

#### Defibrillators can be found at:

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Gritstone Trail

Barrows Butchers, Bollington **Bollington Cross School** Bollington Fire Station The Bridgend Centre, Bollington The Bulls Head, Kerridge Cricket pavilion, recreation ground, Bollington Green Close Chapel, Pott Shrigley

Poachers Inn, Bollington Pott Shrigley Primary School

#### **Information Centres**

Discovery Centre

Pool Bank

P Clough Bank

- Bridgend Centre 104 Palmerston Street SK10 5PW
- Bollington Town Hall **SK10 5JR**
- Discovery Centre Clarence Mill SK10 5JZ
- Bollington Library

### **Bollington Walking Festival** 23 September - 1 October 2017



Welcome to Bollington's 8th Walking Festival! Again, we have a great programme of walks and social events. This year we have planned over 40 walks to cover all abilities and age ranges.

For 2017 we are pleased to announce we have more walking groups than ever leading walks, and we warmly welcome for the first time Bollington Real Ale Ramblers and Footprints Walking Club. Walkers are Welcome continues to extend a hand of friendship to all who visit Bollington.

### Without their help and support!

We would like to thank all those who have contributed to the programme, and Bollington Town Council for their grant which makes all this financially possible.

A big thank you also to the staff and volunteers at the Bridgend Centre for all their support before, during and after the festival.

### Where to stay

Our festival offers a great way to explore this area, with different walks each day. The accommodation listed below offers you high-quality, friendly local hospitality, and Bollington's 'Walkers are Welcome' status means you will be warmly looked after.

Cheshire Hunt Holiday Cottages Self-catering 01625 572034 www.cheshirehuntholidaycottages.co.uk

The Church House Inn Bed and Breakfast 01625 574014 www.thechurchhouseinnbollington.co.uk

Common Barn Farm Bed and Breakfast 01625 574878

Hollin Hall Hotel 01625 573246 www.hollinhallhotel.com

**Kerridge End Holiday Cottages** 5-Star Gold Self-Catering **01625 424220** 

Premier Inn Macclesfield North 0871 527 8694 www.premierinn.com

Red Oaks Farm Bed and Breakfast 01625 574280

Shrigley Hall Hotel 01625 575757

Other accommodation can be found at visitcheshire.com/peak-district

Top to Toe Treatments 01625 576703 07811 153380

To take away those aches and pains, Top to Toe Treatments offers reflexology and shoulder, head and neck massage

Bollington Health and Leisure 01625 574774

For those looking for further relaxing exercise, a gym, swimming pool and health spa can be found at Bollington's newly refurbished leisure centre



Bollington Walking Festival

23 Sept~1 Oct 2017

Unique Industrial Heritage

## Planning your visit

The Bridgend Centre is the main information point for the Walking Festival. The Centre is also the starting point for many of the walks - and it's a great refreshment stop, serving welcoming drinks and cakes.

> 104 Palmerston Street, Bollington SK10 5PW **T:** 01625 576311 **E:** info@bridgendcentre.org.uk bridgendcentre.org.uk

Walking Festival Hotline: 01625 576311

**Opening times during the Festival:** Monday to Saturday open 10am-4.30pm Open Sundays 10.30am for walkers only

## Booking details

The walks are led by a number of local organisations; **some walks** are free of charge. Walks led from the Bridgend Centre cost £3 for adults and are free for under-16s (including refreshments), unless otherwise stated.

Booking is not required for most walks; we just ask you to arrive in plenty of time. Where advance booking is specified, simply reserve your place by calling the number shown or going to bollingtonwalkingfestival.co.uk. Some walks start from the car parks indicated in the walks listings.

# Walking: essential information

- Please wear suitable footwear and clothing and bring a waterproof. We reserve the right not to take a person. who is not properly equipped as this could affect the safety and enjoyment . A packed lunch may be required; of the whole group
- Please check the walk symbols to confirm whether dogs are welcome; dogs are not allowed on some of the walks. To avoid disturbance to farm animals or wildlife, please keep your dog on a lead and under control
- Most walk leaders are volunteers
- All walks are circular unless stated otherwise
- · In poor weather the leader may modify the walk, or in extreme conditions, cancel it
- look for the symbol on the walk details. It is advisable to carry a drink
- Young walkers aged 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult
- All those taking part do so at their

### Travelling to the Festival

By road The town is located 4 miles north of Macclesfield, just 2 miles from the A523 (Silk Road), so travelling by road is straightforward.

