

HIGHWORTH & SWINDON WALKING CLUB

Programme of Wednesday Walks for Jan-Mar 2025

Coordinator: Sue Aiken, email: sueaiken05@gmail.com/mobile 07500 244302 (Text only)

Walks start at 10:00 am from the start point, for car sharing meet earlier at:

The Highworth Rec car park SN6 7DD, Ex169 [SU199922](#), What3words: [mend.seat.hiker](#)

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Date and Rec departure time	Walk description, start point and leader.	Miles/Grade	Travel contribution guide
Wed 1 st Jan The Rec	Walk route & places of interest: Walk and Leader required Leader: Mob:		
Wed 8 th Jan The Rec 09:30	Walk route & places of interest: A circular walk up and over downland, with views, crossing the River Kennet, visiting a Roman Villa and Ramsbury. A pretty walk with views, gentle hills and a riverside walk to the Roman Villa. (Lunch break) Start Point: Park next to a country lane to the south of Aldbourne, at the end of a row of housing, known as "The Garlings". SN8 2DT Map: EX157 SU264750 , W3W: petal.crumples.tonight Please park sensitively on the edge of the housing estate "The Garlings" which is reached off The Butts and Southward Lane, south of Aldbourne and its famous duck pond. In case of bad weather, or flooding, the walk can be slightly rerouted or shortened. Leader: Lin D. Mob: 07941232273	10 Easy moderate	£2.70
Wed 15 th Jan The Rec 09:40	Walk route & places of interest: Cross Trees estate, Military Academy Woods, Stainswick Lane, Stainswick Farm, Bourton, Shrivenham. Start Point: Shrivenham Village CP-Martens Rd (Near Memorial Hall - off Highworth Rd) SN6 8AX. (No lunch) Map: EX170 SU236889 , W3W: vowed.skid.asleep If conditions are wet there will be mud in places. Leader: Mary H. Mob: 07586410915	5.4 Easy	74p
Wed 22 nd Jan The Rec 09:00	Walk route & places of interest: Leaving Swindon on 09:58 train to Bristol Temple Meads 10:35 Changing to 10:46 to Clifton Down. Walking through Clifton stopping on High Street to visit on of the many coffee bars. Proceeding on to Clifton Down for a late lunch break (Toilets). Crossing Clifton Suspension Bridge through Leigh Woods before walking along River Avon under Suspension bridge through Bristol harbour to Temple Meads Station, map EX155 for the walk. (Lunch break) Start Point: Swindon railway Station SN1 1DQ. Map: EX169 SU149851 , W3W: expect.match.sample Please note start time 09:58 Food and drink at Weatherspoon's at end of walk. Fare with railcard or group share (3 or more) £15-05. If open, its is hoped to visit Clifton Cathedral and Suspension bridge visitor center. Leader: Jeremy W. Mob: 07485762971	8.5 Easy No stiles	

Wed 29 th Jan The Rec 09:15	Walk route & places of interest: Great Bedwyn Church, Kennet & Avon Canal, Bloxham, Wilton Windmill, Wilton Brail (no lunch)..... ... drinks stop probably at the Windmill. Start Point: Great Bedwyn railway station car park. SN8 5RD Map: EX157 SU279645 , W3W: removed.testers.salary Park considerably anywhere in the village. Possible drink at the village pub, The Three Tuns, afterwards Leader: Robin C. Mob: 07841347377	6.6 Easy	£4.50
Wed 5 th Feb The Rec 09:05	Walk route & places of interest: Due north up to Roundway Down, Roundway Hill covert, Quakers' Walk, Kennett and Avon Canal. (Lunch break) Start Point: Car park opposite Bishop's Cannings' village hall. SN10 2LA. Map: EX157 SU036643 , W3W: insert.ruling.rooster Leader: Richard P. Mob: 07513009044	10 Moderate	£5.40
Wed 12 th Feb The Rec 09:30	Walk route & places of interest: Haydon Wick along the brook, a visit to Sevenfields Nature Reserve, looping back over Woodhall Park hill on green paths where possible, ending with an ascent of Mouldon Hill. No lunch break, Tawny Owl pub nearby though. Start Point: Mouldon Hill Country Park car park (2.1 height limit) SN25 1WH Map: EX169 SU118878 W3W: icebergs.slam.gratitude Leader: Peter F. Mob: 07999752432	5 Easy	£1.40
Wed 19 th Feb The Rec 09:20	Walk route & places of interest: Faringdon Folly, Littleworth, Buckland (Lunch break) Start Point: Hatford, turn left at the only junction and park on the left after entrance to farm SN7 8JF Map: EX170 SU338949 W3W: autumn.guardian.soldiers Leader: Richard P. Mob: 07513009044	9 Easy	£2.20
Wed 26 th Feb The Rec 09:35	Walk route & places of interest: Ashbury, Bishopstone Church and Downs, Ridgeway, Kingston Combes Start Point: Ashbury outside Rose & Crown Pub. SN6 8NA. Park in pub car park only if drinking/eating there afterwards. Otherwise considerably in the village (eg along road towards Bishopstone). Map: EX170 SU264850 , W3W: sailor.steadier.allows Leader: Robin C. Mob: 07841347377	7.3 Easy moderate Climb to Ridgeway	£1.40
Wed 5 th Mar The Rec 09:50	Walk route & places of interest: To Stanton Fitzwarren across fields and then to Hannington before returning to Highworth Start Point: Highworth Rec SN6 7DD No lunch, however Rose and Crown by the rec is open for lunch Guaranteed muddy Map: EXP169 SU199922 W3W: mend.seat.hiker Leader: Gary S. Mob: 07547736406	8 Easy	N/A

