

## MID-HERTS FOOTPATHS SOCIETY

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| Chairman                  | Andrew Picken<br>32 Sherrardspark Road, W.G.C. AL8 7JS                                                                          | 07594 335673                                 |
| Treasurer &<br>Membership | Christine Goodwin<br>16 Grange Hill, Welwyn. AL6 9RW                                                                            | 07449 097313                                 |
| Secretary                 | Alison Anderson<br>4 Coltsfoot, W.G.C. AL7 3HZ                                                                                  | 07804 444673                                 |
| Walks Organisers          | Alison Phillips (Sundays, Bank Holidays, Thursdays)<br>Colin Metherell (Shorter Wednesdays)<br>Gill Waldock (Longer Wednesdays) | 01707 894078<br>01992 422052<br>01438 315848 |

## WALKS AND SOCIAL PROGRAMME – May – Oct 2025

**The Sunday, Summer Bank Holiday Monday, and Thursday Evening Walks now start at the stated time from the listed Meeting Point.**

All day walks include a lunch stop, sometimes (but not always), start 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.

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.

## DATA PROTECTION

Our membership records are held in a computer file. If any member objects to this, please contact Christine Goodwin.

Check our website regularly at [midhertsfootpathsociety.co.uk](http://midhertsfootpathsociety.co.uk) for any updates

**Sundays, Bank Holiday Mondays, Thursday evenings – various distances**

**Wednesday Short Walks – 4-5 miles**

**Wednesday Short Ambles – 2-3 miles (None scheduled for this programme)**

**Wednesday Longer Walks – 6-7 miles**

| <b><u>Day/<br/>Date</u></b> | <b><u>Time</u></b> | <b><u>Meet</u></b>  | <b><u>Details</u></b>                                                    | <b><u>Leader/Phone</u></b>        | <b><u>Miles</u></b> |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| SUN<br>May 4                | 10am               | 137438              | The Village Hall, Old Warden,<br>Biggleswade SG18 9HQ                    | Wendy Brown<br>07802 708000       | 8                   |
| WED<br>May 7                | 10am               | 272147              | Rose & Crown<br>Tewin AL6 0LE                                            | Denis Smith<br>07846 639346       | 3 or<br>4.5         |
| WED<br>May 7                | 10am               | 229202              | Lytton Arms<br>Knebworth SG3 6QB                                         | Christine Goodwin<br>07449 097313 | 7                   |
| WED<br>May 14               | 10am               | 275287              | Rising Sun<br>Halls Green SG4 7DR                                        | Tony Smith                        | 5                   |
| WED<br>May 14               | 10am               | 393253              | Golden Fleece<br>Green End, Braughing<br>SG11 2PG                        | Wendy Brown<br>07802 708000       | 7                   |
| SUN<br>May 18               | 10a                | 397252              | Near Brown Bear<br>Braughing SG11 2QF                                    | John Howes<br>01727 867766        | 10                  |
| WED<br>May 21               | 10am               | 216181              | The Goat<br>Codicote, SG4 8XE                                            | Sue & Doug<br>07858 422593        | 5                   |
| WED<br>May 21               | 10am               | 272147              | Rose & Crown<br>Tewin AL6 0LE                                            | Gillian Waldock<br>07908 580749   | 7                   |
| MON<br>May 26               |                    |                     | Bank Holiday amble<br>Volunteer required                                 |                                   | 4<br>max            |
| WED<br>May 28               | 10am               | 230162 or<br>231157 | The Wellington<br>Welwyn AL6 9LZ<br><b>See note on page 5 re parking</b> | Maggie Downing                    | 4                   |
| WED<br>May 28               | 10am               | 246154              | Cowper Arms<br>Digswell AL6 0EA                                          | Susan Marsh<br>07976 369034       | 7                   |
| SUN<br>Jun 1                | 10am               | 008194              | National Trust<br>Chiltern Gateway Centre<br>LU6 2GY                     | John Howes<br>01727 867766        | 8                   |
| WED<br>Jun 4                | 10am               | 195168              | Brocket Arms<br>Ayot St Lawrence, AL6 9BT                                | Keith & Elaine                    |                     |
| WED<br>Jun 4                | 10am               | 439257              | Catherine Wheel, Gravesend,<br>Albury SG11 2LW                           | Ian Hirst<br>07792 070392         | 7                   |
| WED<br>Jun 11               | 10am               | 212266              | Hermit of Redcoats<br>Titmore Green<br>near Stevenage SG4 7JR            | Dave Cattell                      | 4.9                 |
| WED<br>Jun 11               | 10am               | 275287              | Rising Sun<br>Hall's Green, Weston SG4 7DR                               | Bob Vincent<br>01438 861467       | 7                   |
| THU<br>Jun 12               | 7pm                |                     | Evening walk<br>Volunteer required                                       |                                   | 5<br>max            |

