

# Autumn Footprints

**10th-25th September 2011**

**The Ninth Amber Valley and Erewash Walking Festival**



**Walks for Everyone**

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The **Autumn Footprints Festival** offers a great choice of 30 free guided walks from **10 – 25 September 2011**. Sixteen days of enjoyable walks and informative talks with something for every one of all abilities.



Set in picturesque Derbyshire, The Autumn Footprints Walking Festival takes place in an area known for its natural beauty and superb scenery. Popular with both novice and experienced walkers wanting to enjoy the beautiful colours of autumn amid areas known for their fabulous views, undulating countryside, industrial heritage and attractive towns and villages.

**Led by knowledgeable local volunteers and staff keen to show off their patch, the wide variety of walks explore local heritage, natural history and wildlife – taking walkers alongside rivers and canals, as well as through open countryside, towns and villages.**

Learn how to read a compass and OS map on **“Map Reading for Beginners”** so that you can make the most of future walks and avoid getting lost, or try a gentle introduction to **Nordic Walking** to improve your fitness.

The **Bushcraft Introduction Walk** – teaches you all you need to know on how to make the most of the countryside and will cover basics such as shelter, fire and food.

Have you ever wondered what the green stuff in your garden tasted like but were too afraid to try? Then join this walk, which takes us around the Country Park where **wild food in abundance** will tempt your taste buds.

The Autumn Footprints Festival, featured in The Times newspaper ‘Britain’s Best Autumn Walking Festivals 2010’ offers lots of opportunities to blow away the cobwebs and enjoy the Derbyshire scenery.

Check the website to be the first to discover the new walks as they are released or Email [tourism@ambervalley](mailto:tourism@ambervalley) with your name and postal address to request a programme. (Available August 2011).

All walks are **FREE OF CHARGE**. However there may be a parking charge see symbols on individual walks.

**Booking is recommended for all the walks and essential for some.** We cannot guarantee being able to take you if you do not book in advance.

Please contact: Derbyshire County Council’s **Call Derbyshire on 08456 058 058** for bookings and further information. Lines are open Monday - Friday 8am – 8pm, Saturday 9.30am - 4.00pm.





## Why not take a break during the Walking Festival?

There are lots of comfortable places to stay from friendly pubs and B & B's to campsites. Why not make a short break of your visit and attend more than one week. Derbyshire offers a wide range of Quality Assured accommodation – look for the Walkers Welcome sign for special facilities.

[www.visitambervalley.co.uk](http://www.visitambervalley.co.uk)



## Photography Competition:

We would love you to send us your photographs of the 2011 Autumn Footprints Walking Festival. The winning photographs will form part of an exhibition at Shipley Country Park later in the Autumn.



Please send in your photograph by email to [mfarrell@groundwork.org.uk](mailto:mfarrell@groundwork.org.uk) or send by post to Marion Farrell, Groundwork Derby & Derbyshire, The Bridge Centre, 43 Cromford Road, Langley Mill, Derbyshire NG16 4EF. Photographs submitted may be printed in local newspapers, used in material to promote future Festivals, and published on the Walking Festival website. Please be advised walkers may be taking photographs on any of the festival walks, which may be entered for the photography competition and used in future publicity.

## What you need to know

- Please wear suitable footwear and clothing and have a waterproof, as the weather is often unpredictable. Unfortunately, an inadequately equipped person could affect the safety and enjoyment of the whole group, so we reserve the right not to take a person who is not properly equipped
- Dogs are allowed on some of the walks. To avoid inconvenience to other walkers or disturbance to farm animals or wildlife, please keep your dog on a lead and under control throughout the walk. There are some walks on which dogs are not permitted due to travelling through fields of cattle - see symbols against each walk
- Most walk leaders are volunteers
- Remember to bring along any medication you may need during the walk
- **Booking is recommended for all the walks and essential for some.** We cannot guarantee being able to take you if you do not book in advance
- All walks are circular unless stated
- In poor weather the walk may be modified by the leader, or in extreme conditions it may be cancelled
- If a packed lunch is required, look for the symbol on each walk detail. It is always advisable to carry a drink
- Young walkers 16 and below must be accompanied by an adult
- All those taking part do so at their own risk
- Cars should be parked sensibly and locked with no valuables on show
- Whilst many walks are not suitable for wheelchair or pushchair users, there are a number of suitable walks. Look for the pushchair or wheelchair symbols at the head of the walk details
- **Walks will start promptly**
- Times for the duration for the walk are an estimate and can vary according to conditions, interest shown and the numbers of walkers on the day

## Walks grading

How easy is this walk?