By train Services are available at Macclesfield, Prestbury and Adlington, providing access from Stockport and Manchester to the north and Stoke, Birmingham and London to the south.

By bus Regular bus services run between Macclesfield and Bollington, with further services connecting to Poynton and Stockport.

Further information about bus, rail and coach routes/timetables is available from Cheshire Traveline at www.traveline.info or on 0871 200 22 33, 7 days a week, 8am-8pm.

# Visitor information

visitcheshire.com has a wealth of resources to help plan your visit. For Bollington, useful information can be found at www.happyvalley.org.uk and www.bollington-tc.gov.uk

Bollington Town Hall T: 01625 572985 (open weekdays 9.30am-12.30pm)

**Bollington Library** T: 01625 378266 (closed Sunday & Monday)

**Bollington Discovery Centre** T: 01625 572985 (open weekends 11am-4pm & Wednesdays 1.30pm-4pm)

**Bridgend Centre** T: 01625 576311

The Bollington Walking Festival has been organised by the **Destination Bollington Forum.** 

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#### Saturday 23 September

Out to the Edge 🗱 🔯 20 miles 👯 20 miles

Meeting point: 9am Adlington Road car park

Canal, Barton's Clough, Adlington, Red Brook, Newton, Bollin Valley, Wilmslow, Alderley Edge, Daniel Hill, Mottram Wood, Prestbury, Tytherington Wood, Middlewood Way.

Organised by the Long Distance Walkers' Association

Mayor's Boundary Walk \*\* \* 8.5 miles

Meeting point: 10am Town Hall

Come and join the Town Mayor on the annual Boundary Walk which contains both flat and hilly sections. There will be a pub stop at The Windmill where you can buy lunch or eat your own.

Organised by Bollington Town Council

Ridges and Valleys on

Paths Old and New **★** 12 miles Page 12 mile

Meeting point: 10am Pool Bank car park

Along Kerridge Ridge and over to Lamaload Reservoir via Hordern Farm,

returning via Charles Head and Hedgerow. Organised by East Cheshire Ramblers

Nordic Walk £ ¥ 3 hours இஇ Meeting point: 10.15am Bridgend Centre

Walk with experienced local instructor, David Lambert. Nordic Walking poles,

not trekking poles, are required. Organised by the Bridgend Centre

Ramble up the Ridge ## £ 1/2 4 miles @@@

Meeting point: 10.30am Bridgend Centre

Ramble over the Kerridge flagstones and up to the ridge. After descending the steps from White Nancy, walk along Ingersley Vale, returning via Waulkmill Wood. Organised by the Bridgend Centre

Lunchtime Café Crawl # # B 1 mile

Meeting point: 12.30pm Brassington's Café

From Brassington's to Pappa's via Café Waterside and No. 74 Delicatessen to enjoy a taste of local café food. Advance booking essential; go to bollingtonwalkingfestival.co.uk or ring Jim on 01625 560644. Organised by Juanita and Jim

#### Sunday 24 September

Coach to the Cat and Fiddle **£ X B** 7 miles **DDD** 

Meeting point: 9.30am Bridgend Centre

Travel by coach to the Cat and Fiddle for a linear walk back to Bollington via Lamaload Reservoir. Booking and payment of £6 in advance essential; go to bollingtonwalkingfestival.co.uk or contact the Bridgend Centre. Organised by the Bridgend Centre

Coach to Buxton **€£ ★ B** 11.5 miles **9999** 

Meeting point: 9.30am Bridgend Centre

Travel by coach to Burbage on the outskirts of Buxton for a linear walk back to Bollington via the Goyt Valley and Shining Tor. Booking and payment of  $\it E6$  in advance essential; go to bollingtonwalkingfestival.co.uk or contact the Bridgend Centre.

Organised by the Bridgend Centre

Walking for Health ### 1/2 hours 00

Meeting point: 10am Bollington Medical Centre

A gently paced walk along the canal to Kerridge and then to Ingersley Vale, with some inclines. Finish at the Bridgend Centre, where you can buy hot/cold drinks.

