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| Discovery Centre: Clarence Road | Discovery Centre: Clarence Mill SK10 5JZ |
| Pool Bank: Palmerston Road | Bollington Library: Palmerston Street SK10 5JX |
| Adlington Road with public toilets | Bridgend Centre: 104 Palmerston Street SK10 5PW |
| Clough Bank: Grimshaw Lane | Bollington Town Hall: Wellington Road SK10 5JR |
| Community Centre | Bus terminus |
| Scout hut | Bollington Wharf |
| Hollin House Hotel entrance | |

With help and support from ...

We would like to thank all those who have contributed to the programme, especially Bollington Town Council for their grant which makes all this financially possible.

A big thank you also to the staff and volunteers at the Bridgend Centre for all their support before, during and after the festival.



Welcome to the 12th Walking Festival

Once again we have a great programme of walks and social events. This year we have planned around 40 walks and activities to cover all abilities and age ranges.

For 2022 we are glad to say that we have further extended the variety of walks available, and maintained our partnerships with local walking groups.

The Bollington Walking Festival was initiated by the *Destination Bollington Forum* and is organised by the *Bridgend Centre* and volunteers.

Please check the website for the latest details.
Walks and timing may need to change at short notice.

'Changeable weather' image by Terry Heathcote

Bollington 12th Walking Festival

From the 10th to the 18th
with walks for all abilities
September 2022

bollingtonwalkingfestival.co.uk

Where to stay

The accommodation listed below offers you high-quality, friendly local hospitality, and Bollington's 'Walkers Are Welcome' status means you will be warmly looked after.

Bolly B&B Bed and Breakfast **01625 576295/07905 308232**
and **Chimney Pots Cabin** Self Catering
Also on Facebook

Cheshire Hunt Holiday Cottages Self-catering
01625 572034/07506 825480
www.cheshirehuntholidaycottages.co.uk

The Church House Inn Bed and Breakfast **01625 574014**
www.thechurchhouseinnbollington.co.uk

The Glass House Self-Catering **07971 669684**
www.airbnb.co.uk

Hollin House Hotel **01625 573246**
www.hollinhousehotel.com

Kerridge End Holiday Cottages 5-Star Gold Self-Catering **01625 424220**
www.kerridgeendholidaycottages.co.uk

Red Oaks Farm Bed and Breakfast **01625 574280**
and **Log Pod** self-catering
www.redoaksfarmbollington.co.uk

Shrigley Hall Hotel & Spa **01625 575757**
www.shrigleyhallhotelandspa.co.uk

Jackson's Cottage Self Catering Holiday Cottage, Kerridge **07595 2212268**
dog-friendly www.airbnb.com/h/jacksonscottage

Other Bollington accommodation can be found at www.airbnb.co.uk
and www.visitcheshire.com/explore/cheshires-peak-district



Planning your visit

The Bridgend Centre

This is the main information point for the Walking Festival and is the starting point for many walks.

It's a great refreshment stop, serving welcoming drinks and cakes. Feel free to browse in our charity shop, too!

The Bridgend Centre
104 Palmerston Street, Bollington SK10 5PW
email: info@bridgendcentre.org.uk

bridgendcentre.org.uk

01625 576311

Opening times during the Festival:

Monday to Saturday open 10am–4pm
Sundays 10am for walkers only

Booking and payment

The walks are led by a number of local organisations.

Even where booking is not required, please arrive in plenty of time.

Please book online at bollingtonwalkingfestival.co.uk.

If you are unable to book online, the ticket office at the Bridgend Centre will be open from 2 to 4pm on Mondays the 8th, 15th and 22nd August, and Monday 5th September where someone will assist you—card payment only

Please check the website for the latest details; walks and timing may need to change at short notice.

Walking: essential information

- ◆ Please wear suitable footwear and clothing, and bring a waterproof. It is strongly advised to carry a drink.
- ◆ We reserve the right not to take a person who is not properly equipped as this could affect the safety and enjoyment of the whole group.
- ◆ In poor weather the leader may modify the walk or, in extreme conditions, cancel it.
- ◆ Check the walk symbols to confirm whether dogs are welcome; they are not allowed 🚫 on some walks.
- ◆ To avoid disturbance to farm animals and wildlife, 🐕 please keep your dog on a lead and under control.
- ◆ All walks are circular unless stated otherwise.
- ◆ A packed lunch may be required; look for the 🍱 symbol on the walk details.
- ◆ Walkers aged 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult.
- ◆ Most walk leaders are volunteers and all taking part do so at own risk.

