

HIGHWORTH & SWINDON WALKING CLUB

Programme of Sunday Walks Jan – Mar 2026

Coordinator: Marilyn Todd, email: Maltodd2853@hotmail.com /mobile 07709 900413 (Text only)

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

Car Share meet points:

Brewery St, Highworth, SN6 7AL: EX169 [SU203924](#), What3words: [Union.baseless.hinted](#)

Marlborough Rd, Swindon, SN3 1PL: EX169 [SU160830](#), What3words: [noble.early.legend](#)

Freshbrook Centre, Swindon, SN5 8RJ: EX169: [SU111834](#) What3words: [item.shrub.grass](#)

Turnpike Rd, Blunsdon, SN26 8DJ: EX169 [SU148899](#) What3words: [expansion.tenses.avid](#)

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Date and meet point departure time	Walk description, start point and leader.	Miles/ Grade	Travel Contribution Guide
Sunday Jan 4 th Turnpike Road 09:00	Walk route & places of interest: Start from The Plough in Cold Aston. Bang up lane to Turkdean then onto Hazelton, Notgrove, Aylworth. (Lunch Break) Start Point: The Plough Pub in Cold Aston, GL34 5BN Map: Ex OL45 SP128197 , W3W: insurers.derailed.baseballs Leader: Pete S, Mob: 07717003741	10 Easy No steep inclines	£5.20
Xmas Meal Sunday Jan 11 th Marlborough Road 09:10	Walk route & places of interest: Liddington, The Ridgeway, Badbury. (Coffee break) Start Point: The Village Inn, SN4 OHE, start time: 09:30 Walk leaders will meet at start of walk. Walk followed by Xmas lunch at the Village Inn for those who have booked. Map: Ex170 SU207814 , W3W: fallback.basically.screamed Leader: Morag & Ceri, Mob: 07905566616	7.5 Easy but one steep climb	70p
Welsh Walk Sunday Jan 18 th Freshbrook Centre 08:15	Walk route & places of interest: From St Briavels heading up to Lower Meend, to Bigsweir Bridge following Wye Using Offas Dykes path (If flooded higher level option), Brockweir heading east to Hawelsfield, north to St Briavels. (Lunch Break) Start Point: St Briavel Castle, GL15 6RU Map: Ex OL14 SO558046 , W3W: embarks.hazel.agreed Please inform leader by 6pm Friday if you intend to go Although we meet at freshbrook for car share, a lift is not guaranteed Leader: Andrew S, Mob: 07745292985	8.5 Mod 318m ascent	£11.80

Sunday Jan 18th Brewery Street 09:15	Walk route & places of interest: From Swinbrook, walk in the pretty Windrush Valley. The walk heads east to Asthall and then west to Burford. The area is home to the Mitford sisters. They lived in Asthall Manor and Swinbrook House. Some of the sisters and members of their family are buried in Swinbrook Churchyard. Inside the Church, there are the Fettiplace monuments which are certainly worth a visit if the Church is open. We also pass the village of Widford, which was abandoned after the plague in the 14th century, the tiny St Oswald's Church, the only remaining building. (Lunchbreak) Start Point: Meet outside the Swan Inn, Swinbrook. Park responsibly next to the village hall or near the cricket pitch. OX18 4DY Map: Ex OL45 SP282119, W3W: payer.inflamed.fires Leader: Don & Maggie W , Mob: 07770875357	9.5 Moderate Small hills	£3.20
Sunday Jan 25th Marlborough Road 09:50	Walk route & places of interest: Swindon Old Town starting from Marlborough Road. The Lawns, Queen's Park, Radnor St cemetery. Canal, part of the dismantled railway line, Old Town Park. (Lunch break) Start Point: Marlborough Rd meet up point, SN3 1PJ Map: Ex169 SU160830, W3W: junior.pass.kind Leader: Richard P, Mob: 07513009044	7/8 Easy	N/A
Sunday Feb 1st Marlborough Road 09:15	Walk route & places of interest: Wansdyke and the Kennet and Avon canal. (Lunch break) Start Point: Car park on West End Road. Leave the A361 by turning left and head south to Bishop's Cannings. Turn right at the first crossroads and it's immediately on your right. SN10 2LL Map: Ex157 SU037643, W3W: bloom.moons.pizza Leader: Richard P, Mob: 07513009044,	9.5 Easy/Mod	£3.40
Welsh Walk Sunday Feb 8th Freshbrook Centre 08:10	Walk route & places of interest: Cwm Carn Visitor Centre Car park (café & toilets) This is a named walk-1807 Walk. First section follows Monmouthshire & Brecon Canal to Pen y Van. North to Pant Yr Eos Reservoir, North West to Twmbarlwm, descend along forest trail to minor road walk back to visitor centre. (Lunch Break) Start Point: Cwm Carn Visitor centre, NP11 7FA Map: Ex152 ST229936, W3W: garlic.spare.genetics Please inform leader by 6pm Friday if you intend to go Although we meet at freshbrook for car share, a lift is not guaranteed Leader: Andrew S, Mob: 07745292985	10 Mod/Hard	£14.60
Sunday Feb 8th Brewery Steet 08:45	Walk route & places of interest: Ardington, East Lockinge, East and West Ginge. Lunch break. Could be muddy so poles are a good idea. Start Point: Car park on the Ridgeway by monument (off the B4494 Chain Hill), OX12 8PA Map: Ex170 SU418841, W3W: undertook.cowering.script Leader: David W, Mob: 07923055552	8.5 Easy/Mod One hill	£6.70

