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| Discovery Centre: Clarence Road | Discovery Centre: Clarence Mill SK10 5JZ |
| Pool Bank: Palmerston Road | Bollington Library: Palmerston Street SK10 5JX |
| Adlington Road with public toilets | Bridgend Centre: 104 Palmerston Street SK10 5PW |
| Clough Bank: Grimshaw Lane | Bollington Town Hall: Wellington Road SK10 5JR |
| Community Centre | Bus terminus |
| Scout hut | Bollington Wharf |
| Hollin House Hotel entrance | |

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.



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.

Please check the website for the latest details.

Walks and timing may need to change at short notice.

Bollington 13th Walking Festival

From the 9th to the 17th
with walks for all abilities

September 2023

bollingtonwalkingfestival.co.uk

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 SK10 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.

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

Walking: essential information

- ◆ Please wear suitable footwear and clothing, and bring a waterproof. It is strongly advised to carry a drink.
- ◆ We reserve the right not to take a person who is not properly equipped 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 🚫 on some walks.
- ◆ To avoid disturbance to farm animals and wildlife, 🐾 please keep your dog on a lead and under control.
- ◆ All walks are circular unless stated otherwise.
- ◆ 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**

Weekdays 9.30am-12.30pm

Bollington Library **01625 378266**

Closed Sunday & Monday

Bollington Discovery Centre

Open weekends 11am-4pm; Wednesdays 1.30pm-4pm

Bridgend Centre **01625 576311**

bridgendcentre.org.uk - see the Planning your visit section

Cheshire information

visitcheshire.com has a wealth of information to plan your visit to Cheshire.

Bollington information

See **www.happy-valley.org.uk**

and **www.bollington-tc.gov.uk**



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 🚶🚶🚶 £3.00

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 good fun!

Organised by Bridgend Centre

Just Drop In young person's mindfulness walk 2.5 miles 🚶🚶🚶 B

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 🚶🚶🚶🚶 🍎🚶

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.
- 🚶 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 quiz 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.