**Walks in this Programme are graded for difficulty as follows:**

- **Easy Access:** Walks for everyone, including people with conventional wheelchairs and pushchairs, using easy access paths. Comfortable shoes or trainers can be worn. Assistance may be

needed to push wheelchairs on some sections: please enquire

- **Easy:** Walks for anyone who does not have a mobility difficulty or a specific health problem or is seriously unfit. Suitable for pushchairs if they can be lifted over occasional obstructions. Comfortable shoes or trainers can be worn
- **Moderate:** Walks for people with country walking experience and a good level of fitness. May include some steep paths and open country, and may be at a brisk pace. Walking boots and warm, waterproof clothing are essential
- **Strenuous:** Walks for experienced country walkers with an above average fitness level. May include hills and rough country, and may be at a brisk pace. Walking boots and warm, waterproof clothing are essential. People in doubt about their fitness are advised to contact the organiser or leader in advance



**EREWASH  
VALLEY TRAIL**

The Erewash Valley Trail takes in over 30 miles of beautiful waterway and countryside landscape on the Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire borders. This exciting project will help to promote the valley as a haven for wildlife and a place for people to enjoy. **For more information and to view the Erewash Valley Trail Leaflet & Map see [www.erewashvalleytrail.co.uk](http://www.erewashvalleytrail.co.uk)**



Come to the Peak District & Derbyshire and enjoy the great outdoors at one of the five superb annual walking festivals during April - October. You will be spoilt for choice! With hundreds of walks offering a wide variety of themes, there will be something for everyone. Take a look at **[www.visitpeakdistrict.com/walkingfestivals](http://www.visitpeakdistrict.com/walkingfestivals)** for the Derby Walking Festival and October walks

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**Important.** Grades are provided as a general guide only: if you have any doubt about your fitness for a particular walk please contact the organiser or leader in advance. You should also bear in mind the distance of the walk, regional differences in terrain and the possibility of bad weather, which can make a walk more difficult than planned. If you're unsure of your fitness level, try a short and easy walk first: it's much better to find a walk a little too slow and easy than to make yourself miserable and exhausted. Leaders may refuse to accept participants who in their opinion are inadequately equipped or unfit.

## Key to symbols:



Public transport



Walk includes train journey



No parking



Free parking



Parking fee



Children welcome



Not suitable for children



Dogs allowed



Dogs not allowed



Toilet available en route



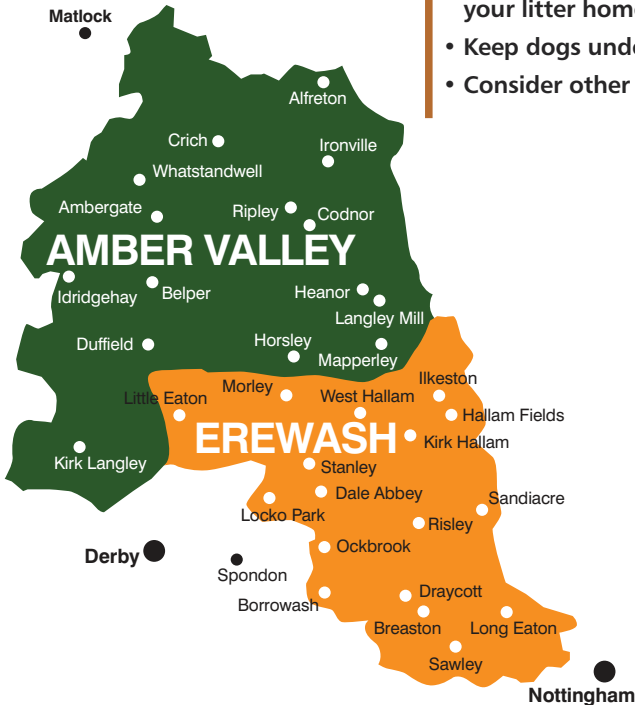
Take a packed lunch & drink



Pushchair accessible



Wheelchair accessible



## Why walk?

- **For health:** walking strengthens your heart, bones and muscles and helps to control your weight
- **For wealth:** walking is free and will enrich your life in many ways
- **For happiness:** walking improves your mood and improves mental well-being
- **For comfort:** go for a walk in your local park or wood and discover how nature can reduce stress and calm your mind
- **For joy:** walk with friends or join a walking group and discover just how much fun walking can be!