Travelling to the Festival

Bollington is easy to get to, however you choose to travel.

By road

The town is located 4 miles north of Macclesfield and just 2 miles from the A523 (Silk Road), so travelling by road is straightforward.

Public Transport

Train services to Macclesfield provide access from Stockport and Manchester to the north and from Stoke, Birmingham and London to the south.

Bus services operate Monday to Saturday between Macclesfield and Bollington (Route 10) and from Poynton and Stockport (Routes 391 and 392).

Further information on bus, rail and coach routes and times is available from Cheshire Traveline at www.traveline.info or on 0871 200 22 33.

Note: walks start promptly

Please be at the meeting point before the advertised time.

Visitor information

Bollington Town Hall **01625 572985**

Weekdays 9.30am-12.30pm

Bollington Library **01625 378266**

Closed Sunday & Monday

Bollington Discovery Centre **01625 572985**

Open weekends 11am-4pm; Wednesdays 1.30pm-4pm

Bridgend Centre **01625 576311**

bridgendcentre.org.uk - see the Planning your visit section

Cheshire information

visitcheshire.com has a wealth of information to plan your visit to Cheshire.

Bollington information

See www.happy-valley.org.uk and www.bollington-tc.gov.uk



The Walks

Saturday 10th September

Historical pub walk 7.5 miles 🚶🚶🚶🚶🚶 £3

Meeting point: 10:15am Bridgend Centre

Tour of pubs and inns both past and present around Bollington, Kerridge and Adlington. No beer sampling during the walk, but everyone is welcome to join us at The Vale Inn to purchase a pint afterwards.
Organised by Bridgend Centre

Just like Hebden 11 miles 🚶🚶🚶🚶🚶🚶 £3

Meeting point: 10:15am Bridgend Centre

Looking at how one Happy Valley community is similar to another (Hebden Bridge) in both their natural and man-made environments. Including a 19th century monument on a ridge, dominating the skyline.

Organised by Bridgend Centre

Nordic walk 6 miles 🚶🚶🚶 B

Meeting point: 10:15am Hollin House Hotel entrance on Jackson Lane

Nordic walking with an experienced local instructor David Lambert. Your own Nordic walking poles (not trekking poles) are needed.

Booking online required.

Organised by Bridgend Centre

Bee happy 3 miles 🚶🚶🚶 £3

Meeting point: 2pm Bridgend Centre

Walk to Whiteley Green through Bollington's unique landscape, taking in stunning views, majestic mills, local tracks and peaceful waterways.

Organised by Bridgend Centre

Sunday 11th September

Learn about local landmarks 9 miles 🚶🚶🚶🚶🚶🚶

Meeting point: 9am Adlington Road car park

Treks to the Wrecks are a local business who specialise in taking people to see aircraft wrecks across the country. Today no planes, but you'll hear the stories behind much to be found between Bollington and Rainow.

Organised by Treks to the Wrecks

Mayor's Boundary Walk 8 miles 🚶🚶🚶🚶🚶 £

Meeting point: 10am Town Hall

Come and join the Town Mayor on the annual Boundary Walk, which contains both flat and hilly sections. Please bring a packed lunch as we will stop for a break at the Windmill Pub.

Organised by Bollington Town Council

Walk with your furry friends 3.5 miles 🚶🚶🚶 £3

Meeting point: 10:30am Bridgend Centre

Bring your furry friend on a bumble around the favourite doggie locations in Bollington. Including the Rec, Middlewood Way and canal. All well-behaved dogs and owners welcome (dogs on a lead).

Organised by Bridgend Centre

Do the Cake Walk to the Nab 6 miles 🚶🚶🚶

Meeting point: 2pm Adlington Road car park.

