

Car parks, Meeting Points and & Information

- Discovery Centre: Clarence Road
- Pool Bank: Palmerston Road
- P Adlington Road with public toilets
- P Clough Bank: Grimshaw Lane
- C Community Centre
- HH Hollin House Hotel entrance
- i Discovery Centre: Clarence Mill SK10 5JZ
- Bollington Library: Palmerston Street SK10 5JX
- Bridgend Centre: 104 Palmerston Street SK10 5PW
- 1 Bollington Town Hall: Wellington Road SK10 5JR
- Bus terminus
- W Bollington Wharf

With help and support from ...

We would like to thank all those who have contributed to the programme, especially 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.























Please check the website for the latest details. Walks and timing may need to change at short notice.

Welcome to the 13th Walking Festival

Once again we have a great programme of walks and social events. This year we have planned walks and activities to cover all abilities and age ranges.

For 2023 we are glad to say that we have further extended the variety of walks available, and maintained our partnerships with local walking groups.

The Bollington Walking Festival was initiated by the Destination Bollington Forum and is organised by the Bridgend Centre and volunteers.

Bollington 13th Walking **Festival** From the 9th to the 17th

with walks for all abilities

September 2023



Where to stay

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.

Bolly B&B Bed and Breakfast 01625 576295/07905 308232 and Chimney Pots Cabin Self Catering Also on Facebook

> Cheshire Hunt Holiday Cottages Self-catering 01625 572034/07506 825480 www.cheshirehuntholidaycottages.co.uk

> The Glass House Self-Catering 07971 669684 www.airbnb.co.uk

> > Hollin House Hotel 01625 573246 www.hollinhousehotel.com

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

www.kerridgeendholidaycottages.co.uk

Red Oaks Farm Bed and Breakfast 01625 574280 and Log Pod self-catering www.redoaksfarmbollington.co.uk

Shrigley Hall Hotel & Spa 01625 575757 www.shrigleyhallhotelandspa.co.uk

Jackson's Cottage Self Catering Holiday Cottage, Kerridge 07595 2212268

dog-friendly www.airbnb.com/h/jacksonscottage

Other Bollington accommodation can be found at www.airbnb.co.uk and www.visitcheshire.com/explore/cheshires-peak-district



Planning your visit

The Bridgend Centre

This is the main information point for the Walking Festival and is the starting point for many walks.

It's a great refreshment stop, serving welcoming drinks and cakes. Feel free to browse in our charity shop, too!

The Bridgend Centre

104 Palmerston Street. Bollington SKIO 5PW email: info@bridgendcentre.org.uk

bridgendcentre.org.uk 01625 576311

Opening times during the Festival:

Monday to Friday 10am-4pm Saturday 10am—1pm Sundays 10am for walkers only

Booking and payment

Where online booking is required, please go online to bollingtonwalkingfestival.co.uk. Payment will be taken at that time.

Other walks, where required, will take payment at the start point. Please bring appropriate cash as we cannot take card payment there.

Where there is no charge, we suggest that a suitable donation might be made to the Bridgend Centre.

The walks are led by a number of different local organisations. Even where booking is not required, please arrive in plenty of time.

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Walking: essential information

- Please wear suitable footwear and clothing, and bring a waterproof. It is strongly advised to carry a drink.
- person who is not properly equipped stated otherwise. as this could affect the safety and enjoyment of the whole group.
- ♦ In poor weather the leader may modify the walk or, in extreme conditions, cancel it.
- Check the walk symbols to confirm whether dogs are welcome; they are not allowed 3 on some walks.

- ◆ To avoid disturbance to farm animals and wildlife, ke please keep your dog on a lead and under control.
- ♦ We reserve the right not to take a ◆ All walks are circular unless.
 - A packed lunch may be required; look for the ***** symbol on the walk details.
 - Walkers aged 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult.
 - Most walk leaders are volunteers and all taking part do so at own risk.

Travelling to the Festival

Bollington is easy to get to, however you choose to travel.

By road

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

Public Transport

Train services to Macclesfield provide access from Stockport and Manchester to the north and from Stoke, Birmingham and London to the south.