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| SUN<br>Jun 15               | 10am               | 168103             | Village Hall Car Park<br>Sandridge AL4 9HL                             | John Howes<br>01727 867766        | 7                       |
| WED<br>Jun 18               | 10am               | 292134             | Joint walk<br>Panshanger picnic                                        | Colin Metherell                   | 3 or 5                  |
| WED<br>Jun 18               | 10am               | 292134             | Panshanger Park<br>Via North Entrance<br>Picnic                        | Christine Goodwin<br>07449 097313 | 7                       |
| WED<br>Jun 25               | 10am               | 231344             | Three Horseshoes<br>Norton SG6 1AG                                     | Carol Stokes                      | 4                       |
| WED<br>Jun 25               | 10am               | 368071             | The Bull<br>Broxbourne, EN10 7DZ<br>Walking in Lee Valley Park!        | Alison Phillips<br>07799 221600   | 7                       |
| WED<br>Jul 2                | 10am               | 246154             | Cowper Arms<br>Digswell, AL6 0EA                                       | Clive Rodwell                     |                         |
| WED<br>Jul 2                | 10am               | 121328             | Musgrave Arms, Apsley End,<br>Shillington SG5 3LX                      | Gillian Waldock<br>07908 580749   | 7                       |
| SUN<br>Jul 6                | 10am               | 194168             | Outside The Brocket Arms,<br>Ayot St Lawrence, AL6 9BT                 | Alison Phillips<br>07799 221600   | 5                       |
| WED<br>Jul 9                | 10am               | 266126             | Moneyhole Lane playing fields<br>Sylvan Way, WGC AL7 2PE               | Brian Martinelli                  |                         |
| WED<br>Jul 9                | 10am               | 263083             | The Candlestick<br>West End Lane<br>Essendon AL9 6BA                   | Andrew Picken<br>07594 335673     | 7                       |
| THU<br>Jul 10               | 7.00pm             | 262166             | White Horse Lane near the Pub,<br>Burnham Green, AL6 0HA               | Alison Phillips<br>07799 221600   | 5                       |
| WED<br>Jul 16               | 10am               | 118263             | Lilley Arms<br>Lilley LU2 8LN                                          | Tony Smith                        | 5                       |
| WED<br>Jul 16               | 10am               | 235191             | Robin Hood and Little John<br>Rabley Heath, AL6 9UB                    | Christine Goodwin<br>07449 097313 | 7                       |
| SUN<br>Jul 20               | 10 am              |                    | Benington Village Hall Car Park,<br>Walkern Road, Benington SG2<br>7LN | Wendy Brown<br>07802 708000       | Figure<br>of 8<br>5 + 5 |
| WED<br>Jul 23               | 10am               | 258297             | The Cricketers<br>Weston SG4 7DA                                       | Peter D                           | 5                       |
| WED<br>Jul 23               | 10am               | 117264             | Lilley Arms<br>Lilley LU2 8LN                                          | Andrew Picken<br>07594 335673     | 7                       |
| WED<br>Jul 30               | 10am               |                    | The Boot, High St, Kimpton,<br>SG4 8PT                                 | Keith & Elaine                    | 4.5                     |
| WED<br>Jul 30               | 10am               | 360175             | The Feathers<br>Wadesmill SG12 0TN                                     | Wendy Brown<br>07802 708000       | 7                       |
| SUN<br>Aug 3                | 1:45pm             | 249183             | Mardley Heath Car Park<br>AL6 0TP                                      | Susan Marsh<br>07976 369034       | 5                       |
| WED<br>Aug 6                | 10am               | ?                  | Tewin area                                                             | Alison & Peter                    | 3 or 5                  |
| WED<br>Aug 6                | 10am               | 395155             | Chequers Inn<br>Wareside SG12 7QY                                      | Phillip Spencer<br>07857 601849   | 7                       |