Sunday Feb 15th Marlborough Road 09:30	Walk route & places of interest: Foxhill, follow Ridgeway path towards Bishopstone and over Russley Downs. Russley Park, back via Sugar Hill. Undulating but no major hills. (Lunch break) Start Point: Foxhill car park at bottom of Ridgeway path. Layby on road if car park full. Map: Ex170 SU233814, W3W: kinds.televiser.reception Leader: Kev G, Mob: 07941076786	9 Moderate/ undulating	£1.10
Sunday Feb 22nd Turnpike Road Blunsdon 09:15	Walk route & places of interest: Chedworth, Yanworth and surrounding area. Through farmland and woods, beautiful views of surrounding countryside. Terrian includes some undulation and a couple of small hills. (Lunch Break) Start Point: Chedworth Village Hall, GL54 4NQ Map: OL45 SP053113, W3W: digs.repeat.wonderful Leader: Paul R, Mob: 0759152255	9 Moderate 1123ft ascent	£5.60
Sunday Mar 1st Turnpike Road Blunsdon 09:15	Walk route & places of interest: Sapperton, Pinbury Park, Miserden Park Lake, Edgeworth. Some road walking. Paths are likely to be very muddy in places. (Lunch Break) Start Point: Sapperton. Limited parking, please park considerately. Car share if possible, GL7 6LE Map: Ex179 SO947033, W3W: tourist.repayment.bloodshot Leader: Ceri M, Mob: 07905566616	10 Moderate – a couple of short steep climbs	£5.50
Welsh Walk Sunday Mar 8th Freshbrook Centre 07:50	Walk route & places of interest: Talgarth & a few historical site/sights, heading south skirting gliding club, The rhos, Castell Dinas, Pengenffordd carn y Castell, Garn y Castell, Trewalkin, Long Barrow, Skirt Pendre Fort, back to Talgarth. (Lunch Break) Start Point: Talgarth main car park, LD3 0PQ Map: Ex OL14 SO153337, W3W: download.faster.crouching Please inform leader by 6pm Friday if you intend to go Although we meet at freshbrook for car share, a lift is not guaranteed. Leader: Andrew S, Mob: 07745292985	9.5 Mod/Hard 511m ascent	£20.00
Sunday Mar 8th Brewery Street 09:15	Walk route & places of interest: From Great Barrington to RAF Little Rissington and Taynton on the return. We'll walk part of the route out on the return. Last 3/4 mile is along the road from Taynton to Barrington. (Lunch break) Start Point: Great Barrington village hall car park on back road. OX18 4UR Map: EX OL45 SP209136, W3W: result.lighter.arranges Leader: Peter S, Mob: 07717003741	11 Easy	£3.40
Sunday Mar 15th Marlborough Road 09:15	Walk route & places of interest: Walking through Burbage via a Medieval Fish shop to Ram Ally. Then following a tea stop to Kennet and Avon canal heading east via Bruce Tunnel to Crofton locks. Lunch Stop. Walking on via Dark Lane to Station Farm before heading towards Wolfhall and Burbage. (Lunch break) Start Point: Burbage East Sands Lane. Layby at end of road after Mundays Builders Merchants. SN8 3AN Map: Ex157 SU236610, W3W: budgeted.heaven.pinks Leader: Jeremy W, Mob: 07485762971	9 Moderate. No Hills	£3.40