A gentle stroll to Adlington along the Middlewood Way to buy refreshments at the "tin church" before walking them off along the canal and by climbing up to the Nab for some late afternoon views

Organised by ECOG

Monday 12th September

Sensory walk 2 miles 🚶🚶 B

Meeting point: 10am Café Waterside

Are you affected by sight loss? Would you like to walk with a trained sight guide? A gentle walk exploring the sounds, smells, textures and sights around the canal and Middlewood Way, finishing at Café Waterside where you can buy drinks and snacks.

Please contact East Cheshire Eye Society to book a place on 01625 422602.

Organised by East Cheshire Eye Society

Skirting the ridge 7 miles 🚶🚶 £3

Meeting point: 10:30am Bridgend Centre

This walk will offer different perspectives of the Gritstone ridge above Bollington, starting with the ridge's western flank, to Higher Hurdsfield and returning along the east side through Ingersley Vale. Return at around lunchtime.

Organised by Bridgend Centre

Bridgend 'Walk for Health' 2 miles 🚶🚶

Meeting point: 6:30pm Community Centre, Ovenhouse Lane

A short, easy route for those new to walking. No stiles and only short, gentle slopes. Some paths may be uneven or muddy, so wear sturdy shoes and clothes appropriate for the weather. You may like to bring a drink with you. Donations to the Bridgend Centre welcome.

Organised by Bridgend Centre

Tuesday 13th September

Children's Bear Hunt ½ mile 🚶🚶🚶 £2

Meeting point: 10am Bollington Library

Have a story in the library, then go on a Bear Hunt outdoors before returning inside for refreshments and rhymes! Suitable for the under-5s plus their grown-ups. £2 per child.

Organised by Bollington Library

Vale and ridge 5 miles 🚶🚶

Meeting point: 10am Hollin House Hotel entrance on Jackson Lane

A lovely ramble through the depths of Ingersley Vale followed by the lofty heights of Rainowlow, Rainow and Kerridge Ridge.

Organised by Cheshire East Ramblers

Alderley Edge and wizards 6.5 miles 🚶🚶🚶🚶 B £5

Meeting point: 10:30am Bridgend Centre

We bus you to Alderley Edge village. Climb to the mysterious Alderley Edge for a short talk. Relates to Alan Garner & his book: *The Weirdstone of Brisingamen*. Walk back across the fields, through Prestbury and back to Bollington.

Booking online required.

Organised by Bridgend Centre

Folklore and phantoms 2 miles 🚶🚶 £3

Meeting point: 1pm Bridgend Centre

Are you brave enough to find out about the Spooky Stories and Forgotten Facts of Bollington? This walk will wind its way round the local streets. Approximately 2 hours.

Organised by Bridgend Centre

Wednesday 14th September

Wood, hill and stone 10.5 miles 🚶🚶🚶🚶

Meeting point: 10am Poachers Inn

This walk will take us to the edges of Lyme Park via Harrop Wood, Sponds Hill and Bow Stones, before returning over Bakestonedale Moor.

Organised by ECOG

Travelling in time 6 miles 🚶🚶 £3

Meeting point: 10:15am Bridgend Centre

Heading from Bollington this largely flat walk follows towpath and disused railway line to reach Adlington before returning via Whiteley Green through farmland, footpaths and tracks.

Organised by Bridgend Centre

Exploring the hills to Jenkin Chapel and Lamaload 7 miles 🚶🚶🚶

Meeting point: 1pm Smithy Lane, Rainow—behind Robin Hood pub

Explore the hills South East of Bollington, as well as Lamaload reservoir and the beautiful Jenkin Chapel. The pace will be reasonably brisk so we can be back in Rainow by around 5:30pm. Donations to the Bridgend Centre welcome.

Organised by Bridgend Centre

Dementia friendly walk 3 miles 🚶 B

Meeting point: 2pm Adlington Road car park

Suitable for anyone living with dementia and their carers. Meet our members, make new friends and help us to raise awareness. The walk includes the Middlewood Way (steps to reach this) and the canal, finishing at Café Waterside for drinks (optional).

To book your place or for more details ...

contact Gill (gill.lancaster37@btinternet.com)

or Helen (helen_sheldon@hotmail.co.uk).