## Please remember the Countryside Code

- **Be Safe - plan ahead and follow any signs**
- **Leave gates and property as you find them**
- **Protect plants and animals and take your litter home**
- **Keep dogs under close control**
- **Consider other people**

**SATURDAY 10 SEPTEMBER****Autumn Footprints - Amber Valley & Erewash Walking Festival**

LAUNCH EVENT AND GUIDED WALK Easy.

**Starting Point:** Shipley Country Park Visitor Centre, Heanor, DE75 7GX. Grid ref: SK 431 452.  
Start time 10.30am. Finish 12.30pm

Kick off the Autumn Footprints Walking Festival and join us on the inaugural walk. A gentle easy going walk from the park through attractive areas for walkers and wildlife.

**Introduction to Nordic Walking**

NORDIC WALKING 1 mile. Easy.

**Booking Essential:** Catherine Hughes 07940 575758 **Limited to 12 people.**

**Starting Point:** First Car park as you enter Shipley Country Park, Slack Lane, Heanor, DE75 7GX. Grid ref: SK 431 452. Start time 9am. Finish 10am.

Find out how Nordic Walking adds a fun element to your walking and also burns up to 46% more calories than ordinary walking. **BOOKING ESSENTIAL.** Call Catherine on 07940 575 758, just tell her your height and she will provide the walking poles.

**SUNDAY 11 SEPTEMBER****Bushcraft Introduction Walk**

GUIDED WALK 3 miles. Moderate Walk (some climbs).

**Booking Essential:** Call Derbyshire 08456 058 058  
**Starting Point:** Mapperley Car Park, Shipley Country Park, Lodge Road, Mapperley, DE7 6BR.  
Grid ref: SK 436 437.  
Start time 10am. Finish 12.30pm.

Explore Shipley Country Park from a different perspective with a walk finding out how natural resources, combined with the right skills and knowledge, can make time spent in the countryside a comfortable and involving experience.

Basic subjects covered will be Shelter, Water, Fire and Food with some demonstrations along the way.

**MONDAY 12 SEPTEMBER****Round about Alfreton**

GUIDED WALK 5 miles. Moderate walk (some climbs).

**Starting Point:** Alfreton Bus Station, Hall Street, Alfreton, DE55 7BT. Grid ref: SK 411 556.  
Start time 10.30am. Finish 2.30pm.

A generally moderate walk, mostly through fields, with views to distant hills around Crich and Ashover, crossing pasture land and also woodland, with a visit to the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust Nature Reserve at Oakerthorpe. Information will be given at relevant points about the history and industrial past of the area. 10 to 15 stiles.



Brian Key

**TUESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER****Markeaton Circular Walk**

GUIDED WALK 3¾ miles. Easy/Moderate.

**Starting Point:** Mundy Play Centre pay & display car park, Markeaton Lane, Derby, DE22 4NH. Grid ref: SK 332 379. Start time 10am. Finish 12pm.

Join Groundwork Derby & Derbyshire for a 3¾ mile walk in the Markeaton area. The walk takes in agricultural land and parkland following footpaths and bridleways. Fairly easy walking, although some parts of the walk can be wet, muddy and uneven underfoot. There will be cattle in some of the fields. There are also stiles and footbridges, and one fairly steep slope.

**The Lewis Wilson Memorial Walk**

GUIDED WALK 6 miles. Moderate Walk (some steep climbs).

**Starting Point:** The Royal Oak, Green Lane, Ockbrook, DE72 3SE. Grid ref: SK 423 363.  
Start time 10.30am. Finish 2pm.