Wed 12th Mar The Rec 09:20	Walk route & places of interest: Woodmancote, Bagendon church, Daglingworth quarry, Welsh way, Itlay, Duntisbourne Rouse ford and Saxon church MacMillan Way. (No lunch) Directions: Use the A419 and turn off at Daglingworth Quarry and the use Welsh Way to pick up the A435. Follow via N Cerney and just after Bathurst Arms on the right hand side you turn left to Woodmancote Scrubditch Map: OL45 + EX179 SP004088, W3W: stamp.craftsman.educates Leader: Mike B. Mob: 07498457504	7 Easy/ Moderate Slopes	£4.60
Wed 19th Mar The Rec 09:15	Walk route & places of interest: Northleach, Hampnett, Yanworth, Stowell. Will be muddy, poles/gaiters advised. Start Point: Northleach old prison (Lunch break) Map: OL45 SP109149, W3W: trailing.sapping.rinse Leader: Dave W. Mob: 07923305552	8.5 Moderate	£4.35
Wed 26th Mar The Rec 09:40	Walk route & places of interest: Lechlade, the Round House, follow the Thames to St Johns Lock, Lechlade Mill and return via Lechlade Cricket Club. (No lunch) Start Point: Meet at Memorial car park, Oak Street, Lechlade GL7 3AY Map: OL45 SU213999 W3W: craftsmen.goodnight.wordplay Leader: Shelia F. Mob: 07769275349	5 Easy	£1

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Wed 2 nd Apr The Rec 09:10	Walk route & places of interest: From St Marys Church we walk to Alton Priors Church. Before climbing up to: Adams grave, Walkers Hill (tea break), the White Horse and Milk Hill in the Pewsey Downs National Nature reserve. Descending to Stanton St Bernard. Lunch Break in the Church. Returning along Kennet and Avon at Honey Street. Optional drink stops at either Barge Inn or Honey Street cafe with shops and crop circle exhibition Start Point: Alton Barnes, St Mary's Church, Church Farm Lane Alton Barnes SN8 4LE. Please Park on Church side of road Map: Ex157 SU107620, W3W: recap.plotter.blocks Leader: Jeremy W. Mob: 07485762971	7 Mod Walking pole may be of assistance with hill climb	£4.80
Wed 9 th Apr The Rec 09:50	Walk route & places of interest: Across fields to Hannington then on to Mersey Hampton to Castle Eaton and return via Dunfield and Kempsford and back to Highworth via Crouch Hill. No lunch break. Lunch is available at the Rose and Crown. Start Point: Highworth Rec. SN6 7DD Map: Ex169 SU199922 W3W: mend.seat.hiker Leader: Mob: Gary S. Mob: 07547736406	8 Easy	N/A
Wed 16 th Apr The Rec 09:15	Walk route & places of interest: Northleach then south across fields to the Salt Way and then towards Calcot, Coln St Dennis and to Fossebridge before returning via the Church at Stowell House. Some minor road walking on Salt Way. Lunch - yes Start Point: Northleach Old Prison car park GL54 3JH Map: OL45 SP109149, W3W: guests.confining.decorated Leader: Gary S. Mob: 07547736406	10 Mod	£4.35
Wed 23 rd Apr The Rec 09:20	Walk route & places of interest: E Garston, Great Shefford, Trindledown Copse, E Garston. Coffee break Start Point: Queens Arms Pub CP -East Garston. RG17 7ET (on B4000- 4 miles SE of Lambourn) Map: Ex158 SU365763, W3W: ribs.install.unlocking Leader: Mary H. Mob: 07586410915	5.5 mod	£3.20