Organised by Bollington Dementia Action Alliance

Sunset ridge walk 2.5 miles 🚶🚶

Meeting point: 6:15pm Hollin House Hotel entrance on Jackson Lane

Pleasant evening stroll past Endon Hall & Swanscoe Farm, climbing up onto Kerridge Ridge via the easiest ascent. Hopefully watching the sunset from White Nancy. Donations to the Bridgend Centre welcome.

Organised by Bridgend Centre

Thursday 15th September

Fruity walk to Random Apple 5 miles 🚶🚶🚶 B £3

Meeting point: 10:15am Bridgend Centre

Follow the canal, then cross pastures to Higher Hurdsfield. Enjoy an hour at the Random Apple Company, Swanscoe. Help to press apples, hear about the business and eat your packed lunch in their apple yard. Return via the base of Kerridge Ridge. Children welcome.

Booking online required.

Organised by Bridgend Centre

Paul's perambulation 9 miles 🚶🚶🚶🚶

Meeting point: 11am Bus terminus by Cotton Tree

Through the Harrop Valley to Charles Head for panoramic views along the ridge. Then over Broad Moss to Blue Boar Farm and Waggonshaw Brow, before returning to Bollington via Ginclough, Oakenbank Lane and White Nancy.

Organised by Cheshire East Ramblers

Thursday 15th continued....

Best of Bollington 2.5 miles 🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻 B £3

Meeting point: 2pm Bridgend Centre

Review of the present of Bollington's past when 'Cotton was King'. This gentle walk around the heart of Bollington will provide lots of fascinating facts about Bollington and how it came to be.

Booking online required.

Organised by Bridgend Centre

Just Drop In young person's mindfulness walk 3.5 miles 🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻 B

Meeting point: 5:30pm Smithy Lane, Rainow—behind Robin Hood pub

This walk is open to any local young people aged 13 to 25 and their parents/carers. Come and meet our team, find out more about our services and learn some relaxation techniques at the same time! Transport from Just Drop In (Macclesfield) can be arranged.

Contact hello@justdropin.co.uk to book your place on the walk

Organised by Just Drop In

Friday 16th September

A walk with views 8 miles 🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻

Meeting point: 10am Hollin House Hotel entrance on Jackson Lane

From walking through the picturesque hamlet of Rainowlow and the wooded valley of Harrop Brook we will rise up onto the moors above Lyme Park with views stretching out to Wales and also the Peak District, before returning along the Gritstone Trail.

Organised by Cheshire East Rangers

Mindfulness walk with Charlotte Wilderness 4 miles 🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻 £3

Meeting point: 10:15am Bridgend Centre

We will explore all our senses as we appreciate the wonders of nature, connect with the land, and encourage a feeling of deep relaxation and calm on this walk. You will learn simple practices to take away and enjoy elsewhere.

Organised by Bridgend Centre

Ramble up to Rainow 4 miles 🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻

Meeting point: 10:15am Bus terminus by Cotton Tree

This gentle walk explores the lovely Ingersley Vale to Rainow, then passes Big Low and Rainowlow to return through the peaceful Harrop Valley. There will be a couple of stiles to navigate. Donations to the Bridgend Centre welcome.

Organised by Bridgend Centre

Pott and Moorside 5 miles 🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻 £3

Meeting point: 2pm Bridgend Centre

Enjoy an afternoon ramble around Pott Shrigley and the impressive Moorside Quarry with great views over the Cheshire Plain and Manchester to the Pennines beyond. There are a few steep climbs, but the walk will be mostly on the flat.

Organised by Bridgend Centre

Evening trundle t'Windmill 3.5 miles 🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻 £3

Meeting point: 6pm Bridgend Centre

A short evening amble to The Windmill where you may wish to buy refreshments. We might return in the dark, so a torch is essential.

Organised by Bridgend Centre

Saturday 17th September

Working up a big thirst to Mobberley 12 miles 🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻 B £5

Meeting point: 9:30am Scout Hut, Albert Road

Long walk but not that hilly. We head towards Prestbury and then Mobberley. We'll visit 2 or 3 local pubs before being bussed back at 6pm.

Booking online required.

