

MID-HERTS FOOTPATHS SOCIETY

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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 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

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

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

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

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

Note re short walk on May 28

The walk on 28th 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

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