Bus services operate Monday to Saturday between Macclesfield and Bollington (Route 10) and from Poynton and Stockport (Routes 391 and 392).

Further information on bus, rail and coach routes and times is available from Cheshire Traveline at www.traveline.info or on 0871 200 22 33.

Note: walks start promptly

Please be at the meeting point before the advertised time.

Visitor information

Bollington Town Hall 01625 572985

Bridgend Centre 01625 576311

Cheshire information

Bollington information

See www.happy-valley.org.uk



The Walks

All Week: Self-guided walk

"Ramble on!" 4.5 miles 微灰神 £3.00

Start Point: Bridgend Centre

We provide a map with instructions and you walk at your leisure. The route visits ten pre set waymarks and if you find all ten there will be a small prize. We won't be guiding you - simply pick up your information pack from the Bridgend Centre during opening hours and off you go.

Sat 9 Sep

Meeting Point: Adlington Road car park 08:00

Cross the Cheshire plain past a nature reserve and through lovely fields returning to Bollington via Peover, Alderley and Prestbury. Lunch is not essential as you will be visiting two cafes on this walk but you should carry adequate supplies of food and drinks for a walk of this length. The route is shortened for the hot weather and will no longer directly visit Jodrell Bank, although there will be views of the dish from the walk at various points. Organised by Long Distance Walkers' Association

Historical pub walk 7.5 miles 👭 🗽 Meeting Point: Adlington Road car park 10:00

Tour of pubs and inns both past and present around Bollington, Kerridge and Adlington. No beer sampling during the walk but everyone is welcome to join us at The Vale Inn to purchase a pint afterwards.

Donations to the Bridgend Centre Organised by Bridgend Centre

Nordic Walk 6 miles \$\mathbb{M} \textcolor{\textcolor{1}{1}} \textcolor{\textcolor{1}{1}} \textcolor{\textcolor{1}{1}} \textcolor{\textcolor{1}{1}} \textcolor{\textcolor{1}{1}} \textcolor{\textcolor{1}{1}} \textcolor{\textcolor{1}{1}} \textcolor{\textcolor{1}{1}} \textcolor{\textcolor{1}{1}} \textcolor{\textcolor{1}} \textcolor{

Meeting Point: Hollin House Hotel entrance on Jackson Lane 10:15 Nordic walking with an experienced local instructor, David Lambert. Your

own Nordic walking poles (not trekking poles) are needed.

Online booking required

Organised by David Lambert

Macc 'n' Bolly 7.5 miles ₩ 🎳

Meeting Point: Macclesfield railway station 11:00

Train-based circular walk to allow this Manchester-based group to enjoy the countryside between Macclesfield and Bollington. We will start from the station and climb up to Higher Hurdsfield, then Kerridge Ridge, return via the canal and Middlewood Way.

Organised by Manchester Weekend Walkers

Sun 10 Sep

Walking on water 8 miles ₩ 🍎 🔏 📙 £15.00

Meeting Point: Bollington Wharf 09:00

Combined canal boat trip and walk. Half the group will walk to Lyme Park and return by boat and the other half will do the opposite. Includes hills, high stiles and some steps. Over 16s only. Planned return by 4pm.

Online booking required

Organised by Bridgend Centre

Heavenly Harrop 8 miles 0000 ♦★ £3.00

Meeting Point: Bridgend Centre 10:15

On this route we will walk up to Bakestonedale Moor and Sponds Hill before returning via the serene and tranquil Harrop Wood and Hedgerow. Organised by Bridgend Centre

Mayor's Boundary Walk 9 miles ₩ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

Meeting Point: Town Hall 10:00

Come and join the Town Mayor on the annual Boundary Walk, which contains both flat and hilly sections. Please bring a packed lunch as we will stop for a break at the Windmill Pub.

Organised by Bollington Town Council

Mon 11 Sep

Visiting Ethel 15 miles ₩₩ ♦ 💥

Meeting Point: Pym's Chair car park 10:00

Long, hilly and beautiful walk visiting five of the Ethel peaks with over 610m (2,000 feet) of ascent. The Ethels are a compilation of 95 hills in the Peak District, mostly over 400m high but including various prominent lower hills which are popular landmarks. Named after Ethel Haythornthwaite, the pioneer behind the Peak District National Park.

