

CONFIRMATION OF ATTENDANCE

If you are planning to come on a walk, please text or WhatsApp the leader so that he/she knows to expect you and can contact you if the walk details change (for example, if the weather forecast is very poor or the leader is taken ill).

TRANSPORT

CDWG is not responsible for organising transport and it is your responsibility to get to the start point (in good time to be ready to leave by the advertised time – please aim to arrive 15 minutes in advance of this).

LEADING WALKS AND EVENTS

Everyone in the group is encouraged to organise walks and other events. If you would like some advice, any member of the committee will be happy to help or contact us at cdwg.info@gmail.com.

WEEKENDS AWAY

Our weekends away usually involve a stay at a holiday cottage. Places need to be booked well in advance, so you must book with the organiser to ensure a place.

OFF-PROGRAMME EVENTS

We often have extra events that perhaps weren't planned in time for the programme or are slightly different to our usual activities. These are circulated to all paid up members via email and are unlikely to appear anywhere else.

PHOTOGRAPHS



Please note that any photographs taken on CDWG walks or events may be used on the group website, social media or marketing materials. Please inform the organiser if you do not wish to appear in photographs.

ATTENDANCE IS AT YOUR OWN RISK

ESSENTIAL WALKING & SAFETY EQUIPMENT

For all walks it is **essential** to wear walking boots, thick socks, suitable trousers or shorts (not jeans), and suitable clothing for the weather and time of year. Waterproof jackets should be brought on walks along with waterproof trousers if possible.

For winter walks, several layers of clothing are better than one thick layer. Spare clothing, including a hat and gloves are essential in winter.

Plenty of food is also a good idea, along with hot drinks in winter and plenty of water and protection from the sun in summer (sunhat and lotion).

In the interests of safety, walk leaders may refuse to take those considered to be ill equipped or not fit enough for the day's walk. Contact the leader if in doubt over suitable clothing, equipment and fitness levels.

Sorry, we are not insured for and do not allow under 18s or dogs on our walks

TYPES OF WALK: ★ / ★★ / ★★★

Walks are "star" graded according to factors such as distance, terrain and ascent. A change in weather can also affect the difficulty of a walk. Use these grades as a guide for which walks to try:

- 1★ walks will generally be gentle paced and over easy terrain such as lowland hills (e.g. Sandstone Trail, Cheshire).
- 2★ walks may be longer in distance, involve more ascent or cover rougher terrain but with no technical ability required (e.g. Moel Famau, Clwydians).
- 3★ walks may be faster paced, or a longer distance, and will usually involve steep ascents over rough ground, often involving scrambling and requiring a good head for heights (e.g. Carneddau, Glyders in Yr Wyddfa/Snowdonia).

Evening walks are not graded as they are relatively short and even with hills are rarely more than an upper 1★.



PROGRAMME

OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2025

Chester and District Walking Group
is a friendly group bringing together people from Cheshire, Wirral, North Wales and surrounding areas who enjoy walking and socialising.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is £10 a year, although you are encouraged to attend two or three events before deciding to join. Everyone over the age of 18 is welcome.

Subscriptions are due on joining and renewed following the AGM in November. They go towards the cost of running the group, including website maintenance, publicity, insurance, general administration and give you access to our detailed weekly walk emails.

Chair

Christine Darwen

Secretary

Bernie Leadbeater

Vice Chair & Treasurer

Nikki Young

Social Secretary

John Sunter

Website Officer

Peter Benson

Programme Secretary

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OCTOBER

Sat 4th Chester

Social

2pm Stocks Lane Bowling Green

Come and try crown green bowling and croquet at a free session with equipment provided (courtesy of the council)

Sun 5th Chirk
11am start 6 miles

One of two easy walks. Good weather: Chirk up to Fron Uchaf - Froncysyllte circular. Poor weather: Less hill and more Offa's Dyke Path.

Sun 12th Coedpoeth
10:15am start 10 miles

Circular Autumn Walk from Coedpoeth to World's End returning via Nant Mill

Sun 19th Llanberis
10:20am start 9.5 miles

Circular Autumn walk in and around Llanferrers and Llanarmon with ascents to great views (weather permitting!).

Sun 26th Harthill
10:20am start 6.5 miles

Explore Rawhead and Brown Knowl with this gentle walk through walks and quiet country lanes.

Wed 29th Llandrillo
10:15am start 9 miles

Midweek circular walk from Llandrillo. Walk can be shortened if weather inclement.



NOVEMBER

Sun 2nd Bangor-on-Dee
10:30am start 3.5 or 7 miles

2 x ★
Two loops from the picture-postcard heart of Bangor-on-Dee. See how you feel after the first half before carrying on for the second, so ideal for newbies.

Sun 9th Llangollen
10am start 8 miles

★★
10am steam train from Llangollen, then your choice of two routes back, either hilly or fairly flat. Both picturesque!

Sat 15th Chester

Social

3pm Glass Deva Workshop

Create a beautiful, personalised glass gift in this afternoon workshop run in the centre of Chester. Fun and productive!
www.glassdeva.co.uk

Sun 16th Bickerton Hill
10am start 7.5 miles

★★
A circular walk from Bickerton Hill over Rawhead, Bulkeley Hill. A stop at the Bickerton Poacher if you're good.

Fri 21st to Sun 23rd 'Christmas' Weekend Away

Ambleside

Join our early seasonal celebrations with walks, meals and general revelling in the Lake District.

Sun 23rd Beeston
11am start 8 miles

★★
For those not going to the Lakes, a local walk round Beeston Crag, Peckforton and Bulkeley Hills with fine views!

Sun 30th Llangollen
10:30 or 11:30am 8 miles

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Enjoy breakfast at the quaint Wharf Tea Rooms or just come for the gentle walk along the canal, Horseshoe falls and looping back via the Abbey.

DECEMBER

Sun 7th Marton

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 Walk and Christmas Meal 

10:30am start 8 miles
Join us for a Christmas Walk or a Christmas meal at Pesto, Cabbage Hall or hopefully both!

Sun 14th Chester
10am start 10 miles

★★
Walk the Baker Way from Chester to Mouldsworth then an optional lunch at the Goshawk and catch the train back.

Fri 19th Chester

Social

9pm Telfords Warehouse

Safehouse soul band with Bernie on trumpet and lead singer Tom Hughes. Great for dancing!

Sun 21st Caerwys
10am start 9 miles

★★
A bracing, circular walk taking in Moel y Parc in the Clwydian Hills.

Boxing Day Loggerheads
11am start 8 miles

★★
Burn off that extra helping of Christmas pud with this walk that, depending on the weather, will either go up Moel Farnau or around it.

Sun 28th Saighton or Christleton TBC
10:30am start 8-9 miles

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Round off 2025 with a flat walk near Chester, partly following the Shropshire Union Canal.