Wed 30 th Apr The Rec 09:20	Walk route & places of interest: Using bus 49 to Broad Hinton Church. Walk to Hackpen Hill. Ridgeway Path descending to edge of Uffcot and Airfield, before dropping down to Markham banks and Clouts wood. Lunch break - yes Start Point: Wroughton High Street bus stop No 49 Bus leaving at 09.53 to Broad Hinton Church. Bus fare capped at £3 Park in Ellendune Center car park. SN4 9LW (Toilets may be available) not by the shops. Map: Ex157 SU144804 , W3W: flesh.boats.rooms Leader: Jeremy W. Mob: 07485762971	7.5 mod	£2.50
Wed 7 th May The Rec 09:05	Walk route & places of interest: Lower Oddington, Daylesford Estate, Cornwell. Lunch - yes Start Point: Village road off the A436 to Lower Oddington, second right at 2.6 miles from Stow on the Wold. Please car share if you can Map: Ex163 SP232261 , W3W: panels.poetry.compelled Leader: Brenda H. Mob: 07864381477	8.5 Easy/mod	£4.80
Wed 14 th May The Rec 09:40	Walk route & places of interest: Shrivenham to Coleshill circular walk via Pennyhooks Farm, Waterloo Lodge, NT Coleshill, Coleshill Park, D'Arcy Dalton Way and Watchfield. Farm tracks fields footpaths road crossings and road walking gates and a few stiles to negotiate. Lunch – yes Start Point: Martens Road car park Shrivenham, SN6 2AX Map: Ex170 SU236889 , W3W: departure.sourced.cutaway Leader: Mob: Caroline I. Mob: 07795250049	10.5 Easy A couple of upslopes and stiles	70p
Wed 21 st May The Rec 09:20	Walk route & places of interest: Ramps hill, Sundeys hill, Somerford Farm, Somerford Common. Fields, roads, tracks, woodland, about 3 miles on hard surfaces (quiet roads and byways) Lunch – no. Start Point: Three Crowns Brinkworth SN15 5AF Map: Ex169 SU013844 , W3W: coasting.lung.mothering Please car share as parking a bit limited. Those using pub at end of walk can use the car park at the rear of the pub. Otherwise use lay-by, school hill or front of pub (latter may be needed by others). Leader: Pete S. Mob: 07504461982	6 Mod A few stiles	£4
Wed 28 th May The Rec 09:05	Walk route & places of interest: Sherston, Macmillan Way, Silk Wood, Westonbirt, Easton Grey, Pinkney, Easton Town. Lunch – yes Start Point: Sherston High Street Maybe muddy in places, more info later. Map: Ex156 ST854860 , W3W: pylon.stormy.headers Leader: Dave W. Mob: 07923055552	10 Mod incl hills	£6.70
Wed 4 th Jun The Rec 09:25	Walk route & places of interest: From Coln St Aldwyns we walk across fields to historic Bibury returning through woods and water meadows. No lunch Start Point: At the top of the high street in Coln St Aldwyns outside the post office/village shop GL7 5AA Map: OL45 SP145052 W3W: yards.loves.aimed Leader: Gill B. Mob: 07807155798	7 Easy/mod	£2.20