Donations to the Bridgend Centre

Organised by Bridgend Centre

Along the new Poynton bypass 10 miles 👭 🍎 🐎 Meeting Point: Adlington Road car park 10:15

Thrilling but relatively flat walk along the new Poynton bypass and the remnants of Woodford aerodrome. Out via Adlington and back via Hope Green and the canal.. Donations to the Bridgend Centre.

Organised by Bridgend Centre

Over t'hills and far away 9 miles 1111 🖜 🛣 Meeting Point: Bus terminus by Cotton Tree 10:30

Catch the 392 bus from The Cotton Tree at 10.44, you will need a bus pass or £2.50 in cash. Starting in Higher Poynton we take in the Ladybrook Valley Interest Trail, Lyme Park and Harrop Valley. Organised by Éast Cheshire Ramblers

Mon 11 Sep *(more)*

Skirting around Kerridge Ridge 6 miles 👭 🗽 🛊 £3.00

Meeting Point: Bridgend Centre 14:00

Offering different perspectives of the Gritstone ridge above Bollington this route is a low level clockwise walk exploring the base of the ridge. Organised by Bridgend Centre

The best of Bollington 2.5 miles [13]

Meeting Point: Adlington Road car park 14:00

What has made us what we are? Join Ken Edwards for a walk into the past with an eye on the future. Children over 8 welcome. Organised by Bollington Civic Society

Tue 12 Sep

Children's Bear Hunt 0.5 miles [18] £2.00

Meeting Point: Bollington Library 10:00

Have a story in the library, then go on a Bear Hunt outdoors before returning inside for refreshments and rhymes! Suitable for the under-5s plus their grown-ups. £2 per child.

Organised by Bollington Library

Sensory Walk 2 miles 🔭 🗷

Meeting Point: Café Waterside 10:00

Are you affected by sight loss? Would you like to walk with a trained sight guide? Gentle walk exploring the sounds, smells, textures and sights around the canal and Middlewood Way, finishing at Café Waterside where you can buy drinks and snacks.

Please contact East Cheshire Eye Society to book a place on 01625 422602 Organised by East Cheshire Eye Society

Day 2 of the Gritstone Trail 7.5 miles 👭 🗱 £3.00

Meeting Point: Bridgend Centre 10:15

Follow the Gritstone Trail south to Teggs Nose Country park and then walk back to Macclesfield, from where we will return to Bollington by public bus. Please bring funds to pay for the bus. Organised by Bridgend Centre

Tue 12 Sep

Honesty box walk 5.5 miles ₩ ★₩ £3.00

Meeting Point: Bridgend Centre 14:00

Go on a shopping spree and buy some local produce, such as eggs, jam and honey, sold at our local honesty boxes. The walk travels historic paths over to the village of Rainow and back. Bring a bag and some change. Organised by Bridgend Centre

Wed 13 Sep

Rambling from Rainow 9.5 miles 👭 🍑 🔉

Meeting Point: Smithy Lane, Rainow. Behind the Robin Hood pub 10:00 Exploring the hills and farms above Rainow. Returning via Harrop and Kerridge Ridge

Organised by East Cheshire Ramblers

Bridgend Wednesday walk

Upstairs Downstairs 6 miles ₩ ₺3.00

Meeting Point: Bridgend Centre 10:15

Heading west from Bollington, this largely flat walk meanders through farmland and the grounds of fine houses to the Butley Ash and back. Organised by Bridgend Centre

Danes Moss 10 miles ∰∰ ♦¾ B £5.50

Meeting Point: Bridgend Centre 10:30

We bus you to historic Gawsworth, walk through the under-threat Danes Moss nature reserve, returning via steep climb over Teggs Nose.

Online booking required

Organised by Bridgend Centre

Dementia friendly walk 3 miles 🐎

Meeting Point: Adlington Road car park 14:00

Suitable for anyone living with dementia and their carers. Meet our members, make new friends and help us to raise awareness. Walk includes the Middlewood Way (steps to reach this) and the canal, finishing at Café Waterside for optional drinks.