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| WED<br>Aug 13               | 10am               | 169103             | Sandridge Village Hall car park                                                                  | Jill & Len                      | 5                   |
| WED<br>Aug 13               | 10am               | 146266             | Red Lion<br>Great Offley SG5 3DZ                                                                 | Alison Phillips<br>07799 221600 | 7                   |
| SUN<br>Aug 17               | 10am               |                    | Wimpole Hall, National Trust<br>Car Park, Old Wimpole Road,<br>Royston, SG8 5QE.                 | Wendy Brown<br>07802 708000     | 5                   |
| WED<br>Aug 20               | 10am               | 193222             | Strathmore Arms<br>St. Paul's Walden                                                             | Dave Catell                     | 4.8                 |
| WED<br>Aug 20               | 10am               | 350117             | The Goat<br>Vicarage Causeway<br>Hertford Heath SG13 7RT                                         | Gillian Waldock<br>07908 580749 | 7                   |
| MON<br>Aug 25               | 10.30<br>am        | 168108             | Heartwood Forest Car Park,<br>AL4 9GQ.                                                           | Denis Smith<br>07846 639346     | 4 or<br>3.5         |
| WED<br>Aug 27               | 10am               | 222138             | Ayot Green                                                                                       | Joan T<br>7950756064            |                     |
| WED<br>Aug 27               | 10am               | 258297             | The Cricketers<br>Damask Green Rd<br>Weston SG4 7DA                                              | Wendy Brown<br>07802 708000     | 7                   |
| WED<br>Sep 3                | 10am               | 291156             | The Grandison<br>Bramfield SG14 2QL                                                              | Peter D                         | 5                   |
| WED<br>Sep 3                | 10am               | 26663 39753        | Bushel and Strike, Mill<br>Street,Ashwell,SG7 5LY                                                | John Spiers<br>01438 350217     | 7                   |
| SUN<br>Sep 7                | 10am               | 120302             | Behind The Vue Pub<br>Pegsdon, SG5 3JX                                                           | Nicholas Furr<br>07951 646925   | 7                   |
| WED<br>Sep 10               | 10am               | 218187             | Sports Centre<br>Codicote SG4 8XY                                                                | Brian Martinelli                |                     |
| WED<br>Sep 10               | 10am               | 341208             | Whitehill Golf Course<br>Dane End SG12 0JS                                                       | Wendy Brown<br>07802 708000     | 7                   |
| WED<br>Sep 17               | 10am               | 232278             | Waggon & Horses<br>Graveley SG4 7LE                                                              | Beryl Grey                      | 5                   |
| WED<br>Sep 17               | 10am               | 263083             | The Candlestick<br>Essendon, AL9 6BA                                                             | Phillip Spencer<br>07857 601849 | 7                   |
| SUN<br>Sep 21               | 10am               | 301049             | Newgate Street car park<br>SG13 8RP                                                              | Andrew Picken<br>07594 335673   | 5                   |
| WED<br>Sep 24               | 10am               | 229202             | Lytton Arms<br>Old Knebworth SG3 6QB                                                             | Peter D                         | 5                   |
| WED<br>Sep 24               | 10am               | 180247             | Red Lion<br>Preston SG4 7UD                                                                      | David Finn<br>07818 167463      | 7                   |
| WED<br>Oct 1                | 10am               | 210124             | Crooked Chimney<br>near Wheathampstead AL8 7XE                                                   | Jill & Len                      |                     |
| WED<br>Oct 1                | 10am               | 189004             | White Horse<br>Shenley WD7 9ER                                                                   | Andrew Picken<br>07594 335673   | 7                   |
| SUN<br>Oct 5                | 10am               | 044015             | Chipperfield Common Car Park,<br>WD4 9BS. (May change if I can<br>find parking in Kings Langley) | Alison Anderson<br>07804 444673 | 7                   |

