	2-3	PCP	(Repeat)
	14:00	Stonehouse History 3: High Street West	1.5h	1-2	PCP	Booking required 01453 826334
	18:00	Canal Walk Festival Finale	1.5h	3	PCP	

Grade of walk:

- Easy
- Moderate
- Hard

Starting Points:

APT All Pulling Together GL10 2DB
 CC Community Centre GL10 2NS
 PCP Public Car Park GL10 2NG

StC St Cyr's Church GL10 3QP
 SCC Stonehouse Court Car Park GL10 3RA

WE NEED YOU!

Thank you for joining us this year. We are looking for people who can assist with organising the Walking Festival next year, including walk leaders and back markers.

Email us at stonehousewalkfest@gmail.com for more information.

12 SEPT

Tuesday 14:00

Over to Westrip

Fields and tracks to Westrip and beyond

2 hrs → 4.5 miles

Moderate 📍 Public Car Park GL10 2NG

Following the railway footpath through the vineyards to the Cotswold Way. Then field paths over to Foxmoor Lane, Redhouse Lane, Sandpits Lane to Westrip.

Field footpaths back to Stonehouse via Cotswold Green. Lovely views from the hillside across the vale and up to Randwick Woods. Some ups and downs, taken leisurely. No dogs please.

Walk Leader: Jane Frost



13 SEPT

Wednesday 10:30

Fair Shares Accessible Walk

A gentle, accessible, wheelchair-friendly walk

→ 0.5 mile or less if needed

📍 All Pulling Together GL10 2DB

This walk is available for those with mobility difficulties or needing mobility aids, and those living with dementia. Family and carers are welcome. Well controlled dogs on leads are allowed. Trained volunteers will be on hand for support. At any point if you feel you need to end the walk early, we will help you get back. This is a very gentle walk to enjoy the nature and wildlife available within a short distance of Stonehouse.

- Bring your own food for a picnic at APT at the end of the walk. Free drinks will be available.
- Option to stay for refreshments at St Cyr's, do the the boat trip at 2pm, and return to APT afterwards.

Walk Leader: Becky Horne (Fair Shares)

Tel: 07824 317490 / becky.aploop@gmail.com
or stroud@fairshares.org.uk



13 SEPT

Wednesday 09:15

Three Parish Walk

St Swithuns, St Georges & St Cyr's Churches

2-3 hrs → 5 miles

Easy 📍 Public Car Park GL10 2NG

We start by visiting the very picturesque St Cyr's on the Stroudwater Canal. The tower is the oldest part of the church, dating from the 14th century. We then take quiet roads and paths towards St Swithuns Church in Leonard Stanley. Anne Boleyn passed this way during her last summer in 1535 during her progress with Henry VIII. The church building dates from the 12th century. Remains of the priory buildings and the earlier Saxon church stand to south and west. We then take gentle paths towards St George's Church in King's Stanley. People have occupied this site for several thousand years and worshipped Christianity for more than 800 years. After this we turn for home. No dogs please.

- This circular walk covers rural footpaths, quiet roads and some pavements.
- Toilet available at St Swithuns.

Walk Leader: Rachel Armstrong



13 SEPT

Wednesday 14:00

Freedom on Water

Accessible boat trip from The Ocean

1.5 hrs → 2 miles

Easy 📍 Stonehouse Court GL10 3RA

This is an alternative 'walk': for those who would like a boat trip. We will go east from the Ocean Bridge next to St Cyr's, as far as Ryeford and return. The boat is wheelchair and mobility aid accessible. Families and carers are all welcome. There are different types of boat available – your choice. We make the best of all weathers.

[Additional trips are available Mondays and Wednesdays at 11:00 and 13:00 through Boatmobility].

- Disabled parking is available.
- To combine the Fairshares walk with this boat trip, please mention while booking.

Walk Leader: Jan Thomas of Cotswold Boatmobility

✓ [Booking required with Boatmobility on 07562 173659 or email: info@cotswoldboatmobility.org.uk](mailto:info@cotswoldboatmobility.org.uk)



13 SEPT

Wednesday 14:00

Stonehouse in Bloom Walk

Walk the RHS judges' route

1-1.5 hrs → 2 miles

Easy

Public Car Park GL10 2NG

Learn more about the work of Stonehouse in Bloom.

We will cover the RHS judging route – focusing on the High Street, Elm Road, the Old Chapel Garden and Stonehouse Station – and in the process explain who we are and what we do, with a particular focus on completed, ongoing and future projects.