Organised by Bollington Dementia Action Alliance

Thu 14 Sep

Treks to the Wrecks taster walk 4.5 miles 🖁 🕍 🖪 Meeting Point: Pym's Chair car park 09:00

Treks to the Wrecks is a local business that specialises in taking people to see aircraft wrecks across the country. Today we will walk up to Cat's Tor and Cheshire's highest point Shining Tor before visiting an aircrash site on the return back. Places are limited and booking essential through the Treks to the Wrecks website: https://bit.ly/bwf2023

Online booking required

Organised by Treks to the Wrecks

Along the roof of Cheshire 9.5 miles 1999 **

Meeting Point: Smithy Lane, Rainow. Behind the Robin Hood pub 10:00 A lovely walk climbing up onto the moors, with the reward of panoramic views across our beautiful area and beyond, before returning along the Gritstone Trail. Donations to the Bridgend Centre.

Organised by Bridgend Centre

Thu 14 Sep (more)

Walk with views 8 miles ₩₩ 🛎 💥

Meeting Point: Hollin House Hotel entrance on Jackson Lane 10:00

Walking through the picturesque hamlet of Rainowlow and the wooded valley of Harrop Brook we will rise up onto the moors above Lyme Park with views out to Wales and also the Peak District Organised by Cheshire East Rangers

BDP Care Community walk 3 miles 🗫 🚻

Meeting Point: Bridgend Centre 10:30

Find out about your local Bollington, Disley and Poynton Care Partnership on this gentle walk exploring the canal, tranquil Tinker's Clough and the Middlewood Way.

Organised by the BDP Care Community

Folklore, folk songs and spooky stories 2 miles 12.00 Meeting Point: Bridgend Centre 13:00

Are you brave enough to hear some spooky stories of Bollington as well as some forgotten folklore? This walk will wend its way round Bollington and the surrounding area with frequent stops for songs, stories and folklore. All

Organised by Bridgend Centre

Just Drop In young person's mindfulness walk 2.5 miles ₩ ৯ 🗷 🕏 Meeting Point: Smithy Lane, Rainow. Behind the Robin Hood pub 17:30

Open to any local young people aged 13 to 25 and their parents/carers. Come and meet our team, find out more about our services and learn some relaxation techniques at the same time! Transport from Just Drop In (Macclesfield) can be arranged.

Contact hello@justdropin.co.uk to book your place Organised by Just Drop In

Fri 15 Sep

Learn about local landmarks 9 miles MM 🌣

Meeting Point: Adlington Road car park 09:00

Treks to the Wrecks are a local business who specialise in taking people to see aircraft wrecks across the country. Today no planes, but you'll hear the stories behind much to be found between Bollington and Rainow. Organised by Treks to the Wrecks

Walkers are Welcome in Bollington 6.5 miles ₩ ♦

Meeting Point: Bus terminus by Cotton Tree 10:30

Exploring the landscapes along the Harrop Valley taking in picturesque Rainowlow. Views over the Cheshire Plain, overlooking Rainow and Kerridge Ridge. Returning through Rainow, Waulkmill and Ingersley Vale. Organised by Walkers are Welcome

Bee Happy 3 miles 👭 🗽 🛊 £3.00 Meeting Point: Bridgend Centre 10:30

Walk to Whitely Green through Bollington's unique landscape, taking in the stunning views, majestic mills, local tracks and peaceful waterways. Organised by Bridgend Centre

The Nab and Nancy side 5 miles ₩ №₩ £3.00 Meeting Point: Bridgend Centre 13:30

Visit the two key peaks that stand over Bollington in this lovely afternoon stroll. We will go to the top of the Nab and walk along the flanks of Kerridge Ridge, with a view of White Nancy, before returning via the canal. Organised by Bridgend Centre

Evening amble to the Three Crowns 5.5 miles 🕅 🐎 £3.00 Meeting Point: Bridgend Centre 18:00

Short evening amble to the Three Crowns pub in Higher Hurdsfield where you may wish to buy refreshments. Return along the canal and Middlewood Way. We may be in the darkness by the end, so a torch is essential! Organised by Bridgend Centre

Sat 16 Sep

Big Thirst walk to Buxton via the highest point in Cheshire

12 miles № ★ B £4.00

Meeting Point: Bus terminus by Cotton Tree 09:00

You'll need a drink after this one! 550m (1,800 feet) of climb over Shining Tor with packed lunch by the Cat & Fiddle - taking in both the highest point and pub in Cheshire. Arriving Buxton around 3pm for drinks with returns by bus at 5pm and 6pm.