Join Ockbrook & Borrowwash Parish Council on a 6 mile walk through the edge of Locko Estate and behind Hopwell Hall. The walk is through beautiful

undulating farmland with cattle and horses. There are some steep climbs. Dogs are welcome but must be on a lead at all times. Approximately 10 stiles.

 Ockbrook & Borrowwash Parish Council

## Circular Theme Park Walk

GUIDED WALK 3 miles. Easy/Moderate.

**Starting Point:** Shipley Country Park Visitor Centre, Heanor, DE75 7GX. Grid ref: SK 431 452. Start time 2pm. Finish 3.45pm.

Join the Walking for Health Group in Heanor for a circular walk around Cinderhill, Nutbrook Trail around the former Theme Park and return along Woodside Bridleway within Shipley Country Park. The walk is generally flat and uses surfaced paths for the majority of the walk.





## WEDNESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER


### Explore the Highlands of Amber Valley

GUIDED WALK 7 miles. Strenuous.

**Starting Point:** Alport Heights - National Trust Car Park, Alport Lane, Shottle. Grid ref: SK 305516. Start time 10am. Finish 2pm.

Alport Heights is the highest point in Amber Valley at 314 metres. The walk will be exploring these high fields, which are mostly undulating farmland. Given a clear day the views are long. Given a bad day, I have known snow up here in September! A hilly walk travelling through some fields with cattle grazing - dogs to be kept on a lead. After rain this walk can be very muddy and slippery.



Amber Valley  ramblers  
at the heart of walking

## THURSDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

### Ecotherapy Walk

GUIDED WALK 3 miles. Moderate Walk (some climbs).

**Starting Point:** Shipley Country Park Visitor Centre, Heanor, DE75 7GX. Grid ref: SK 431 452. Start time 12.45pm. Finish 2.30pm.

Join Amber Trust for an ecotherapy walk around Shipley Country Park. Ecoteraphy aims to allow people to exercise in green spaces in order to

promote a sense of mental well being as well as the physical benefits of exercise. The walk is circular and includes green spaces, wooded areas and heritage sites. The route is generally flat with some hills and uses surfaced paths in most areas.



Amber Trust

## Top O' Stanley

GUIDED WALK 6 miles. Moderate Walk (no steep climbs).

**Starting Point:** Stanley Village Hall Car Park, Coronation Road, Stanley, DE7 6FF. Grid ref: SK 420 407. Start time 10:30am. Finish 2:30pm.

Enjoy a moderate walk with Erewash Ramblers around the pleasant countryside of Stanley Village. The walk is over undulating ground using a mixture of paths and tracks. There are some inclines but no steep climbs, can be muddy in places.



Erewash  ramblers  
at the heart of walking

## FRIDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

### Castles and Coals

GUIDED WALK 8 miles. Strenuous.

**Starting Point:** Codnor Market Place car park, Alfreton Road, DE5 9QY. Grid ref: SK 419 497. Start time 10am. Finish 2.00pm.

Join Derbyshire Wildlife Trust for a walk in the Erewash Valley looking at the varied landscape including our Erewash Meadows nature reserve. This will be a gentle walk in an area of historical and wildlife interest - bring some binoculars if you have them. Approximately 10-15 stiles.





### From New Rail to Old and back again

GUIDED WALK 4.5 miles. Moderate Walk (one gentle long climb).

**Starting Point:** Duffield Main Line station car park, Station approach, Duffield. Grid ref: SK 345 435. Start time 10.10am. Finish 1pm.

A walk starting from the modern and heritage rail stations in Duffield, leaving the village to explore some of the Ecclesbourne Valley, crossing and re-crossing the newly opened Ecclesbourne Valley

railway line, gaining some insight into its restoration and workings. This will not be a fast paced walk and we should be back at station to meet the arrival of trains. Approximately 8 stiles.



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## Two Canals Walk

GUIDED WALK 3 miles. Moderate.

**Starting Point:** Sandiacare Library, Doncaster Avenue, Sandiacre, NG10 5FJ. Grid ref: SK 479 366. Start time 10.15am. Finish 11.30am.

Join Sandiacre Strollers Walking for Health group for a pleasant walk along the Erewash and Derby Canals.



## SATURDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

### Introduction to Nordic Walking

NORDIC WALKING 1 mile. Easy.