Wed 11th Jun The Rec 09:40	Walk route & places of interest: Buscot Lock & Weir, Thames Path, Kelmscot village (drinks stop at Church), return overland. No lunch Start Point: NT Car Park or nearby lane, Buscot village. SN7 8BY NT Car Park free for members Map: Ex170 SU230977, W3W: something.talents.brink Leader: Robin C. Mob: 07841347377	5 Very easy	£1.05
Sat 14th Jun Highworth 08:00 Link Centre 08:20	London coach trip. Walk route & places of interest: From The Tower of London along the north side of the Thames crossing the river to Greenwich, eventually returning to The Tower along the south side of the river. One long walk or either of the two short walks. Link to booking form: Here Walk Leader: Mary H, Mob: 07586410915	5.5 + 5.5 Easy	£36.00
Wed 18th Jun The Rec 09:30	Walk route & places of interest: Eastleach Downs, Macaroni Downs, Eastleach Turville, lovely Leach valley, Akeman Street. Start Point: Car park behind Eastleach Downs Farm, labelled 'Info Hub'. GL7 3PX. Park in new Farm 'Info Hub' car park - turn right at sign immediately before farm buildings and follow track. No lunch Map: SP196083 W3W: insurance.lilac.shopper Leader: Robin Clegg. Mob: 07841347377	7 Easy with a few slopes	£2.30
Wed 25th Jun The Rec 09:35	Walk route & places of interest: Liddington, Hill Barn, Ridgeway, Medbourne, Glebe Farm, Upper Wanborough, Liddington. An undulating walk over fields, tracks and road. Two gentle climbs. Panoramic views over Swindon. Coffee Break. Optional pub lunch after walk. Start Point: Village Inn CP -Liddington, SN4 OHE Map: Ex170 SU207814, W3W: resolved.backtrack.crypt Leader: Mary H. Mob: 07586410915	6.1 Easy/mod	£1.60

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Car Share meet point:

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Wednesday 2 nd July The Rec 09:45	Walk route & places of interest: Thames path, Oxford Canal, Wolfson College, Park Farm, River Cherwell, Oxford Colleges / Centre. A part urban, part rural walk around and through Oxford. Due to major disruption to the Botley Rd the return bus stop is further out of Oxford centre than previously planned for Start Point: Bus Pass Walk (almost full day due to travelling) Meet at the Rec at 9.45am to travel to Shrivenham (park in village CP on Highworth Rd) to take S6 bus (10.18am from Shrivenham High St) to Osney Bridge -Oxford. Alternatively take S6 from Swindon bus station 9.55am, passing Greenbridge retail park or by Dunelm at Stratton, where parking is available if more convenient. OX2 OBT Toilets at Oxford rail station upon arrival. Coffee stop & please bring packed lunch. Meet Leader at Shrivenham Map: Ex180, SP502062, W3W: bats.stroke.flame Leader: Mary H, Mob: 07586410915	7 Easy but if wet please be aware that some gateways will be rutted and muddy	N/A
Wednesday 9 th July The Rec 09:35	Walk route & places of interest: Walk north around the top of Shill Brook to The Plantations. Then weave south to Old Man's Bridge. Along to Rushey Lock. Back north to Bampton Church. Lunch break. Start Point: North side of Church, Church Close, Bampton. OX18 2LW Map: Ex180 SP312033, W3W: cocoons.posed.screaming Leader: Arend VF, Mob: 07980305534	9 Easy Flat 4 stiles	£2.45
Wednesday 16 th July The Rec 09:30	Walk route & places of interest: Across the road to Shilton, via old air field and solar farm to A361. Then back to Signet via Holwell and the D'Arcy Dalton way. Lunch break. Start Point: Signet on the left going north on the A316. OX18 4JQ Map: Ex OL45 SP246103, W3W: perch.servicing.offer Leader: Arend VF, Mob: 07980305534	8.4 Moderate	£2.40