- An easy walk but there are steps up to the station.
- Well-behaved dogs on a lead are allowed but please note that the walk is all on pavements.

Walk Leaders: Debbie Curtis & Pam Swain

- ✓ Booking required with Pam Swain on 01453 822998 or register on our website: stonehousewalks.co.uk



14 SEPT

Thursday 10:00

Walk to Coaley Peak

4-5 hrs → 8-9 miles

Hard

Public Car Park GL10 2NG

We will walk on mainly small paths and sometimes the Cotswold Way up to Coaley Peak enjoying the views on the way up and, of course, at the top! The paths are uneven in places and there will be several stiles to get over on the walk. The way back down is less demanding, mainly on minor paths through Leonard Stanley. There are lovely woodlands and views to enjoy. No dogs please.

- The only toilet facilities are at the start and end of the walk.
- Bring food and drink.
- Wear suitable footwear and clothing - be prepared for changeable weather.

Walk Leader: Theresa Watt



13 SEPT

Wednesday 16:00

Stroudwater Canal then & now

The Ocean to Westfield Bridge and beyond

2.5 hrs → 4 miles

Easy

Community Centre GL10 2NS

We will meet at Stonehouse Community Centre then head straight down to the canal past St Cyr's Church. On the walk you will hear about old and more recent canal history as well as future plans, plus answers to questions like:

Why does the Ocean even exist? Why are 8 houses called Newtown?
Why Blunder Lock? How can I get involved? Why are Forest Green Rovers a 'dead good team'?

- Well-behaved dogs on a lead are allowed but not advisable as the towpath can be narrow.

Walk Leader: Andrew Franks – canal volunteer

- ✓ Booking required with Gill Sermon on 07957 149100 or register on our website: stonehousewalks.co.uk



14 SEPT

Thursday 10:00

Trees of Stonehouse 1

Around the town

2.5 hrs → 2-3 miles

Easy

Public Car Park GL10 2NG

A tour of the Stonehouse Community Arboretum.

On this walk, local arboriculturist and founder of the Stonehouse Community Arboretum John Parker will give a tour of some of the most interesting trees in the parks and streets of the town.

On the walk we will discuss the importance of trees to people and nature, and some of the social history of trees and green space in Stonehouse.

- Dogs allowed.
- Repeated on Saturday 16th.

Walk Leader: John Parker
of the Arboricultural Association



14 SEPT

Thursday 14:00

Stonehouse History Walk 2

Stonehouse Court, St Cyr's, canal and viaduct

2 hrs

→ 1-2 miles

Easy

📍 Stonehouse Court Car Park GL10 3RA

The history of Stonehouse Court, St Cyr's Church, the canal and railway.

From Stonehouse Court to the Midland Railway Viaduct. Visiting the church with the opportunity to go up the tower. The Stroudwater Canal, Lower Mills and Nutshell Bridge. No dogs please.

- Refreshments available at the church.

Walk Leaders: Vicki Walker, Jim Dickson & Shirley Dicker
from the Stonehouse History Group

- ✓ Booking required with Vicki Walker on 01453 826334 or register on our website: stonehousewalks.co.uk



15 SEPT

Friday 14:00

Over Doverow to Standish

Circular walk via Standish woods

2.5 hrs

→ 5 miles

Moderate

📍 Public Car Park GL10 2NG

This circular walk goes up and over Doverow Hill, then up to Westrip, through Randwick, into the woods and down towards Oxlynch, and back through the fields to Stonehouse near Cotswold Green.

The walk could be strenuous for some in terms of hills.

- Dogs are fine with all stiles/gates easily negotiable by them; there are occasional fields and short bits on roads where leads are needed.
- Bring refreshments.

Walk Leader: Peggy Grimshaw



15 SEPT

Friday 10:00

Trees of Stonehouse 2

Doverow

2.5 hrs

→ 2-3 miles

Moderate

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- Dogs allowed.
- Repeated on Sunday 17th.

Walk Leader: John Parker
of the Arboricultural Association



16 SEPT

Saturday 10:30

Bridge Over the Missing Mile

Canal restoration & the "Missing Mile" project

4.5 hrs

→ 7 miles

Easy

📍 Public Car Park GL10 2NG

A circular walk along the Stroudwater canal to Westfield Bridge (the bridge was saved in 1969 by a woman who stood on it for a day to prevent workmen from blowing it up). This is the start of the "Missing Mile" project where a new canal will be constructed across open fields, passing under the M5 and joining the canal at the A38 roundabout. You will learn how plans are progressing, the key role of volunteers on the project, the engineering design challenges and the strategic benefits of the project; for our communities, environment, heritage and economic development.