**Booking Essential:** Catherine Hughes 07940 575758 **Limited to 12 people.**

**Starting Point:** First Car park as you enter Shipley Country Park, Slack Lane, Heanor, DE75 7GX. Grid ref: SK 431 452. Start time 9am. Finish 10am.

Find out how Nordic Walking adds a fun element to your walking and also burns up to 46% more calories than ordinary walking. **BOOKING ESSENTIAL.** Call Catherine on 07940 575 758, just tell her your height and she will provide the walking poles.



## Stanley Village Wildlife Walk

GUIDED WALK 5 miles. Moderate walk (some climbs).

**Starting Point:** Bus Stop, Morley Road, Stanley Village (near White Hart PH), DE7 6EX. Grid ref: SK 417 403. Start time 1.30pm. Finish 4pm.

Join Beverley to discover the wildlife in and around Stanley. This walk will be across fields with cattle in them through towards Locko Park. There will be approximately 10 stiles.



Stanley & Stanley Common Wildlife Group

## Blue Fly Tramway System, West Hallam

GUIDED WALK 2.5 miles. Moderate Walk (with climbs).

**Starting Point:** Bramble Lodge Residential Home Car park, High Lane West, West Hallam, DE7 6HQ. Grid ref: SK 429 420. Start time 2pm. Finish 4.30pm.

Walk showing the horse drawn tramways and coal mines in the Blue Fly fields. The tramway led to the Nutbrook Canal. A walk of interest to the local historian and Industrial Archaeologist. (Although the walk is mainly on Public Footpaths the land owner has allowed us to show part of the rail route away from the main path). Part of the walk passes through fields with cattle and horses. Walk Leader Roger Wood.



Ilkeston & District Local History Society

## SUNDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

### Points, Posts & Prizes!

GUIDED WALK Variable. Easy.

**Booking Advised:** Call Derbyshire 08456 058 058  
**Starting Point:** Main Car park Shipley Country Park, Slack Lane, Heanor, DE75 7GX. Grid ref: SK 431 452. Start time 10.30am. Finish 12.30pm.

Join the Friends of Shipley Country Park Group for a treasure hunt with a difference! After a short introduction to wayfaring, have a go to see how many points you can gain in 1 hour in this friendly & fun competition. Small prize for the winning family team. You choose the route so you can walk as much or as little as you like! **CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.** Please come in suitable clothing and footwear.



### "Poetry in Motion"

GUIDED WALK 4 miles. Moderate.

**Starting Point:** By the Bandstand in Belper River Gardens, Matlock Road, Belper DE56 1BE. Start time 1pm. Finish 4pm.

Join members of Belper's two poetry groups to walk Beth's Poetry Trail, pausing at each of 20 poetry "installations" to hear the poems. The walk runs through the heart of this historic mill town set in the Derwent Valley World Heritage Site.



Beth's Poetry Trail, Poetry People, Belper Poetry Circle

## Have a go at GEOCACHING

GUIDED WALK 3 to 4 miles. Moderate Walk (some climbs).

**Booking Essential:** Call Derbyshire 08456 058 058  
**Starting Point:** Shipley Country Park Visitor Centre, Heanor, DE75 7GX. Grid ref: SK 431 452.  
Start time 1.30pm. Finish 3.30pm.

Join the Friends of Shipley Country Park Group and the Countryside Service for another treasure hunt with a difference! After an introduction to geocaching, we will set off together in search of the park's official caches using a GPS unit. You do not need any previous experience or specialist equipment for this introductory event. CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT. BOOKING ESSENTIAL AS ONLY 15 PLACES AVAILABLE. Please come in suitable clothing and footwear.



### MONDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

#### Long Eaton Linear walk – out by train, walk back

GUIDED WALK 5 miles. Moderate Walk (no hills).

**Starting Point:** Ticket Office, Long Eaton Train Station, Tamworth Road, Long Eaton, NG10 3GS. Grid ref: SK 481 322. Start time 10.20am. Finish 1.30pm.

Enjoy a quick trip on the train from Long Eaton Station to Attenborough and then walk back via the Attenborough Nature Reserve and the Erewash Valley Trail. The train leaves Long Eaton at 10.30am. Tickets will be approx £2 adult single. Please arrive in time to purchase a train ticket at the station prior to travel. The walk is a very pleasant flat route along the River Trent and Erewash Canal.



### TUESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

#### Little Eaton Woods & Fields

GUIDED WALK 3 miles. Moderate (some climbs).

**Starting Point:** The New Inn, Duffield Road, Little Eaton, DE21 5DR. Grid ref: SK 363 410. Start time 10am. Finish 1.00pm.

A circular walk with some hills providing very scenic views over typical Derbyshire countryside. The walk travels through some fields with cattle. Historical highlights will be pointed out as we go.

Approximately 5 stiles. Refreshments available from The New Inn.



Little Eaton Parish Council

## Map Reading for Beginners

COURSE Easy access

**Booking Essential:** Call Derbyshire 08456 058 058  
**Starting Point:** Shipley Country Park Visitor Centre, Heanor, DE75 7GX. Grid ref: SK 431 452. Start time 2pm. Finish 4pm.

If you want to know more about map symbols, grid references etc., then this is the course for you. Designed for beginners to give them more confidence when using Ordnance Survey maps.



### WEDNESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

#### Belper Linear Walk - out by train, walk back

GUIDED WALK 7 miles. Strenuous (2 steep hills).

**Starting Point:** Platform 2, Belper Train Station, rear of King Street, DE56 1DA. Grid ref: SK 347 476.  
Start time 9.45am. Finish 2pm.

Enjoy a quick trip on the train from Belper Train Station to Duffield. Train ticket, £2 adult single. Please arrive in time to purchase a train ticket at the station prior to travel. Then from Duffield we will return by the Chevin passing Firestone, walk through the village of Farnah Green, descend into Blackbrook and then two challenging ascents into Belper. This is an undulating walk over hilly pastures with cattle. Approximately 10 to 15 stiles. Given a clear day there are excellent views.



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## MacMillan Breaston Circular

GUIDED WALK 5 miles. Moderate Walk.

**Booking Essential:** Call Derbyshire 08456 058 058

**Starting Point:** Breaton Parish Council Rooms, Blind Lane, Breaston, DE72 3DW. Grid ref: SK 461 336. Start time 10.30am. Finish 1.30pm.

A circular walk from Breaston over the Millennium Footpath to join the Midshires Way towards Draycott Village. A visit to Lime Grove, Draycott will be included in support of Macmillan Breast Cancer Week before returning via the Coffin Walk. Approximately 5 to 10 stiles.



Breaston Parish Council

### THURSDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

## Holbrook & Derwent Valley

GUIDED WALK 6 miles. Moderate Walk (some steep climbs).

**Starting Point:** Spotted Cow PH, Town Street, Holbrook. DE56 0TA. PH open from 9.30am for coffee. Grid ref: SK 364 449. Start time 10am. Finish 1.30pm.

A circular walk from Holbrook along Duffield Bank through Manor Quarry and down through the fringes of Little Eaton. Returning via Coxbench and the Dumble. Local history will be highlighted including Peckwash Mill and Horsley Castle. Beautiful views and pleasant footpaths through fields, some with cattle. Approximately 10 to 15 stiles - several of which are very narrow. Refreshments available at Spotted Cow on return but bring a snack and drink.



Holbrook Parish Council

### FRIDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

## West Hallam Wander

GUIDED WALK 6 miles. Moderate Walk (some climbs).

**Starting Point:** Punch Bowl Public House car park, The Village, West Hallam, Derbyshire, DE7 6GR. Grid ref: SK 431 413. Start time 10.35am. Finish 1pm.

Join the West Hallam Rural and Walking Society on a wander around the fields and lanes of West Hallam. The walk, which has two slight hills, explores some of the history and wildlife of the locality. Approximately 6 to 10 stiles.



West Hallam Rural & Walking Society

## Butterley Company Echoes - A leisurely stroll around Butterley and Hammersmith

GUIDED WALK 1.5 miles. Easy.

**Starting Point:** Butterley Station Car Park, Butterley Hill, Ripley DE5 3QZ. Grid ref: SK 402 520. Start time 2.30pm. Finish 4pm.

A leisurely stroll around Butterley and Hammersmith. See some of the most important reminders of the Butterley Company's activities in the Ripley area.