Organised by Bollington Medical Centre

Over to Bowstones **£**  $k_x$  9 miles **9999** 

Meeting point: 11am Bridgend Centre

Ramble over Bakestonedale to Bowstones and return via Rainowlow.

Organised by the Bridgend Centre

Slow Stroll to Rainow and Back ## £ 1/x 4 miles 88 Meeting point: 2pm Bridgend Centre

An opportunity to enjoy the view walking across the fields to Rainow and back via Oakenbank.

Organised by the Bridgend Centre

#### Monday 25 September

Ramble to Lamaload **£** k 7 miles **999** 

Meeting point: 10.15am Bridgend Centre

Lamaload Reservoir via Rainow, and back via Tower Hill, Kerridge Ridge and

Organised by Marple Ramblers for the Bridgend Centre

Ramble to Rainowlow & Harrop Valley ## £ 1/2 4 miles

Meeting point: 1.30pm Bridgend Centre

A walk via Rainowlow to Harrop Valley, returning along Hedgerow. Organised by the Bridgend Centre

Kerridge Ramble ## 1/2 4 miles 888

Meeting point: 6pm Jackson Lane car park

An energetic 2-hour evening walk exploring some of the hidden paths of Kerridge and the ridge. Hopefully we will see bats towards the end. Please bring waterproofs, sturdy boots, a torch and binoculars (optional). Organised by Cheshire East Rangers

Walk for Health # 1/2 miles

Meeting point: 6pm Café Waterside

A gentle stroll along the canal towards Macclesfield and back along the Middlewood Way.

Organised by the Bridgend Centre

#### **Tuesday 26 September**

Story and Bear Hunt ## £ # 0.5 miles

Meeting point: 10am Bollington Library

Listen to a story in the library, then go on a bear hunt (weather permitting). Back to the library for refreshments. Children must be accompanied by an adult. £2 charge per child. For further details ring 01625 378266.

Organised by Bollington Library

Sensory Walk & B 2 miles Meeting point: 10am Café Waterside

Are you affected by sight loss? Would you like to walk with a trained Sighted Guide? A gentle walk exploring the sounds, smells, textures and sights around the canal and Middlewood Way, finishing at Café Waterside, where drinks and snacks can be purchased (companion dogs welcome) Please contact Macclesfield Eye Society to book a place: 01625 422602.

Organised by Macclesfield Eye Society

Nose and Nancy **★** ★ 10.5 miles

Meeting point: 10am Adlington Road car park

Up White Nancy and along Kerridge Ridge, then over to Teggs Nose. Return via Walker Barn and Lamaload Reservoir.

Organised by East Cheshire Ramblers

Silk Road Revisited £ 1/2 5 miles

Meeting point: 10.15am Bridgend Centre

Come on down to Butley Town and back across the fields. Organised by Marple Ramblers for the Bridgend Centre

Bollington Pubs Lost and Found 2 miles 2

Meeting point: 11am Pool Bank car park

Retracing the steps of drinkers from before the Great War, ending up in a modern-day pub where we can quaff a variety of ales to slake our thirst. Donations invited for Walkers are Welcome.

Organised by Walkers are Welcome

Slow Stroll in the Bollington Countryside ## £ 1/x 4 miles 000 Meeting point: 2pm Bridgend Centre

An introduction to the beauty of the Bollington countryside – fields, roads, canal and the Middlewood Way.

Organised by the Bridgend Centre

Milky Way Night Walk ## # 2 miles

Meeting point: 7.30pm The Crown

A local astronomy enthusiast will take you up to White Nancy to identify stars, Mars and the Milky Way. If the weather is unsuitable, there will be a talk and

Organised by Cheshire Walkers

#### Wednesday 27 September

Return to the Valley of the Demon **£** 13 miles **9999** Meeting point: 10am Bridgend Centre

A longer walk along the ridge from Pym Chair to Shining Tor, Cheshire's highest point, before dropping into the Thursbitch valley. Brief talk on the history of the area steeped in mystery and murder - dare you enter the Valley of the Demon? Organised by the Bridgend Centre

