

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.



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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 APRIL – JUNE 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	Christine Darwen
Secretary	Bernie Leadbeater
Vice Chair & Treasurer	Nikki Young
Social Secretary	Lisa Buckley
Website	Peter Benson
Programme Secretary	Juliet Leadbeater

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APRIL

Mon 6th Chirk ★★
10.30am start 9 miles
Undulating circular walk from Chirk to Selattyn and back, and visiting "Stonehenge"

Sun 12th Great Barrow ★/★★
10:30am start 4 or 9 miles
Circular walk setting off from Great Barrow to Tarvin. Mainly fields & tracks with some gentle inclines. Option to do a shorter walk of Great Barrow loop (approx 4 miles)

Fri 17th Bickerton Poacher **Social**
7.15pm Skittles evening and drinks. Option to buy chips or food on the night

Sat 18th Kelsall ★★
10am start 9 miles
Equestrian Centre - Primrosehill Wood - Urchin's Kitchen - Kelsborrow Hill Fort - Little Switzerland - Sandstone Trail - Utkinton - back into Wood & Equestrian Centre.

Sat 24th to Mon 26th Barmouth
Walking weekend or join us for the day

Sun 26th Llanarmon ★★
10.20 am start 10 miles
Circular walk from Llanarmon to Llandegla, along a mixture of old and new footpaths.

Thurs 30th Felin Puleston
7pm start 4 miles
Evening circular walk around Erddig Country Park, Wrexham



MAY

Sun 3rd Chester ★
10.30am start 6 miles
Casual walk along the Dukes Drive, back along the Dee, Sunday Lunch at the Ship afterwards

Wed 6th Coed Y Felin
7pm start 4 miles
Evening walk through two bluebell woods

Sun 10th Halkyn ★★
10.30 start 9 miles
Moel y Gaer, Wat's Dyke, some great views and some forest.

Thurs 14th Gresford
7pm start 4 miles
Evening walk including Gresford and Borrass Head.

Fri 15th Chester **Social**
7pm start Barbecue with veggie chilli, burgers, hot dogs, salad & garlic bread provided, bring your own drinks and any other food you want.

Sun 17th Ruthin Craft Centre ★★
10.15am start 9 miles
Circular walk from the craft centre to Rhewl & Bont Uchel with some short steep inclines

Thurs 21st Rossett
7pm start 3.5 miles
Circular evening walk from Rossett to Trevalyn.

Sun 24th Llangwyfan ★★
10.30am start 8 miles
Hilly loop with beautiful views around Penycloddiau and Moel Arthur.

Wed 27th Helsby Hill
7pm start 4 miles
Evening walk up Helsby Hill. A fairly short steep climb, worth it for the amazing views.

Sun 30th Liverpool ★★
Start timeTBA 10 miles
Train to Hamilton square, ferry across the Mersey, walk to Otterspool visiting three Parks, can stay out for tea.

JUNE

Sun 7th Chester **Social** ★
2pm start Ferry across river at Sandy Lane, 3-mile circular walk down river, back along canal. Then croquet, bowling and food at Stocks Lane Bowling Green.

Wed 10th Hawarden
7pm start 4.5 miles
Lovely circular evening walk from Hawarden, drinks afterwards.

Sun 14th Hayfield ★★
10am start 6.5 miles
Circular walk starting in Hayfield, taking in Mount Famine and South Head.

Wed 17th Kelsall
7pm start 3 to 4 miles
Evening walk through Delamere to Old Pale

Sun 21st Conway Castle ★★
10.15am start 6.5 miles
A lovely circular walk along Conway harbour and round to Conway Mountain, crossing the Synchnant Pass

Wed 24th Chester
7pm start 3 to 4 miles
Circular evening walk from the Countess Country Park, then over to the old golf course, back along the canal. drinks at the Little Owl.

Sun 26th Hilbre Island ★★
10.30am start 6 miles
Walk to Hilbre Island and around the Marine Lake, ice cream or fish and chips from Morrison's on our return.