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| WED<br>Oct 8                | 10am               | 395222             | The Star<br>Standon SG11 1LB                                       | Sue & Doug<br>07858 422593        | 4.8                 |
| WED<br>Oct 8                | 10am               | 275287             | The Rising Sun<br>Hall's Green SG4 7DR                             | Wendy Brown<br>07802 708000       | 7                   |
| WED<br>Oct 15               | 10am               | 180247             | Red Lion<br>Preston SG4 7UD                                        | Beryl Grey<br>07903 300857        | 5                   |
| WED<br>Oct 15               | 10am               | 443184             | The Prince of Wales<br>Stansted Hill<br>Green Tye, SG10 6JP (tbc)  | Christine Goodwin<br>07449 097313 | 7                   |
| SUN<br>Oct 19               | 1:45pm             | 085304             | Church Road<br>near St. Nicholas Church<br>Barton le Clay MK45 4LA | Nicholas Furr<br>07951 646925     | 5                   |
| WED<br>Oct 22               | 10am               | 229202             | Lytton Arms<br>Old Knebworth SG3 6QB                               | Maggie D                          | 4.5                 |
| WED<br>Oct 22               | 10am               | 193222             | Strathmore Arms<br>St Paul's Walden SG4 8BT                        | Susan Marsh<br>07976 369034       | 7                   |
| WED<br>Oct 29               | 10am               | 262164             | White Horse<br>Burnham Green AL6 0HA                               | Dave C                            |                     |
| WED<br>Oct 29               | 10am               | 235191             | Robin Hood & Little John<br>Rabley Heath AL6 9UB                   | Phillip Spencer<br>07857 601849   | 7                   |

### **Note re short walk on May 28**

The walk on 28<sup>th</sup> May is from The Wellington in Welwyn (230162) using their car park; **car registration is required for diners.**

Non-diners meeting in Ottway Walk car park (231157) about 10 minutes later.

### **Dates for your diary:**

8 Oct 2025      Autumn Social Evening      Welwyn Civic Centre, Prospect Place, AL6 9ER

## **SOCIAL NOTES AND HOLIDAY INFORMATION.**

### **AUTUMN SOCIAL EVENING**

Last year's Autumn Social was held on Tuesday 15 October 2024, when 30 members came to hear Andrew Picken, our Chairman, give an illustrated talk about the 'Painted Houses of Shekhawati Rajasthan' and enjoy Alison Anderson's delicious home-made cakes!

This year Peter Waine, the Chairman of the Countryside Charity (formerly known as CPRE, the Council for the Preservation of Rural England and the Campaign to Protect Rural England) will speak about 'A recent history of Herts and how CPRE continues to campaign to protect the countryside'.

This will take place on **Tuesday 14 October 2025 at 7.30pm to 10pm** in the Small Hall at Welwyn Civic Centre, Prospect Place, Welwyn AL6 9ER.

There will be light refreshments and something quizzical after the talk. A small charge of £2 will be collected at the door to go towards the hire of the Hall, the fee for the speaker and refreshments.

Wendy

### **HOLIDAYS REPORT**

**Apr 7 - 11** The recent Nether Grange, Alnmouth holiday was fortunately blessed with good weather, all dry and mostly sunny. Our walks visited some of the most interesting places to visit in Northumberland, castles at Warkworth and Bamburgh, Cragside House and grounds.

Needless to say, we also walked in the beautiful Northumbrian hills and visited the lovely beaches, and Alnmouth itself. And the staff at Nether Grange made us very welcome.

Our proximity also enabled members to visit the Farne Islands and Holy Island when the walking was over!

Sue

### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

**Sep 22 - 26** will be to **Bourton-on-the-water**. This is now fully booked.

### **HOLIDAY EVENTS FOR 2026**

#### **April 24 - May 1**

This would be a guided holiday at **Coniston**, southern Lake District - as it is quite a bit further away this would be for 7 nights. Price in the region of £1089 per person.

#### **October 5 - 9**

This would be a 4-night guided holiday at **Brecon Beacons** which seems to have been a popular choice the last time. The price would be in the region of £685 per person.

As always your request for a booking should be accompanied by a £75 per person deposit. At this stage the deposit for the first holiday should be submitted by end of this May please.  
(sort code 09-01-28 account 93764596 ref your name).

If you have any queries relating to this, please don't hesitate to contact Sue Fletcher on [fletchsue@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:fletchsue@yahoo.co.uk)

## **CHAIRMAN'S NOTES**

We have prepared another exciting programme of walks. Many thanks to all walk leaders and the walk coordinators. I know how much work is involved. Many thanks also to Trevor Hampton for ensuring we always have a functioning and effective website.

At the recent AGM we heard we now have at least 93 members. Anne Lloyd stood down from the Committee – many thanks for her work particularly organising the New Year meals. We welcome Alison Anderson as Secretary. We are always looking for new volunteers on the committee.

Andrew Picken