Sunday Mar 22nd Brewery Street 09:00	Walk route & places of interest: Lower Slaughter to Upper Slaughter probably on the road due to the wet conditions. To Naunton along the Wardens Way beside the river Windrush. Could be wet. (Lunch break) Start Point: St Marys church, Lower Slaughter, GL54 2HR Map: Ex OL45 SP165226, W3W: pounding.musical.meanwhile Leader: Peter S, Mob: 07717003741	9.2 Easy	£5.00
Sunday Mar 29th Marlborough Road 09:15	Walk route & places of interest: Walk starts at Axford Village Hall. Whitehard Bottom, Moores Wood, Ogbourne St George, Old Chase. Skirts Poulton Downs. Undulating but no major hills. (Lunch Break) Start Point: Axford Village Hall, SN8 2EZ Map: Ex174 SU238701, W3W: varieties.dressings.foremost Leader: Pat K , Mob: 0776946779	10 Mod	£3.40

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Sunday 5 th Apr Marlborough Road 09:30	Walk route & places of interest: Up over the Ridgeway, near Charlbury Hill & Lammy Down. Includes Bishopstone & good examples of ancient field systems. (Lunch Break) Start Point: Car Park at the rear of Hinton Parva Village Hall. SN4 0DH Map: Ex170 SU229832 , W3W: lands.rekindle.remarks Leader: Richard P, Mob: 07513009044	10 Mod	£1.60
Welsh Walk Sunday 12 th Apr Freshbrook 07:45	Walk route & places of interest: Llanfrynach heading south to Clawdd Coch then Gist Wen Craig Cwareli, Craig Cwmoergwm, return along Cefn Cyff ridge to Llanfrynach. (Lunch Break) Start Point: Llanfrynach-opposite the church, street parking by public toilets. LD3 7AJ Map: Ex OL12 or Harvey Brecons East. SO074258 , W3W: goals.blackbird.haggling Please inform the leader before 6pm Friday if you intend to go Please note meeting at Freshbrook doesn't guarantee a lift. Leader: Andrew S, Mob: 07745292985	11 Mod/Hard 730m ascent	£18.50
Sunday 12 th Apr Brewery Street 09:00	Walk route & places of interest: Start at the Celtic Cross in Icomb. Oxford way to Nether Westcote, Church Westcote over the A424 to Wyck Rissington past Wyck Hill house over the A424 to Icomb. Start Point: Celtic cross in Icomb, GL54 1JD. Parking is limited in Icomb please car share where possible. We don't want to be a pain to the residents. Map: Ex OL45 SP212226 , W3W: singers.deploying.slice Leader: Pete S, Mob: 07717003741	8.9 Easy Nothing very steep	£4.40

Sunday 19 th Apr Marlborough Road 09:30	Walk route & places of interest: Start from Aldbourne heading north towards Sugar Hill, crossing towards Liddington Castle. Heading south, taking in the Ridgeway, returning via Upper Upham. (Lunch break) Start Point: The car park at the Pond Aldbourne. Map: Ex157 SU264756 , W3W: grandest.shine.cookery Leader: Barbara R, Mob: 07980305651	10 Easy	£1.70
Sunday 26 th Apr Marlborough road 09:35	Walk route & places of interest: From Chiseldon north to Coate Water, skirt Broome Manor golf course, back via Burdrop farm and Hodson (Lunch break) Start Point: Car park off Stroud's Hill near SPAR shop. SN4 ONG Map: Ex169 SU187798 , W3W: hood.cheese.skill Leader: Richard P, Mob: 07513009044	8 Easy	£1
Sunday 3 rd May Brewery Street 09:00	Walk route & places of interest: Lower Slaughter to Lower Swell & Upper Swell along the Warden's Way. There's some road walking back to Lower Swell from Upper Swell & another mile of road to reach Condicote Lane. If the weather is good there's nice views of The Cotswolds. (Lunch Break) Start Point: St Mary's church Lower Slaughter next to the Manor Hotel, GL54 2HR Map: Ex OL45 SP165226 , W3W: marmalade.caused.keen Leader: Pete S, Mob: 07717003741	9.3 Mod	£5:00
Sunday 10 th May Turnpike Road 09:20	Walk route & places of interest: The infinite Monkey Cage. Walking through Cirencester to Stratton, Tea stop at church, Daglingworth, Itlay, Quarry, Bagendon crossing valley to Baunton, Monarch's way to Cirencester. (Lunch Break) Start Point: Beeches road car park Cirencester, GL7 1BW charge £3.70 Map: Ex179 SP028019 , W3W: tested.orbited.crowbar Leader: Jeremy W, Mob: 07485762971	10 Mod	£3.70
Welsh Walk Sunday 17 th May Freshbrook Centre 08:00	Walk route & places of interest: Llanbedr, Hen Bant, Crug Mawe, drop into Grwyne Fawr Valley, Penilfach and return. (Lunch Break) Start Point: Llanbedr near church. NP8 1SQ Map: Ex OL13 SO240204 , W3W: permanent.vouch.exit Please inform the leader before 6pm Friday if you intend to go Please note meeting at Freshbrook doesn't guarantee a lift Leader: Andrew S, Mob: 07745292985	12.5 Hard 2 ascents 1081m	£16.30
Sunday 17 th May Marlborough Road 09:20	Walk route & places of interest: Postern Hill, old railway track, Marlborough Common, Rough Down, Wessex Ridgeway, Barton Down & Whitehorse Trail. (Lunch Break) Start Point: Postern Hill SN6 4ND Map: Ex157 SU197678 , W3W: twigs.waxes.appointed Leader: David W, Mob: 07923055552	9.2 Mod	£1.60
Sunday 24 th May Marlborough Road 09:30	Walk route & places of interest: Roman Road South, Sarcen Way, Barbury Castle, Old Ridgeway. (Lunch Break) Start Point: Car park behind the Spar shop in Chiseldon. SN4 ONG Map: Ex169 SU187798 , W3W: raft.icons.camps Leader: Peter S, Mob: 07504461982	8 Mod	£1.00

