

MID-HERTS FOOTPATHS SOCIETY

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WALKS AND SOCIAL PROGRAMME – Nov 2023 – May 2024

The Sunday, Bank Holiday Monday & Tuesday Evening Walks now start at the stated time from the listed Meeting Point.

All day walks include a lunch stop, sometimes (but not always), at or near a pub. Bring a picnic but please do not consume your own drink (including coffee etc.) on pub premises. Please do not eat in the garden or use the pub toilet facilities if you have not purchased a drink and do not enter the pub wearing muddy boots.

Figures of 8 enable walkers to join or leave the all-day walk at lunchtime.

Optional extensions to morning walks enable walkers to continue the walk in the afternoon if they wish.

Dog owners are requested not to bring their dogs on walks as we have had problems in the past.

Safety: Would members and guests please be advised that they take part in our activities at their own risk.

SUBSCRIPTIONS are **due by 1 January** for 2024.

Please pay £2 preferably via electronic transfer or alternatively by cheque. (see page 7 for details). If there are any changes to your personal details held by the Society, please fill in the tear-off form and send it to the Membership Secretary.

DATA PROTECTION

Our membership records are held in a computer file. If any member objects to this, please write to the Membership Secretary.

Check our website regularly at midhertsfootpathsociety.co.uk for any updates

Sundays, Bank Holiday Mondays, Tuesday evenings – various distances

Wednesday Short Walks – 4-5 miles

Wednesday Short Ambles – 2-3 miles

Wednesday Longer Walks – 6-7 miles

<u>Day/ Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Meet</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Leader/Phone</u>	<u>Miles</u>
WED Nov 1	10am	193222	Strathmore Arms St Paul's Walden Bury SG4 8BT	Peter Day 07450 223671	5
WED Nov 1	10am	193222	Strathmore Arms St Paul's Walden Bury SG4 8BT	Mike Johnson 01438 504359	3
WED Nov 1	10am	189126	John Bunyan Coleman Green, AL4 8ES	Denis Smith 01707 321922	7
SUN Nov 5	10am	175182	Recreation Ground Car Park, Kimpton, SG4 8RA	Alison Philips 07799 221600	5
WED Nov 8	10am	360175	The Feathers Wadesmill, SG12 0TN	Sue & Doug 07858 422593	4.7
WED Nov 8	10am	321293	The Bull Cottered	Michael Shelley 07812 739085	7
WED Nov 15	10am	169104	Village Hall car park Sandridge	David & Rose 01707 257279	4
WED Nov 15	10am	170105	The Queen's Head 7 Church End Sandridge AL4 9DL	Andrew Picken 07594 335673	7
SUN Nov 19	10am	221044	Church Car Park North Mymms AL9 7TN	John Howes 01727 867766	5
WED Nov 22	10am	232276	George & Dragon Graveley, SG4 7LE	Dave C 07970 996063	5.2
WED Nov 22	10am	271153	The Plume of Feathers Tewin	Gillian Waldock 07908 580749	7
WED Nov 29	10am		Volunteer required		
WED Nov 29	10am	360175	The Feathers Inn Wadesmill SG12 0TN	Wendy Brown 07802 708000	7
SUN Dec 3	10am	222138	Brickwall Close Ayot Green, AL6 9AA	Nicholas Furr 07951 646925	5
WED Dec 6	10am	174183	The Boot Kimpton, SG4 8PT	Elaine & Keith 07462 345070	4
WED Dec 6	10am		The Chequers Inn, St Albans Rd, Redbourn AL3 7AD	Ian Whinnett 07763 703170	7
WED Dec 13	10am	306125	Thieves Lane car park Hertford	Brian M 01707 321824	4
WED Dec 13	10am	230158	Ottway Walk Car Park Welwyn, AL6 9AS	David Fenner 07767 672749	7