Stopping for a break in Coneygree Community orchard, Eastington we return via fields south of the river Frome, past a weir, viaduct and beyond to finish at the Old Chapel Garden for tea & cakes.

Walk Leader: Chris Mitford-Slade
Project Director of Cotswold Canals Connected

(a partnership including Cotswold Canals Trust, Stroud Valleys Canal Company, Stroud District Council, Gloucestershire County Council and the Canal & River Trust)



Artist's impression: Steve Roberts

16 SEPT

Saturday 14:00

Trees of Stonehouse 1

Around the town

2.5 hrs

→ 2-3 miles

Easy

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- Repeat from Thursday 14th.

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of the Arboricultural Association



17 SEPT

Sunday 14:00

Stonehouse History Walk 3

High Street West

1.5 hrs

→ 1-2 miles

Easy

📍 Public Car Park GL10 2NG

Looking at architectural and quirky features of some buildings in Stonehouse. From the main car park we go west to the Globe Inn, Memorial Green, Elm Road, the old vicarage and school, back to Gloucester Road as far as Horsemarling Lane, back via Grosvenor Road across Woodcock Lane estate, over the railway by Globe Inn, and back to the car park. No dogs please.

Walk Leaders: Vicki Walker, Mike Davis, Jim Dickson, Shirley Dicker (tbc)
from the Stonehouse History Group

- ✓ Booking required with Vicki Walker on 01453 826334 or register on our website: stonehousewalks.co.uk



17 SEPT

Sunday 10:00

Trees of Stonehouse 2

Doverow

2.5 hrs

→ 2-3 miles

Moderate

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- Dogs allowed.
- Repeat from Friday 15th.

Walk Leader: John Parker
of the Arboricultural Association



17 SEPT

Sunday 18:00

Canal Walk

Festival finale

1.5 hrs

→ 3 miles

Easy

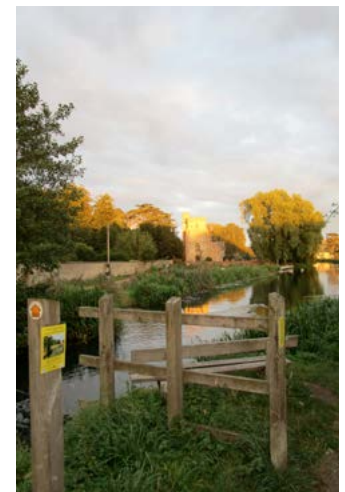
📍 Public Car Park GL10 2NG

The festival will conclude with an evening walk including one of the most scenic parts of the Stroudwater canal.

The walk will be flat except for steep steps at a railway bridge crossing. We will walk along the edge of the railway line to join the Cotswold Way, drop down to the canal at Ryeford Road and return through St Cyr's churchyard.

- Dogs allowed.

Walk Leader: Carol Kambites



Public Transport

Train:

Stonehouse Railway Station:
nationalrail.co.uk or
03457 484950.

Bus:

Buses to Stonehouse High Street:
stagecoachbus.com

Dogs

- Only registered assistance dogs on leads please unless stated otherwise, in which case one well behaved dog per person is allowed.
- Please respect the fact that not everyone is comfortable around dogs. Keep your dog under control and on a short lead at all times.

Walk Guidelines

- Please arrive at the start point at least 10 minutes before the stated time.
- A responsible adult must come with vulnerable people & under 18's.
- Please dress appropriately for the weather and wear suitable footwear. Leaders may refuse to accept participants who in their opinion are ill equipped or unfit.
- There will be rest stops during the walks so do bring some water, a snack and/or packed lunch.
- On some walks public toilet facilities may not be available after the start of the walk.
- Please consider any health or mobility issues you may have beforehand and advise walk leaders of any concerns you may have before setting off, or discuss by phone in advance on 07816 552171.
- Please do not walk ahead of the walk leader.
- You are responsible for your own safety and for determining your ability to complete the chosen walk.
- Attendance on a walk is at your own risk. If you should feel unwell during a walk or you wish to abandon the walk, please notify your walk leader.
- Walks can take longer than estimated e.g. large numbers of walkers, difficult walking conditions, obstacles en route.
- We reserve the right to make changes to, or cancel walks should unforeseen circumstances arise, including adverse weather conditions or a route becoming impassable. If in doubt phone 07816 552171 to make sure.
- Photos may be taken during walks by the walking festival organisers and may be used for future publicity purposes. Please advise your walk leader if you do not want to be featured in any photographs.