Derbyshire Archaeological Society

### SATURDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

## Introduction to Nordic Walking

NORDIC WALKING 1 mile. Easy.

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**Starting Point:** First Car park as you enter Shipley Country Park, Slack Lane, Heanor, DE75 7GX. Grid ref: SK 431 452. Start time 9am. Finish 10am.

Find out how Nordic Walking adds a fun element to your walking **BOOKING ESSENTIAL** Call Catherine on 07940 575 758, just tell her your height and she will provide the walking poles.



## Figure of Eight walk

GUIDED WALK 7.5 miles. Moderate Walk (no hills).

**Starting Point:** Trent Meadows Car Park, Pasture Lane, Long Eaton, NG10 2FQ. Grid ref: SK 503 328. Start time 10.30am. Estimated finish 3pm.

A 7.5 mile walk along flat terrain by the River Trent and the canal. We hope to see plenty of wildlife along the route.



## SUNDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

### Wild Food Walk

GUIDED WALK 3 miles. Moderate walk (some climbs).

**Booking Essential:** Call Derbyshire 08456 058 058

**Starting Point:** Shipley Country Park Visitor Centre, Heanor, DE75 7GX. Grid ref: SK 431 452. Start time 10am. Finish 12.30pm.

A walk around Shipley Country Park in exploration of a meal! This walk will concentrate on exploring seasonal wild food in the area and tips on how to turn it into tasty tucker. There will be opportunities to try products on the day made from the local woods.



### WWII Ordnance Depot Walk and West Hallam Surrounds

GUIDED WALK 3.5 miles. Moderate Walk (some climbs).

**Booking Essential:** Call Terry Hall on 01159 303 641  
**Limited to 25 people.**

**Starting Point:** White Hart Public House, Station Road, West Hallam, DE7 6GW. Grid ref: SK 425 413. Start time 10.30am. Finish 1.30pm.

A walk taking in the industrial past of Nibby Pit, Stanley Village, West Hallam Railway Station (Friar Gate Line) and a tour around the WWII War Department Chilwell Ordnance Outstation Depot now occupied by TDG Storage. The walk will also include information on local wildlife in the area. The walk starts at the White Hart West Hallam (Not Stanley White Hart) and returns via Cock Orchard. Places are limited and all walkers will be required to pre-book providing name, address and landline number for security. All participants will be required to wear high viz tabards (supplied) and comply with Health & Safety brief to enter this historic industrial

site. For further details contact Walk Leader Terry Hall (01159) 303641 or email on TAZstanley@yahoo.co.uk.




**Terry Hall and Roger Wood**

### From Swans to Saints

GUIDED WALK 1.5 miles. Moderate Walk (some climbs).

**Starting Point:** Layby near lake, Godfrey Drive, Kirk Hallam, DE7 4HG. Grid ref: SK 455 407. Start time 1.30pm. Finish 4.30pm.

Join the Friends of Kirk Hallam Lake and Meadows, & the Friends of Kirk Hallam Church for a walk from Kirk Hallam Lake to All Saints' Church via a pleasant stroll along the Nutbrook stream, learning about the wildlife and history of Kirk Hallam on the way. The walk includes a look inside the ancient church, followed by refreshments provided by the Friends of Kirk Hallam Church. The walk is on level surfaced paths, apart from the section along the Nutbrook stream which is of rough gravel and which also includes two short steep slopes. Manual wheelchairs may need pusher due to two steep hills. Dogs welcome on a lead, but not in the church.

 **Friends of Kirk Hallam Lake & Meadows: Friends of Kirk Hallam Church**



# Getting here and getting around

## Public Transport

Leave the car behind and relax and enjoy the scenery using the extensive network of bus and rail services operating throughout Amber Valley and Erewash. Travelling by bus or train enables you to plan a linear walk – travelling one way by public transport and walking the other.

## By Rail

Many parts of the country have direct rail services to Derby and Nottingham, providing connections to local train services. Alfreton and Langley Mill stations are served by trains from Nottingham, Chesterfield and Sheffield. Long Eaton is served by frequent services from Derby and Nottingham.



