



Footprints

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**Newsletter of the Derbyshire Dales Group
of the Ramblers**



Walk Leader Training

Jane Entwistle

How could they? We're Ramblers. We don't want to sit in front of a computer and learn how to lead. We've been leading for years! Perhaps if we could get together and have a presentation it wouldn't be so bad.

So, the committee asked Mary to contact Ramblers and, after asking whether just 9 walks in 3 years would do, ('No'), she asked whether we could do the course in a friendly group.

Hence the meeting on 13th October, where about 30 of us sat together and were taken through a Powerpoint presentation and a few short videos that lasted about 2 hours, with an added tea and cake break in the middle. With no further demands, we are all now able to continue to lead.

Yes, there was lots that we knew already but it was truly useful to have certain aspects highlighted.

The main message was that The Ramblers is meant to be fun and sociable. We are to use our common sense and look out for others. We are a team and aren't expected as the leader to deal with everything alone – there will be others with equipment and expertise that will be appropriate for the task.

Am I glad I went? Yes, because I like to take my turn to lead walks and I want others to continue too.

Mary, Liz and Jackie gave an excellent presentation and are offering to support anyone else – with tea and cake - in a group or individually if preferred. Have a word with them or your walks collector.

Don't let 21st Century legalistic demands stop us from having a good walk!

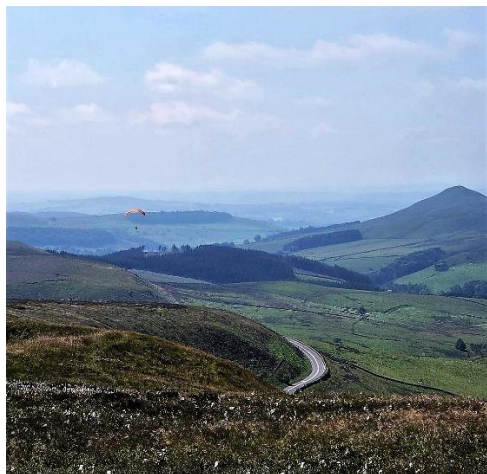
Cover photo: Track heading down to Holloway

photo: Richard Dylong

The Gritstone Trail: boots, buses and trains

Isabel Hadley & Phil Holloway

Photo: Richard Dylong



The Gritstone Trail is a long-distance path, roughly following the western edge of the Peak District between Disley (Cheshire) and Kidsgrove (Staffordshire), taking in a mixture of parkland, woodland, moorland and canal side walking. It's probably not as well-known as the Sandstone Trail in Cheshire or the Eastern Edges of the Peak District, but is well worth walking, with easy access from the Derbyshire Dales to both the start and end of the route by public

transport.

The walk is billed as 35 miles/56 km long; whilst keen fell-runners might want to polish the whole thing off in a day, we opted for splitting it into three days, with overnight stops at Macclesfield and Congleton. This lengthened the route to around 52 miles/84km (because of walking to and from bus stops, or into and out of the towns). Here's our itinerary, although several variants are possible:

Day 1

From our base in Matlock, we were able to travel to Buxton by bus (one hour), then to Disley by train (30 minutes). The trail starts right outside Disley railway station with a walk through Lyme Park, over Sponds Hill, past the distinctive folly of White Nancy (built to commemorate the Battle of Waterloo) and finally into Tegg's Nose Country Park, where the eponymous gritstone is clearly visible. From here, a diversion to Macclesfield brought us to food, rest and a good night's sleep.

Day 2

Once we were clear of Macclesfield, this was a remote and beautiful section, with fine views of Shutlingsloe from the west. I've seen this hill described as the 'Matterhorn of Cheshire', although I would not try to sell it to the Swiss as such. Sure, it has a lovely pyramidal shape, but with an altitude of just 506m (compared with the 4,478m of the Swiss Matterhorn), there the similarities end (trust me, I've climbed the 'Swiss Shutlingsloe'). The day ended with an ascent of the Cloud at Timbersbrook and a slight departure from the trail, in order to find a night's sleep in Congleton.

Day 3

After two days of fine dry weather, Day 3 featured torrential rain, but fortunately this was the shortest, flattest and fastest part of the route, with a substantial section along a canal towpath. The route also goes over Mow Cop, site of a ruined castle (another folly), as well as the spiritual home of Primitive Methodism. Here, in the early days of the 1800s, preachers led prayers, hymns and readings in the open air, in a bid to encourage participation by the workers from the local mines, quarries and farms. From Kids Grove, we returned home to Matlock by train via Derby, making the whole hike fit comfortably inside three days, using only boots, buses and trains.

Further information

- A route description is available from:
https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/leisure_culture_and_tourism/ranger_service/countryside_sites/the_gritstone_trail/gritstone-trail.aspx
- The trail is waymarked, but a map was essential in some stretches.
- Take food and drink; there are very few shops, cafes or pubs on route.

