

Walks Programme and News

Autumn Winter 2026-2027

For your diary

The Annual General Meeting will be held at the Beacon Centre, Prospect Road, Market Drayton at 7.00pm on Thursday November 5th.

Bank Holidays: – December 25th December 28th and January 1st 2027
British Summer Time ends on Sunday 25th October.
The next committee meeting is scheduled for 13th January 2027.

The **Shropshire Area** Annual General Meeting
will be held at the Beacon Centre, Prospect Road, Market Drayton at
2.00pm on Saturday January 23rd 2027.
There also will be a morning walk.

Festive Lunch
on Sunday 10th January

Booking required

Message from the Chair:

The Summer Walks Programme is coming to an end during which we have experienced unprecedented hot weather. I am hoping that my next message will not start by reporting an autumn/winter of unprecedented wet and muddy weather!!

Thanks must go to Helen for her sterling work in filling the new Walks Programme and thank you to all members who responded by offering walks. Please do continue to volunteer!

Summer Walks

Only one walk was cancelled due to extreme heat but walk numbers were lower than usual as, understandably, many gave the walks a miss with only the sun-lovers amongst us remaining. However, once it cooled down there were 29! on one walk – all happy to be out again. However, the Wednesday evening walks got off to a soggy start and were later affected by the clash with the World Cup but encouragingly the last two were very well attended.

The Shropshire Way linear walks have seen an average of 13 people with 9 who will gain the completers certificate for the whole 120 miles.

Publicity

On Wednesday 24th June we attended the MDCE Health and Wellbeing Fair, at the Street Market in Cheshire Street which was quite a successful event.

Thanks to Bill and Barbara for manning the stall.

The WhatsApp Group continues to be popular with many people contributing some great photos of the walks. Sharita keeps the Facebook page up to date by sharing photos and narrative.

Membership

Membership numbers have dropped slightly over the last few months so please **spread the word about our friendly group** and encourage as many people as possible to join Ramblers Market Drayton group. They don't have to walk with the group but may wish to become members to support Ramblers aims "to build a future fit for everyone to walk outdoors by protecting public paths, opening up the countryside, and making nature accessible to all".

Social Events

We had dry weather for the Scavenger Hunt which was enjoyed by many and the tea and cakes afterwards were excellent. Thanks go to the bakers in the group and to Sharita for organising the event.

We have the social evening following the AGM, a quiz night and the Festive Lunch to look forward to.

Walking Breaks

We had a very enjoyable **Skipton** Break with some lovely walks in Wharfedale and the area around Skipton itself. The weather over the four days was kind to us and it was clear enough on Bill's walk up Pendle Hill (on the way there) for those walking to enjoy the views. Thanks to Steve and Pauline, Helen, Peter Ingham and Bill for recceing and leading the walks and to Steve and Pauline for organising the break.

The **May 2027** break will be at **Milford on Sea**, near Lymington.

This is a new area for our Group, (at least, not visited in recent years!) so we should look forward to some interesting, but not too hilly, walks in the New Forest and along the coast. The hotel has been highly recommended.

Happy rambling,
Claire.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Community Wellness Fair. Saturday 24th October 10am to 2pm at The Grove School. Free entry and parking.
Showcasing local activity clubs, interest groups and amenities for all age groups. **Please pop in to support Market Drayton Ramblers.**

Market Drayton Ramblers AGM and Social Evening 7pm at the Beacon Centre on Thursday 5th November.

The committee work hard throughout the year organising events, walks and footpath maintenance among other things. Come along to support them and hear their annual reports. After the meeting there is plenty of time to chat whilst enjoying the finger buffet provided by members. **We look forward to seeing you there.**

Quiz Night 7pm to 9pm on Wednesday 18th November at MDCASC, Sports Club, Betton Road.

A fun evening; socialise with your fellow Ramblers and join a team to take part in the quiz. Entry fee £1 per person. Look out for further details for this fun event in the next few weeks.

New Year Festive Lunch Sunday 10th January, 2027 at Tern Hill Hall Hotel. Look out for the booking form (which will be issued at the same time as this mailing) and secure your place/s.

Shropshire Area Ramblers AGM 2pm at the Beacon Centre on Saturday 23rd January, preceded by a morning walk at 10am.