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SUN Dec 17	10am	262119	Holwell Hyde Welwyn Garden City AL7 3DJ	Alison Anderson 07804 444673	5
WED Dec 20	10am	193222	Strathmore Arms St Paul's Walden Bury SG4 8BT	Tony Tomlinson 01707 651449	4-5
WED Dec 20	10am	229202	Lytton Arms Old Knebworth, SG3 6QB	Phillip Spencer 07857 601849	7
WED Dec 27	10am		Volunteer required		
WED Dec 27	10am	231165	16 Grange Hill Welwyn, AL6 9RW Buffet lunch at above On-street parking on Grange Hill	Christine Goodwin 07449 097313	7
Jan 1		see notes	2024 subscriptions overdue !!!		
WED Jan 3	10am	325129	Hartham Common car park Hertford, SG14 1RD	Colin Metherell 01992 422052	4
WED Jan 3	10am	193222	Strathmore Arms St Paul's Walden, SG4 8BT	Christine Goodwin 07449 097313	7
SUN Jan 7	10am	248183	Mardley Heath Car Park	Wendy Brown 07802 708000	5
WED Jan 10	10am	246154	Cowper Arms Digswell, AL6 0EA	Peter Taylor 07435 940584	5
WED Jan 10	10am	246154	Cowper Arms Digswell, AL6 0EA	Alison Stokes	3
WED Jan 10	10am	180247	Red Lion Preston SG4 7UD	David Finn 07818 167463	7
WED Jan 17	10am	276287	Rising Sun Halls Green, SG4 7DR	Tony Smith 07826 492955	5
WED Jan 17	10am	276287	Rising Sun Halls Green, SG4 7DR	Mike Johnson 01438 504359	3
WED Jan 17	10am		The Red Lion, Digswell Hill, Welwyn Garden City AL6 9AJ New Year Lunch	Michael Shelley 07812 739085	7
SUN Jan 21	1.45pm	222138	The Waggoners, Brickwall Cl, Ayot Grn, AL6 9AA	Susan Marsh 07976 369034	4
WED Jan 24	10am	174183	The Boot Kimpton, SG4 8PT Post Christmas Lunch	Tony Tomlinson 01707 651449 Beryl Grey 07903 300857	3.8
WED Jan 24	10am	393253	The Golden Fleece Braughing, SG11 2PG	Wendy Brown 07802 708000	7
WED Jan 31	10am	262166	White Horse Burnham Green, AL6 0HA	Carol Stokes 07813 800874	4
WED Jan 31	10am	178140	East Lane Car Park Wheathampstead, AL4 8BH	David Fenner 07767 672749	7
SUN Feb 4	10am	186325	Ickleford	Mike Shelley 07812 739085	7
WED Feb 7	10am	173166	Cross Keys Gustard Wood, AL4 8LA	Beryl Grey 07903 300857	

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WED Feb 7	10am	173166	Cross Keys Gustard Wood, AL4 8LA	Diane Pettit 07810 108067	3
WED Feb 7	10am	222125	The Sun Lemsford, AL8 7TN	Andrew Picken 07594 335673	7
WED Feb 14	10am	295068	The Beehive Epping Green	Colin Metherell 01992 422052	4.5
WED Feb 14	10am	336372	Fox and Duck The Green, Therfield, SG8 9PN	John Spiers 01438 350217	7
SUN Feb 18	10am	168103	Village Hall Car Park Sandridge AL4 9HL	John Howes 01727 867766	5
WED Feb 21	10am	246154	Cowper Arms Digswell, AL6 0EA	Rebecca G	4.9
WED Feb 21	10am	271148	Rose and Crown Tewin, AL6 0LE	Susan Marsh 07976 369034	7
WED Feb 28	10am	271174	The Horns Bull's Green, SG3 6RZ	Dave C	4.5
WED Feb 28	10am	310272	The Jolly Waggoner Ardley, SG2 7AH	Christine Goodwin 07449 097313	7
SUN Mar 3	10am	106306	Village street (near The Raven) Hexton, SG5 3JB	Nicholas Furr 07951 646925	7
WED Mar 6	10am	298237	Village Hall car park Benington, SG2 7LN	Peter Taylor 07435 940584	5
WED Mar 6	10am	298237	Village Hall car park Benington, SG2 7LN	Alison Stokes	3.5
WED Mar 6	10am	273242	The Crown Aston End, SG2 7HD	Wendy Brown 07802 708000	7
TUE Mar 12	7:30pm	see notes	A.G.M.		
WED Mar 13	10am	222138	Ayot Green	Joan Taylor 07959 756064	
WED Mar 13	10am	290157	The Grandison Bramfield, SG14 2QL	Andrew Picken 07594 335673	7
SUN Mar 17	2.00pm		To be decided	Susan Marsh 07976 369034	4.5
WED Mar 20	10am	359175	The Feathers Wadesmill, SG12 0TN	Elaine & Keith 07462 345070	4.7
WED Mar 20	10am	395222	The Star Standon, SG11 1LB	Alison Philips 07799 221600	7
SAT Mar 23	7:30pm	see below	Spring Party		
WED Mar 27	10am	228202	Lytton Arms Old Knebworth, SG3 6QB	Carol Stokes 07813 800874	
WED Mar 27	10am	222138	The Waggoner's Brickwall Close Ayot Green AL6 9AA	Jacki Robinson 07747 193021	7
MON Apr 1	1.45 pm		Ottway Walk car park , Welwyn AL6 9AS	Maggie Downing 07771 531156	4