Nature Walk # £ 1/2 4 miles

Meeting point: 10.15am Bridgend Centre

A stroll around Bollington to enjoy the sights of autumn. Organised by Cheshire East Rangers

Historic Bollington £ 1/2 3 miles

Meeting point: 2pm Bridgend Centre

A heritage walk through Bollington led by local historian, Ken Edwards. Organised by the Bridgend Centre

#### Thursday 28 September

Lyme Park # 10.5 miles

Meeting point: 10am Adlington Road car park

Along the Middlewood Way and canal to Lyme Park, where we will eat our packed lunch. Then up to Bowstones for stunning views before returning to

Organised by East Cheshire Ramblers

Canal and Railway Heritage ### £ 1/2 miles 9

Meeting point: 10.30am Discovery Centre

Discover our waterway heritage along 2 miles of canal, then back along the Middlewood Way. £2 charge.

Organised by Bollington Civic Society

Art in the Landscape £ # B 3 hours 9 Meeting point: 1pm Bridgend Centre

A short walk to gather inspiration for an art workshop at the Bridgend Centre, with local artist Lainey Ross.  $\it E5$  charge covers workshop, hot drinks and cake.

Booking recommended. Organised by the Bridgend Centre

Ramble to Cream Tea at Hollin Hall ## £ 1/2 5.5 miles Meeting point: 1.30pm Bridgend Centre

Ramble across fields below White Nancy to Hollin Hall, where you will enjoy tea/ coffee and a slice of cake. Return along the canal to the Bridgend Centre. £6 charge includes refreshments at Hollin Hall.

Organised by the Bridgend Centre

#### Friday 29 September

Hidden Heritage of Kerridge & Ingersley Vale ## 1/2 4 miles 999 Meeting point: 10am Savio House visitors' car park

A walk up, down and along Kerridge Ridge to find the sites of lost mills, mines, quarries, tracks and a tower. Organised by KRIV

Walk for Health ## 1/2 miles

Meeting point: 10.30am Holehouse Lane car park, Whiteley Green An easy stroll along the canal towpath and back along the Middlewood Way.

No hills or stiles! Organised by Walkers are Welcome

Bakestonedale Ramble **£** 1.5 miles **999** 

Meeting point: 10.30am Bridgend Centre

A ramble over Bakestonedale Moor, returning along the canal. Organised by the Bridgend Centre

On the Bus to Lyme Park # £ 1/2 B 6 miles 88

Meeting point: 10.45am Bridgend Centre

Catch the 392 bus to Wood Lane Ends, into Lyme Park for lunch and back via Park Moor and Pott Shrigley church. There may be an alternative route depending on buses and numbers. Booking recommended. Organised by the Bridgend Centre

#### Saturday 30 September

Working Up a Thirst **€£ ★ B** 10 miles **999** 

Meeting point: 9.30am Poachers Inn

A walk to Wincle Brewery and return via bus to Bollington, with a couple of swift halves along the way if we keep up the pace! Advance booking essential; go to bollingtonwalkingfestival.co.uk. £4.50 charge. Organised by Bollington Real Ale Ramblers

Nab, Nancy and Vale of Dean **★** 12 miles 12 miles

Meeting point: 10am Jackson Lane car park

Along the canal and up Nab Head then along Hedgerow. Over to the Dean Valley before returning via White Nancy and Kerridge. Organised by East Cheshire Ramblers

White Nancy and Beyond **★** ★ 15 miles **DDDD** Meeting point: 10am Pool Bank car park

Up White Nancy and on to the moors to Lamaload Reservoir, below Cats Tor then the Gritstone Trail into Lyme Park and up to Bowstones, returning via West Parkgate and the canal. Organised by Footprints Walking Club

bollington-tc.gov.uk

Introduction to Nordic Walking # B 1 hour 30 mins

Meeting point: 10.15am Adlington Road car park

A free chance to try out the techniques involved in Nordic Walking and learn about its benefits, with experienced local instructor David Lambert. Nordic Walking poles will be provided. Only 12 places available! Advance booking essential; go to bollingtonwalkingfestival.co.uk.

The 'Random Apple' Walk # €£ 1/x 5 miles

Meeting point: 10.30am Bridgend Centre

Walk along the canal and through pastures to Higher Hurdsfield. Here we will enjoy an hour-long visit to the Random Apple Company, Swanscoe, joining in pressing apples, sampling the result and eating our packed lunches. Return below Kerridge Ridge.