Market Drayton are organising the AGM this year. Please come along and support us in hosting this event.

Spring 2027 Weekend Away Milford on Sea 14th to 17th May.

The booking form will be issued at the same time as this mailing – so don't miss out – book as soon as possible to enable us to secure our booking. (Note that deposits are required by the 18th October but **not before the 1st October**)

The Group Charter

Please take time to read our Charter, on the next page, which reminds us of the good things we can do to make our walks “welcoming, fun and safe for all”.

Our visitors always compliment us on being friendly, helpful, mindful of hazards and, especially, looking after each other. Here are a few bullet points - reminders to make us even better.

- Let the Walk Leader lead the walk and follow the walk leader's guidance and instructions. A lot of people now have mapping on their phones but please give the walk leader space to determine their route and be mindful of going ahead which can be distracting. (Maybe ask if it's ok.)
- Leave no-one behind - respect the pace of all walkers. Please help the leader by checking that the group is not too strung out and, where available, use the walkie-talkies.
- Car share when possible. Always tell the leader if you are going direct so that the leader can advise you if there is limited car parking. There were 17 cars at the start of a recent walk, fortunately the car park was large enough, but more car sharing may have been more environmentally friendly!
- **Remember to book** for Tuesday and Saturday walks.
- **Please don't walk in the middle of country lanes.** You never know what's around the corner or speeding towards you!

Group Charter

Ensuring our group is welcoming, fun, and safe for all.

Before a walk



Read the walk details and check it is suitable for you



Book a place on upcoming walks by texting the Walk Leader's mobile number



Notify the walk leader if your plans change and cancel in advance



Bring sufficient food/drink for the length of the walk



Wear suitable clothing – consider the weather and terrain



Assistance dogs only may walk with their owners

On a walk



Be punctual - arrive in advance of walk start times



Carshare when possible and remember your voluntary contribution towards cost



Leave no-one behind – respect the pace of all walkers



Follow the countryside code



Walk responsibly – be considerate of others in the walking environment



Let the walk leader lead and follow the walk leader's guidance and instructions

As part of the group



New to the Ramblers? After 3 walks take out Ramblers membership choose Market Drayton Group



Respect each other's privacy. Get to know members in real life before asking to become friends on social media



Be mindful of GDPR when organising events and walks



Be kind, tolerant and respectful of all members



Contact Market Drayton committee members if you have any questions or concerns



Keep your Ramblers membership up to date

Our Charter is adapted with permission from Shropshire Young Ramblers.

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.**

4th October

This walk is near the upper end of moderate. 9.5 miles and 1800ft of ascent. It starts from the Raven Inn, Llanarmon yn Ial and climbs eastwards to Pen y Coed before descending to cross the A494. After another climb it crosses it again and ascends to Moel Gyw before returning to the valley. Postcode CH7 4QE
GR SJ 19049 56226 (Essential to maximise car share please)

Leader Peter K	01270 811650	Depart 08.30
	07476 718185	

11th October

8 miles moderate walk from llam Hall climbing through fields towards Milldale before descending into scenic Dovedale and returning to llam via the stepping stones. 1200 ft of ascent. Parking at llam Hall. Free for National Trust members with membership card. £8 for non-members.

Leader Mo	01630 695692	Depart 08.30
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18th October

9.5 miles moderate walk to include Gatten Plantation, The Bog, Muckelwick Hill & Pellrhadley Hill. 1500ft ascent.
Parking at Stiperstones National Nature Reserve Knolls Car Park.
GR SO 3694 9770. Postcode no help. W3W: roughest.lion.dripped

Leaders Paul and June	07853 044333	Depart 08.30
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25th October

Highley/Arley. 8.5 miles moderate walk starting from Severn Valley Country Park. The route will use the river path adjacent to the railway so a chance to see steam trains if running! A small amount of road walking with fields and wood tracks. Crossing the River Severn in different places.
Severn Valley Country Park GR SO7458 8305, WTW:enveloped.leaky.takers
Postcode WV16 6NW (Road name. Station Rd. Highley) Pay and Display. Toilets.

Leaders Paul and Carol	07939 220782 M	Depart 08.30 GMT
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1st November

9.2 miles circular walk with 955 ft. of ascent taking in part of the Onny Trail and Wart Hill. Starting from The Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre, Craven Arms Postcode SY7 9RS. £2.50 per car.