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WED Apr 3	10am	201061	Colney Heath car park	David & Rose 01707 257279	4.5
WED Apr 3	10am	350116	The Goat 25 Vicarage Causeway Hertford Heath, SG13 7RT	Trevor Hampton	7
SUN Apr 7	10am	194168	Near Old Church Ayot St. Lawrence AL9 7TN	John Howes 01727 867766	5
WED Apr 10	10am	395222	The Star Standon, SG11 1LB	Sue & Doug 07858 422593	5
WED Apr 10	10am	263083	The Candlestick West End Essendon AL9 6BA	Phillip Spencer 07857 601849	7
WED Apr 17	10am	359143	Kibbs Lane North car park Ware, SG12 7BX	Catherine Sullivan 07885 965839	5
WED Apr 17	10am	334171	Robin Hood & Little John Tonwell	Anne Lloyd 07958 743507	7
SUN Apr 21	10am	TQ 045993	George VI Playing Fields George VI Way Sarratt, WD3 6DN	Alison Anderson 07804 444673	7
WED Apr 24	10am	195168	Lytton Arms, Old Knebworth SG3 6QB.	Beryl Grey 07903 300857	
WED Apr 24	10am	195168	Lytton Arms, Old Knebworth SG3 6QB.	Diane Pettit 01707 883783	3
WED Apr 24	10am	246154	Cowper Arms Digswell, Welwyn AL6 0EA	Jacki Robinson 07747 193021	7
WED May 1	10am	266125	Panshanger Football Centre Sylvan Way, W.G.C.	Brian Martinelli 01707 321824	4.5
WED May 1	10am	229202	Lytton Arms Old Knebworth, SG3 6QB	Christine Goodwin 07449 097313	7
WED May 8	10am		Stevenage Walking Festival	Carol Stokes 07813 800874	

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Longer walking group New Year lunch – awaiting confirmation of location
Wednesday 17 January 2024

Shorter walking group New Year lunch at The Boot, Kimpton, SG4 8PT
Wednesday 24 January 2024

Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 12 March 2024

Spring Party
Saturday 23 March 2024

SOCIAL NOTES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This year's Annual General Meeting will take place on **Tuesday 12 March 2024**. This will be held in the Welwyn Civic Centre hall, Welwyn, AL6 9ER starting at 7:30pm.

SPRING PARTY

Our next Spring Party will be held on **Saturday 23 March 2024** from 7.30pm to 10.00pm in St. Francis Church Hall, Church Road, Welwyn Garden City AL8 6HH.

Those of you who have not been able to carry on walking are very welcome, as well as current walkers and partners, so this is a chance to meet up with old as well as new friends.

You are asked to bring either a savoury or sweet dish to contribute to the buffet supper.

Complementary wine, soft drinks, tea and coffee will be provided and there will be some quizzes after the meal..

There is an entry fee of £5.00 per person to cover the charge for the hire of the Hall and equipment used.

Please see the form below.

Wendy Brown

HOLIDAYS REPORT

Currently 14 of us are at St Ives and enjoying the location if not the weather.

This holiday is a 7 night break for a change from our usual 4 nights which gives us a day off mid-week for a little local sight-seeing. (sent 18/10/2023)

HOLIDAYS 2024

Currently we have a booking for **May 6 - 10 2024 at Dovedale** and 22 names are on the list. There is usually a short supply of single rooms so some rearranging is required to fit our need to the availability.

I have booked 4 nights guided walking at the **HF House in Abingworth, Sussex** for **October 21 - 25 2024**. At this stage could you indicate if you would like to go and whether you would want a single/twin or double room. Then when I have a better idea what to reserve, I can tell you about the cost and request your £75 deposit. (The cost is likely to be about £650 but this will depend on the number of people going.)

Sue Fletcher

CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

I am honoured to take over as Chair from Peter Cleasby who has been leading our society very effectively for many years. I should like to thank him for his years of service and wish him a very happy retirement. We hope to see him whenever he comes back to Hertfordshire.

I have been walking with the group for more than ten years and enjoy the variety of walks in Hertfordshire and the company of so many friendly walkers.

We need to encourage new members to join and particularly to lead walks to ensure a thriving organisation.

Andrew Picken

SPRING PARTY 23RD MARCH 2024

I / We wish to attend the Spring Party and will bring a sweet / savoury dish.

Name(s).....

Phone no.

Email address

I / We have paid £5 per person by cheque / direct transfer.

Please either email the information required above to wendy.brown007@gmail.com and make your payment by direct transfer to Mid-Herts Footpaths Society 09-01-28 account 93764596, or fill in the form and post it to Wendy Brown, 19 Abbots Close, Datchworth SG3 6TA together with a cheque made payable to Mid-Herts Footpaths Society.

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Please renew my £2 subscription to Mid-Herts Footpaths Society for 2024

Payment options:

- 1) by direct transfer to Mid-Herts Footpaths Society 09-01-28 account 93764596
- 2) post cheque to Christine Goodwin, 16 Grange Hill, Welwyn. AL6 9RW

Cheques should be made out to Mid-Herts Footpaths Society.

If there are any changes to the following information held by the society,

Send to: Christine Goodwin, 16 Grange Hill, Welwyn. AL6 9RW
Or email: christine.m.goodwin@gmail.com

Name(s)

Address

.....Post Code

Phone No. E-mail address

By providing an email address above, we can notify you quickly of any unanticipated walk amendments or other important information.

Hard copy of the programme can be printed from the website to your own printer.