Online booking required

Organised by Bollington Real Ale Ramblers

Digging up the past 6.5 miles ₩ ★₩ £3.00 Meeting Point: Bridgend Centre 10:15

From town to farm, from quarry to canal, this undulating walk takes you through a constantly changing landscape of life and work. Ranging from valleys to moorlands, you'll discover a little of what lies beneath the surface of Bollington.

Organised by Bridgend Centre

Cake Tin 4 miles 🔀 💥 👘

Meeting Point: Adlington Road car park 14:00

A gentle, mainly flat walk along the Middlewood Way to the "Tin Tabernacle" at Adlington, St John's Mission Church, to enjoy the cake and drinks they sell there. Returning along the canal and through the Recreation Ground. Organised by Walkers are Welcome

Sun 17 Sep

Last day to Lamaload 10 miles 👭 🍑 🗫 Meeting Point: Clough Bank car park 10:00

On the last day of the festival, we will make a final ascent to White Nancy and then head to the south of Rainow to reach Lamaload reservoir for lunch, before returning via Rainowlow and Oakenbank. Organised by ECOG

Henry's cake walk part deux 6 miles 🕅 🗽 👬 Meeting Point: Clough Bank car park 13:00

Return to Henry's Café in Prestbury but this year via Butley Town and over the West Coast mainline. Bring your own if you don't want to buy cake or coffee. Donations to the Bridgend Centre.

Organised by Bridgend Centre

Geocache walk 4.5 miles ₩ 🗽 🕅 £3.00 Meeting Point: Bridgend Centre 13:00

Come and learn how to Geocache - worldwide outdoor treasure hunting using GPS. Bring a fully charged smartphone and we'll install the geocache app at the start. Walk is a loop through the outskirts of Bollington to Rainow and back, geocaching as we go. Bring a snack and a drink as the walk is likely to take 3 - 4 hours.

Organised by Bridgend Centre

Key to walk symbols

- Ideal for families and accompanied children (but please note the distance and the 'boot' rating for difficulty!)
- Bring a packed lunch.
- > Dogs must be on leads.
- Please leave your dog at home.
- A charge applies. Payment will be collected at the start of the walk if not made at time of booking.
- **B** Booking required even if free of charge.
- Easy: No steep climbs; taken at a gentle pace.
- Moderate: May have steep climbs; taken at a gentle pace.
- Energetic: Generally involve steep climbs and descents; a moderate distance at a steady pace.
- Strenuous: Several climbs and a long distance at a brisk pace.
- While Very strenuous: Steep climbs and a long distance at a fast pace. You will need good physical stamina for this walk.

Social Events

Friday 8 September

Opening festivities Cotton Tree, 7.30pm

Everyone is welcome to join the Bollington Walking Festival staff and volunteers for an evening at the Cotton Tree.

Sunday 10 September

Walkers' Pub Quiz

Poachers, 7.30pm

A traditional pub guiz at the Poachers with prizes and a raffle. All proceeds go to the Bridgend Centre.

Also check Bollington's monthly 'What's On' leaflet or visit www.bollington-tc.gov.uk

Walkers are Welcome



Walkers are Welcome is a nationwide initiative launched in 2007.

They have enabled the development of over 100 accredited towns and villages to assist with their communities' economic, physical and mental well-being through walking. Bollington has had accreditation since 2013.

Bollington Walkers are Welcome is now run by the Bridgend Centre, which has two ranges of walking trails: the Bridgend Heritage Trails and Bridgend Tree Trails

The walks are available as leaflets and to download online at bridgendcentre.org.uk/bridgend-walking-trails.

The Bridgend Centre also run weekly guided walks to encourage people to get out walking.