Leader Karen	07736 272559	Depart 08.30
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8th November

8 miles moderate, autumnal, scenic walk from Longden village in Shropshire. Parking Longden Village Hall, (Douglas Swire Memorial Hall) School Lane. Postcode SY5 8EX

Leader Vince	01630 638551	Depart 08.30
	07768 852329	

15th November

9 miles, 300 ft ascent, moderate walk taking in Eddisbury Way, Two Saints Way along the Shropshire Union Canal, past Beeston Castle and returning via the Sandstone Trail. Parking at Sandstone Trail car park. (Formerly Candle Workshops) at Higher Burwardsley. GR SJ 522 565 Nearest Postcode CH3 9PD

Leader Henry	07910 565768	Depart 08.30
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22nd November

River Clywedog Valley. 10 miles, moderate, with 1500ft gentle ascent. Walking up the river valley via Nant Mill, New Brighton, and returning via Esclusham Mountain, Fron Deg and Plas Power Woods. Parking at Nant Mill Car Park. Postcode LL11 3BT GR SJ28892 50125. £1 per car.

Leaders Bill and Barbara	07962 848212	Depart 08.30
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29th November

9.8 miles moderate walk from Hodnet. Walking anti clockwise from Hearne Lane towards Fauls, Hoarstone, Mickley and Wollerton Wood. Return via Wollerton. Park at The Lyon Memorial Hall Postcode TF9 3NF GR SJ 61383 28751 W3W: price.flattens.sailor

Leader Sharita	07858 510252	Depart 08.30
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Offers of walks for next programme
(February 2027 to May 2027) this week please

6th December

9.5 miles from Haughmond Hill. The walk is a figure of 8. Initially following Wilfred's Walk round the hill. Then following parts of the Shropshire Way. The route will pass Uffington, Sundorne Castle, Ebury Fort and Haughmond Abbey. Parking at Haughmond Hill GR SJ 545 147. £5.50 for the day, card or RingGo app

Leader Cathy	01630 655068	Depart 08.30
	07967 000326	

13th December

10 miles, with 1250 ft of ascent, moderate walk from Llangollen incorporating the limestone escarpment of Eglwyswg Mountain to World's End, returning via the Offa's Dyke National Trail. Parking at the long stay car park in Llangollen by the Ponsonby Arms, postcode LL20 8RY, GR SJ 216 421. (£4 all day).

Leaders Steve & Pauline	03330 116186	Depart 08.30
	07969 954566	

20th December Mince Pie Walk

8 miles leisurely/moderate walk with 923ft of ascent on Cannock Chase. Taking in a First World War firing range, Abraham's Valley and Beggar's Hill. We then descend to Devil's Drumble returning through the Mere Valley. Parking at Chase Road Corner Car Park, Chase Road, Brocton. GR SJ 98047 17571 Use post code ST17 0SS for Camp Road, continue on Camp Rd for 1mile then turn left into Chase Rd. Car park on right after 0.3mls. W3W: purses.nerve.tastier.

Leader Claire	01630 673050	Depart 08.30
	07811 532259	

27th December

9 miles moderate walk from Newport, along the disused Newport Canal to Edgmond, Edgmond Marsh, Chetwynd and the northeastern edge of Newport. Minimal ascent. Walk can be shortened if necessary. Parking at Stafford Street long stay car park. Free. Postcode TF10 7LT.

Leader Helen	07403 571913	Depart 08.30
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3rd January

10 miles moderate walk from Brewood. Walking along some of the Shropshire Union Canal path, alongside Belvide Reservoir, passing Chillington Hall and back via the Staffordshire Way. Parking at The Bridge Inn, 22 High Green, Brewood. ST19 9BD. W3W: blushes.complies.alive

Leaders Alison & John

07481 896621

Depart 08.30

10th January

New Year Festive Lunch At Tern Hill Hall

There will be a short walk at 10am before lunch at 1:30pm

Leader Sharita

07858 510252

**Depart 10:00 from Tern
Hill Hall Hotel.**

17th January

9.5 miles moderate, varied walk from Norbury, near Newport. Parking at Norbury Village Hall. GR SJ 78282 23526 Postcode ST20 0PA.