Sunday 31 st May Brewery Street 09:10	Walk route & places of interest: Gt Barrington to Gt Rissington, Windrush & Lt Barrington. Hopefully the Windrush valley will be dry. (Lunch Break) Start Point: Village Hall car park Gt Barrington. OX18 4UR Map: Ex OL45 SP209136 , W3W: result.lighter.arranges Leader: Pete S, Mob: 07717003741	9.2 Mod	£3.50
Sunday 7 th Jun Turnpike Road 09:15	Walk route & places of interest: Walk from Sapperton, through mainly beech woodland, with some typical Gloucestershire hills and dales and farmland to the Cotswold village of Bisley. Points of interest and history will illustrate the villages and countryside with a descent to Oakridge. A flat woodland walk along the Thames and Severn Canal/River Frome to return. Hills early in the walk and throughout mainly the first half. Twelve stiles, not at the beginning but well into the walk and thereafter. (Lunch break) Start Point: Sapperton opposite Kenelms Church. GL7 6LQ Very restricted roadside parking, car sharing advised. Map: Ex168 SO946032 , W3W: slogans.shins.engraving Minimising the number of cars is essential especially in case of simultaneous church activities. Nearest refreshments are at the Daneway pub or The Crown Inn, Frampton Mansell. Leaders: Lin D & Zoe H Mob: 07941232273/07788884608	10.5 Moderate	£3.80
Welsh Walk Sunday 14 th Jun Freshbrook Centre 08:00	Walk route & places of interest: Crickhowell CP, The Wern, Darren, Pen Cerri-calch, Pen Allt-Mawr, Pen Twyn Glas, Tal Trwynau, Penwyn Neuadd Fawr, past Llanbedr. (Lunch Break) Start Point: Crickhowell Car park. NP8 1AC Map: Ex OL13 SO218183 , W3W: valley.nips.plants Please inform the leader before 6pm Friday if you intend to go Please note meeting at Freshbrook doesn't guarantee a lift. Leader: Andrew S, Mob: 07745292985	12.25 Hard	£16.80
Sunday 14 th Jun Brewery Street 09:40	Walk route & places of interest: Lechlade, Kelmscott, Radcot, Buscot weir. (Lunch break) Start Point: Layby on A417 approx ½ mile east of Lechlade Map: Ex170 SU221994 , W3W: sprinkler.toads.loses Leader: Pete (shorter) S, Mob: 07504461982	10.7 Easy flat	£1.10
Sunday 21 st Jun Marlborough Road 09:25	Walk route & places of interest: Ashbury Folly along the Ridgeway past the Waylands Smithy, Uffington White Horse, Blowing Stone and round the North Wessex Downs almost into Lambourn. Nothing difficult or too onerous. (Lunch break) Start Point: Ashbury Folly just off the B4000, nearest SN6 8LZ Map: Ex170 SU273843 , W3W: evaporate.beaters remodel Leader: Pete (taller) S, Mob: 07717003741	10.5 Easy	£2.00
Sunday 28 th Jun Freshbrook Centre 09.00	Walk route & places of interest: The walk starts in the Cotswold village of Avening. A moderate walk with some hills covering a variety of open fields & woodland, passing through Hazelwood, Barton End, Tiltsup End, Longtree Bottom, Avening Park. There are a few small to medium well maintained stiles. (Lunch Break) Start Point: : Telephone box on Point Road GL8 8LY Map: Ex168 ST882979 , W3W: feathers.fuse.cute Leader: Pat K, Mob: 07769046779	9.5 Mod	£4.30