Organised by Bollington Real Ale Ramblers

Wandering through the western peak 6 miles 🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻

Meeting point: 10am Smithy Lane, Rainow—behind Robin Hood pub

This walk explores the hills that rise up out of Rainow, forming the western edge of the Peak District. Please note that there are some high stiles to negotiate at the beginning of the walk. Drink and snack recommended.

Organised by Cheshire East Ramblers

Making tracks to the west 9.5 miles 🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻

Meeting point: 10:15am Bollington Community Centre, Ovenhouse Lane

One for trainspotters and lovers of mansions! To quaint Butley Town and the byways of Prestbury, crossing the West Coast mainline. Return via historic Lowerhouse. Donations to the Bridgend Centre welcome.

Organised by Bridgend Centre

Leg it around Lowerhouse 3.5 miles 🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻

Meeting point: 2pm Clough Bank car park

We'll head for historic Lowerhouse and then pass Mount Farm before we reach Dumbah Hollow. We finally include the canal in a mainly flat walk but with some rough, uneven and muddy ground

Organised by ECOG

Sunday 18th September

Across the moors 20 miles 🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻

Meeting point: 8:30am Pool Bank car park

A real leg stretch over the hills of the western peaks to Mellor. Bring a packed lunch but there will be a planned refreshment stop at the Fox Inn at Brookbottom.

Organised by Long Distance Walkers' Association

Walking on water 6.5 miles 🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻 B £12.50

Meeting point: 9:30am Bollington Wharf

A combined canal boat trip and walk. Half the group will walk to Lyme Park and return by boat; the other half will go there by the boat and walk back. Includes hills, high stiles and some steps. Over 16s only. Planned return by 4pm.

Booking online required.

Organised by Bridgend Centre

Along the saddle to the Nose 9 miles 🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻 £3

Meeting point: 10:15am Bridgend Centre

We'll start out along the saddle of Kerridge and over to Teggs Nose before heading back. With around 550m of ascent this will end the festival with a good stretch of the legs!

Organised by Bridgend Centre

Amble along the River Bollin with CAKE! 6.5 miles 🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻

Meeting point: 1:30pm Bollington Community Centre, Ovenhouse Lane

The Middlewood Way & Bollin Valley will take us to Prestbury where we will stop at Henry's café for cake & refreshments (or bring your own). Heading back via Bradley Mount & the often-muddy Dumbah Hollow. Not many hills! Donations to the Bridgend Centre welcome.

Organised by Bridgend Centre

Key to walk symbols

- 👤 Ideal for families and accompanied children.
- 🍎 Bring a packed lunch.
- 🐕 Dogs must be on leads.
- 🚫 Please leave your dog at home.
- £ A charge applies. Payment will be collected at the start of the walk if not made at time of booking.
- B Booking required even if free of charge.
- 🚶 Easy: No steep climbs; taken at a gentle pace.
- 🚶🏻 Moderate: May have steep climbs taken at a gentle pace.
- 🚶🏻🚶🏻 Energetic: Generally involve steep climbs and descents; moderate distance at a steady pace.
- 🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻 Strenuous: Several climbs and a long distance at a brisk pace.
- 🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻🚶🏻 Very strenuous: Steep climbs and long distance at a fast pace. You will need good physical stamina for this walk.

Social Events

Friday 9 September

Opening Festivities

Cotton Tree, 7.30pm

Everyone is welcome to join the Bollington Walking Festival staff and volunteers for an evening at the Cotton Tree.

Sunday 11 September

Walkers' Pub Quiz

Poachers, 7.30pm

A traditional pub quiz at the Poachers with prizes and a raffle. All proceeds go to the Bridgend Centre.

Also check Bollington's monthly 'What's On' leaflet or visit www.bollington-tc.gov.uk

Walkers are Welcome

Walkers are Welcome is a nationwide initiative launched in 2007.

They have enabled the development of over 100 accredited towns and villages to assist with their communities' economic, physical and mental well-being through walking. Bollington has had accreditation since 2013.

Bollington Walkers are Welcome is now run by the **Bridgend Centre**, which has two ranges of walking trails: the Bridgend Heritage Trails and Bridgend Tree Trails.

The walks are available as leaflets and to download online at bridgendcentre.org.uk/bridgend-walking-trails.

The Bridgend Centre also run weekly guided walks to encourage people to get out walking.

