

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 shorter, gently 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 JANUARY – MARCH 2026

Chester and District Walking Group

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
Secretary
Vice Chair & Treasurer
Social Secretary
Website
Programme Secretary

Christine Darwen
Bernie Leadbeater
Nikki Young
Lisa Buckley
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JANUARY

Thurs 1st Chirk ★
10.30am start 6 miles
 Frodsham Station Platform 1 to Helsby Hill circular walk

Sun 4th Hope ★/★★
10:15am start 5.5 miles
 Easy 5 mile circular walk up, around and down Hope Mountain.

Sun 11th Duke's Drive, Chester ★
9:30am start 4 to 5 miles
 Breakfast then circular walk across fields and forest tracks

Sun 18th Llanferres ★★
10:20am start 9.5 miles
 Circular walk

Sun 25th TBC ★★
10 am start

Fri 30th Chester **Social**
7.30pm Pickles in Handbridge
 Meet up for a warming midwinter drink



FEBRUARY

Sun 1st TBC ★★
10 am start

Sun 8th Minera ★★
10.30am start 9 miles
 Minera, Nant Mill and Plas Power Woods!

Sun 15th Llangollen ★★
10.30am start 8 miles
 Short, steep climb to Castel Dinas Bran, then round hills to Valle Crucis Abbey, St Tysilio's Church yard for snowdrops.

Tues 17th Chester **Social**
3pm Pancake Party
 Bring your favourite topping!

Sun 22nd Sandbach ★★
10.30am start 9 miles
 A circular walk starting in Sandbach on footpaths, along the canal and disused railway line.

Wed 25th Wrexham ★
10:30 or 11:30am 4 miles
 Midweek stroll around Erddig Country Park, then lunch at Ial College Restaurant, Wrexham - student takeover

MARCH

Sun 1st Pulford ★
10:30am start 5.5 miles
 A gentle, flat amble around and across the Welsh border

Sun 8th Bwlchgwyn ★★
10.30am start 10 miles
 A few moderate climbs (and a couple of steep ones!) going up through the forest of Nant y Ffrith, skirting Ffrith & Llanfynydd before looping back.

Sun 15th Thurstaston ★★
10.30am start 6 miles
 Circular walk along the coast and back via the Dales Nature Reserve with great views.

Sun 22nd Llyn Brenig ★★
10.15am start 9.5 miles
 A circular walk alongside Llyn Brenig reservoir and around Llyn Alwen, mainly on gravel paths, with some heathland

Fri 27th Chester **Social**
7.30pm Live Rooms
 Absolute Bowie. Tickets are £22.85

Sun 29th Frodsham ★★
10.20am start 10 miles 1
 A circular countryside walk across fields, footpaths, and lanes, out to and along part of the river Weaver.