Duffield, Belper, Ambergate and Whatstandwell stations are on the Derwent Valley Line with hourly trains from Derby,

Long Eaton, Nottingham and Matlock. The Derwent Valley Line provides access to numerous scenic walks including the Cromford Canal between Ambergate, Whatstandwell and Cromford and The Chevin above Belper. For a copy of 'your guide to the Derwent Valley Line' which includes discount vouchers to local attractions visit [www.eastmidlandstrains.co.uk/derwentvalleyline](http://www.eastmidlandstrains.co.uk/derwentvalleyline) or call 08456 058058.

## By Bus

Local bus services enable you to get around many of the Festival locations. For bus times call Traveline on 0871 200 22 33 or visit [www.travelineeastmidlands.co.uk](http://www.travelineeastmidlands.co.uk)

## By Car

From the north and south, the M1 runs parallel to the eastern boundary with access at junctions 25, 26, 27 and 28. The A6 gives access to major trunk roads via the A52 and the area is crossed by the A38.



# A big thank you to all our Walk Leaders

This Walking Festival has been made possible by the involvement of many local groups and the dedicated individuals who lead and act as back up for the walks. Our thanks go to all of them, and to the organisations who have supported the Festival with funding or help in kind.

- Amber Trust [www.ambertrust.co.uk](http://www.ambertrust.co.uk)
- Amber Valley Borough Council [www.ambervalley.gov.uk](http://www.ambervalley.gov.uk)
- Beth's Poetry Trail [www.bethspoetrytrail.co.uk](http://www.bethspoetrytrail.co.uk)
- Breaston Parish Council [www.breastonparish.co.uk](http://www.breastonparish.co.uk)
- Derby City Council [www.derby.gov.uk](http://www.derby.gov.uk)
- Derbyshire Archaeological Society [www.derbyshireas.org.uk](http://www.derbyshireas.org.uk)
- Derbyshire County Council Countryside Service – Shipley Country Park [www.derbyshire.gov.uk](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk)
- Derbyshire County Council Rights of Way [www.derbyshire.gov.uk](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk)
- Derbyshire Wildlife Trust [www.derbyshirewildlifetrust.org.uk](http://www.derbyshirewildlifetrust.org.uk)
- Derwent Valley Line Community Rail Partnership [www.eastmidlandstrains.co.uk/derwentvalleyline](http://www.eastmidlandstrains.co.uk/derwentvalleyline)
- Erewash Borough Council [www.erewash.gov.uk](http://www.erewash.gov.uk)
- Friends of Kirk Hallam Lake and Meadows [www.friendsofkirkhallamlake.org.uk](http://www.friendsofkirkhallamlake.org.uk)
- Friends of Kirk Hallam Church [www.friendsofkirkhallamchurch.co.uk](http://www.friendsofkirkhallamchurch.co.uk)
- Friends of Shipley Country Park [www.foscp.webs.com](http://www.foscp.webs.com)
- Groundwork Derby and Derbyshire [www.gdd.org.uk](http://www.gdd.org.uk)
- Heanor & District Local History Society [www.heanorhistory.org.uk](http://www.heanorhistory.org.uk)
- Heanor Walking for Health [nigel.hallam7@btinternet.com](mailto:nigel.hallam7@btinternet.com)
- Holbrook Parish Council [www.holbrookderbyshire.co.uk](http://www.holbrookderbyshire.co.uk)
- Ilkeston & District Local History Society [www.ilkestonhistory.org.uk](http://www.ilkestonhistory.org.uk)
- Little Eaton Parish Council 01332 831664
- Memories of Stanley Village Trust 01159 303 641
- Nordic Walking (Midlands) [www.midlandsnordicwalking.org](http://www.midlandsnordicwalking.org)
- Ockbrook & Borrowash Parish Council [www.obpc.org.uk](http://www.obpc.org.uk)
- Ramblers Association – Amber Valley Group [www.ambervalleyramblers.org.uk](http://www.ambervalleyramblers.org.uk)
- Ramblers Association – Erewash Group [www.erewashramblers.org.uk](http://www.erewashramblers.org.uk)
- Sandiacre Strollers 01332 873614
- Stanley & Stanley Common Wildlife Group 0115 930 7966
- West Hallam Rural & Walking Society [www.westhallam-pc.org.uk/page95.html](http://www.westhallam-pc.org.uk/page95.html)