Wednesday 23rd July The Rec 09:25	Walk route & places of interest: Aldbourne, Hilddrop, River Kennet, Ramsbury village and Church, Love's Copse, Southward Down. Good views and pleasant river Kennet valley. If hot, bring plenty of water and we'll have several drinks stops in shade. Lunch – yes. Start Point: Park considerably anywhere in Aldbourne village and meet on the Green in front of the Church. SN8 2EP Map: Ex157 SU264757, W3W: formless.matrons.referral Leader: Robin C, Mob: 07841347377	7.6 Moderate, easy graded hills	£2.70
Wednesday 30th July Brewery St 09:10	Walk route & places of interest: From the Church we walk to Alton Priors Church. Then a long climb up to Knapp Hill. Tea stop, walk along Tan Hill way before descending to join Kennet and Avon canal at Wilcot, lunch Stop before walking back along canal to Honey Street and start. Option for food and drinks at Barge Inn (if open) or Honey Street. Lunch - yes Start Point: Road side parking at meeting point Alton Barnes church St Mary The Virgin SN9 5PS, or, If using Honey Street Mill Cafe after the walk, park in main or overflow car park, right hand side of road after turning to Church. W3W: slime.observer.gentlmen. Map: Ex157 SU107620, W3W: issue.sampled.digesting Leader: Jeremy W, Mob: 07485762971	8 Moderate	£4.80
Wednesday 6th Aug Brewery St 09:20	Walk route & places of interest: From `The Roman Villa a walk through Withington Woods to Withington Church. Returning along valley of River Coln to Roman Villa Cafe Room for tea cakes etc. Lunch - yes Start Point: Chedworth Roman Villa. Yanworth, first (walkers) car park. Map: OL45 SP055133 , W3W: bloom.briskly.buying Leader: Jeremy W, Mob: 07485762971	7.5 Moderate	£4.50
Wednesday 13th Aug The Rec 09:00	Walk route & places of interest: West Hay Down, Coombe village Wadsmere Down, Wayfarers walk. Lunch - Yes Start Point: Crown and Garter pub Great Common rd. RG17 9QR Poles could be useful Map: Ex158 SU378638, W3W: trap.picnic.beginning Leader: Dave W, Mob: 07923055552	8.9 Moderate with steep climbs	£4.60
Wednesday 20th Aug The Rec 09:25	Walk route & places of interest: Hotel ground to footpath, cross Spine Road, through The Outdoor Experience (Lake 12). Follow the footpath to South Cerney and follow the old railway track. Over fields and tracks back to the Gateway Centre. Eating and drinks options at Gateway Centre Start Point: The Gateway Centre car park, off Spine Road. GL7 5TL Map: SU071970, W3W: raced.hologram.broker Leader: Sheila F, Mob: 07769275349	5 Very easy	£2.25
Wednesday 27th Aug The Rec 09:20	Walk route & places of interest: A circular route from Brinkworth. Details TBC (different to 21st May). Start Point: Three Crowns Brinkworth SN15 5AF Please car share as parking a bit limited. Those using pub at end of walk can use the car park at the rear of the pub. Otherwise use lay-by, School Hill or front of pub (latter may be needed by others). Map: Ex169 SU013844, W3W: coasting.lung.mothering Leader: Fran C, Mob: 07462856067	5-6 Easy/ moderate	£4

Wednesday 3rd Sept The Rec 09:05	Walk route & places of interest: Chavenage Green, Longtree Bottom, Ledgemore Bottom, Long Length lane and return. Start Point: start by the church at Beverston.G18 8TU Limited parking, so please car share if you can. No lunch Map: Ex168 ST862940, W3W: Strapping.Barefoot.Contoured Leader: Mike S, Mob: 07833695062	5 Easy/ moderate	£5.50
Wednesday 10th Sept The Rec 09:35	Walk route & places of interest: From Stockham Close car park we walk along Cricklade High Street and join the Thames Path to Cerney Wick. We then join the old railway line to St Mary's Church in Cricklade and back to the car park. No lunch but plenty of options in Cricklade. Start Point: Stockham Close free car park (near A419 and next to Rugby Club) SN6 6GH Map: Ex169 SU105935, W3W: lighter.passenger.hulk Leader: Gill B, Mob: 07807155798	5.7 Easy	£1.75
Wednesday 17th Sept The Rec 09:30	Walk route & places of interest: A flat walk from Down Ampney across fields to Cricklade and return via Latton. Lunch - yes Start Point: Park near the main road junction with Church Road in Church Road GL7 5QW Map: Ex169 SU097969, W3W: storming.fades.flagged Leader: Gary S, Mob: 07547736406	9 Very easy	£1.85
Wednesday 24th Sept The Rec 09:20	Walk route & places of interest: N Cerney, Monarchs Way, Green Meadow Farm, Macmillan way, Woodmancote. An undulating varied walk with lovely views Coffee break. Optional pub lunch after walk. Start Point: Bathurst Arms CP -N Cerney (on A435 Cirencester - Cheltenham Rd) GL7 7BZ Map: OL45, SP019079, W3W: stirs.parks.former Leader: Mary H, Mob: 07586410915	5.8 Moderate with two steep climbs	£4.20