Leader Hilary

01952 541633
07773 246942

Depart 08.30

24th January

8 miles moderate walk from Loggerheads car park TF9 4PD going via the Burntwood, Golden Valley and returning past the Rudge. A pleasant winter local walk finishing early afternoon.

Leaders Paul and Chris

01630 672601
07813 809770

Depart 09.00

31st January

c8 miles moderate walk from Clungunford. The walk includes Clungunford and Clunbury churches and Hopton Castle. Undulating walk with a mixture of minor roads, tracks and footpaths in good condition. Parking at Clungunford Village Hall. Postcode SY7 OPP. GR SO 3978 7873

Leader Chris W

01630 658276
07890 145561

Depart 08.30

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.**

3rd October

8 miles moderate walk with 1200ft ascent, to include Clunbury Hill, Abcott & Hopton Castle. Parking at the Hundred House Inn, Purslow SY7 0HJ GR SO 360809 W3W:dwarf.yours.noon. Voluntary £2 per car for parking, thanks.

Leaders Paul and June 07853 044333

Depart 09.00

7th November

9 miles moderate walk over woodland paths and quiet lanes taking in Helsby Hill and Frodsham hills. Mostly undulating but with a sharp rise to the summit of Helsby Hill. Fantastic panoramic views of The Mersey Estuary, the Liverpool skyline and the surrounding countryside.

Park at Sandstone Trail Car Park, Simons Lane, Frodsham. Postcode WA6 6HQ GR SJ 5191 7659 W3W: proud.requested.spinners

Leader Barry

07715 426306

Depart 09.00

Offers of walks for next programme

(February 2027 to May 2027) beginning of December please

5th December

6.1 miles leisurely walk with 897ft of ascent. Visiting Mow Cop Castle, the Old Man of Mow, and a short stretch of the Macclesfield Canal. There is a gradual ascent to the viewpoint (excellent views!) at Cheshire's Close.

Parking at Mow Cop Community Hall ST7 3PJ GR SJ 86024 57325.

Leader Claire

01630 673050

Depart 09.00

07811 532259

2nd January

8.1 miles moderate walk from Much Wenlock. This is the Wenlock circuit, covering some hills, varied countryside and good views of the Wrekin, Brown Clee and the delightful town of Much Wenlock. Parking (free) at Wenlock Edge car park.

Postcode TF13 6AS, GR SO 613 997.W3W:extra.nosedives.embark

Leaders Steve & Pauline

03330 116186

Depart 09.00

07969 954566

Walk Booking System – Tuesday & Saturday

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 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.

6th October	Copmere [6 miles]	Patricia	07792 567328 M
13th October	Bunbury [5 miles]	Henry	07910 565768
20th October	Nantwich and Acton [5.5 miles]	Neil	07307 625530
27th October	Ash Magna [6 miles]	Jon F	01630 653681 07941 221150 M
3rd November	Coalbrookdale and Loamhole [5.5 miles]	Paul & Carol	07939 220782
10th November	Cheswardine [6 miles]	Ivis	07770 566185
17th November	Shrewsbury [5.8 miles]	Pam	07480 852565
24th November	Ashley-Willoughbridge. [6 miles]	Ellie	01630 881989 07583 305835 M
1st December	Hanchurch Woods [5.5 miles]	Tony and Jeanette	01630 673607 07940 365767 M

Tuesday Walks continued

Booking required

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(February 2027 to May 2027) this week please

8th December	Norbury Junction [5 miles]	Joan & Peter	01630 653569 07807 445994 M
15th December	Loggerheads [5.6miles]	Claire	01630 673050 07811 532259 M
22nd December	Madeley Mince Pie Walk [6miles]	Helen	07403 571913
29th December	No walk Christmas		
5th January	Copmere [5.5 miles]	John and Margaret	01630 656252 07776 487594 M
12th January	Whitchurch [5miles]	Bill and Barbara	07962 848212
19th January	Stanton upon Hine Heath [6miles]	Chris W	01630 658276 07890 145561 M
26th January	Loynton Moss [6 miles]	Margaret H	01782 796688 07854 377981 M

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. Deborah.Lack@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk or phone 0300 123 8123 (main switchboard).

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

Wrexham: Rights of Way Wrexham Council 01978 729766 or email Sion.Roberts@wrexham.gov.uk

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