Organised by the Bridgend Centre

Bollington Heritage ## £ 1/2 2 miles

Meeting point: 2pm Discovery Centre

We take a look at mills and old streets, and discover why Bollington is here. £2 charge.

Organised by Bollington Civic Society

A MAD Ramble to Teggs Nose 🖈 11 miles 🖁 🖁 🖁 🖁

Meeting point: 10.15am Macclesfield Railway Station

A ramble to Teggs Nose, through Macclesfield Forest and around Lamaload Reservoir. Onward to Bollington via White Nancy, where buses are available back to Macclesfield.

Organised by MAD Walkers

#### Sunday 1 October

Head, Rocks and a Chair 🗱 12 miles 🔮 🖫

Meeting point: 10am Jackson Lane car park A circuit to include Charles Head, Windgather Rocks and Pym Chair. Organised by ECOG

Deer-Spotting Walk to Lyme Park 12 miles 9999 Meeting point: 10am Adlington Road car park

Along the Gritstone Trail to Lyme Park looking for deer before returning along the canal and the Middlewood Way.

Organised by Cheshire Walkers Down Dale and Up Hill **£** 1/2 6.5 miles **DDD** 

Meeting point: 11am Bridgend Centre A walk of contrasts, heading for the flatlands of Lowerhouse and Butley Town, returning via an ascent of Kerridge Ridge and along the top to White Nancy. Organised by the Bridgend Centre

Bridgend Children's Walk ## £ 1/2 3 miles

Come and enjoy roaming the Bollington countryside while having fun doing a quiz. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Photo Walk ### 12.5 miles 00

Organised by the Bridgend Centre

Meeting point: 11.15am Bridgend Centre

Meeting point: 2pm Jackson Lane car park Footpaths to Higher Hurdsfield and back via Endon Hall and Kerridge. There will be frequent stops to take photos and ask photo-related questions.

Organised by Bollington Festival Photography Group Fun Family Orienteering ## ★ 5 miles 👦 ী 🖟

Meeting point: 2pm Bridgend Centre Using a map and list of checkpoints, find each checkpoint and record information, e.g. telegraph pole number. Get to as many as you can in 2 hours. Teams of 2, 3 or 4; prizes for teams of under-16s, 17–49s and over-50s. Designed to be done at a brisk walking pace. Under-16s must be accompanied.

#### Key to symbols

Bring a packed lunch

Organised by the Bridgend Centre

Ideal for families and accompanied children Dogs must be on leads

essential

✗ Please leave your dog at home

**B** Booking recommended /

There is a charge on the day – includes refreshments at the end

Easy: No steep climbs and taken at a gentle pace

Moderate: May have climbs, but if they do will be taken at a gentle pace \* \*

**Energetic:** Generally will involve steep climbs and descents; will cover a moderate distance at a steady pace

Strenuous: Require fitness and stamina to cope with several 😺 😈 😈 steep climbs and will cover a long distance at a faster pace

### Walking Festival Events Calendar 2017

#### Friday 22 September

Bollington Folk Club, Dog and Partridge, 8.30pm For further details visit www.bollyfolk.com

programme for details Violin recital by Jennifer Pike, BBC Young Musician Winner 2002, Bollington Arts Centre, 8pm. For further details visit www.bollingtonartscentre.co.uk

chtime Café Crawl, starting at Brassington's Café, 12.30pm. See walks

### **Sunday 24 September**

Tuesday 26 September

Saturday 23 September

Quiz Night, Poachers Inn, 8.30pm For further details ring 01625 572486

Children's Bear Hunt, Bollington Library 10am See walks programme for details

Milky Way Night Walk, starting from The Crown, 7.30pm See walks programme for details

#### Friday 29 September Bollington Folk Club, Dog and Partridge, 8.30pm For further details visit www.bollyfolk.com

Bollington Arts Centre, 8pm

Saturday 30 September Eleanor Conway's 'Walk of Shame' (comedy from the 2016 Edinburgh Festival),

For further details visit www.bollingtonartscentre.co.uk

For information on other events in Bollington visit www.bollington-tc.gov.uk

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