New Members

**It is always a pleasure to welcome new members to the
Derbyshire Dales Ramblers and hope that they will enjoy
the range of walks we have to offer**

Paul Barker
Valerie Shaw & Donald McLean
David & Sandra Wathall
Mrs C Martindale

Sandrine Augey
Tom & Jane Dwyer
Mr & Mrs Clark
Adele & Jan Horsfield

Glyndwr Way

Anne Killick, Gail Marriott, Lucie MacArthur

Part 1, Knighton - Machynlleth

Glyndwr's Way is reported to be the least walked National Trail. The trail is named Glyndwr's Way in honour of the late-medieval Welsh Prince, Owain Glyndwr.



It is designed to pass through many places connected to his campaign for Welsh independence, including Machynlleth where he held a Welsh parliament and was crowned Prince of Wales in 1404. The trail information states it's 135 miles long, but we made it a bit further than that, even allowing for the occasional navigational issue! Most people split the walk into 2 sections – Anne and Gail chose to walk the full route - whereas Lucie only had time to join for the second part from Machynlleth.

We organized our own accommodation, and this really dictated our stages. Much of the way is quite remote and it is necessary to carry anything and everything you might need during the day with you. However, since only some of our accommodation offered a 'baggage transfer' service, we opted to carry our own for the duration.

Owain Glyndwr was born in 1359 into a powerful family of the Anglo-Welsh nobility, during a time of relative peace between the tribes of Wales and the English aristocracy. His father was a hereditary prince of Powys Fadog and Lord of Glyndyfrdwy but died before Owain was 11 years old and he was fostered to the household of Sir David Hanmer, an Anglo-Welsh judge. In 1384, Owain was called up for military service, and he enlisted under Sir Gregory Sais in the Marches area, the border country of England and Wales.

The immediate spark for Owain's revolt seems to have been Henry IV's unwillingness to mediate fairly in a dispute between Owain and his neighbour, Reginald Grey of the Ruthin Marcher Lordship. On September 16, 1400, Glyndwr instigated the Welsh Revolt against the rule of Henry IV of England. A group of Owain's supporters proclaimed him Prince of Wales at Glyndyfrdwy.

Although initially successful, the uprising was eventually put down. After the final battles of the revolt in 1412, little is known of Owain Glyndwr. Shakespeare portrays him as a wild, exotic, magical and spiritual man, in his play, Henry IV. The discovery of his Pennal letter, written in Latin in 1406, to the French king for help in his rebellion against England and for recognition of Wales as a separate state further proves he was a national leader of some importance.

Day 1 Knighton to Felindre

Sunday morning and arriving in Knighton by 9.30 am we were amazed to see the cafes doing a roaring trade! It's a good pull up out of Knighton initially on a steep little path before going through the woods around Garth hill. The hard work really begins on the interminable grind along a quiet lane onto Bailey hill. We were now beginning to realize what we had let ourselves in for carrying our luggage! Otherwise, our main memories of the day were sheep, sheep and more sheep as we crossed Beacon hill common and dropped down into Felindre.

Day 2 Felindre to Abbeycwmhir

After enjoying a surfeit of home cooked food and a good night in our vintage caravan we set off for Abbeycwmhir. Today's stage consisted mainly of traversing rolling hills of sheep pastures with the occasional wood and usually a wind farm somewhere in view. Since our company was purely ovine and sometimes one of them would be in a predicament requiring help, we decided to christen ourselves 'The Glyndwr ovine ambulatory emergency service!' These included a ewe stuck on her back, a lamb with its head stuck in a creep feeder and lambs separated from their mothers. It all added to the entertainment along the way and hoping that if we had done a good deed, we might reap the benefit sometime later if we needed help! A highlight also of today's walk was the café and shop in Llanbadarn Fynydd, approx. the halfway point. We both agreed it was bliss to sit down on a chair while drinking 2 cups of coffee each!

Day 3 – Abbeycwmhir to Llanidloes

After more good food and a very comfortable night, we set off a little earlier for Llanidloes knowing we had more and bigger hills to cross today and not a real café in sight! We didn't even visit the Abbey ruins; we were too keen to be on our way. From Esgair Hill there were fine views south to the Brecons and west into the Cambrian mountains – where we were heading! We called in to use the facilities at the 'Glyndwr Way Café' in Bwlch-y-Sarnam. This isn't really a café at all – just a kettle and some tea, coffee, sugar and mugs along with an honesty box and toilets in the porch of the community hall. There is also a water tap outside which we used to replenish our supplies.

Onwards, we climbed (what at one point felt like a 50% gradient slope) and descended, through woods, farmland and latterly forest tracks until we dropped down into Llani. Ever the "purists" we even refused a lift on the way down! Our first port of call was "The Angel" for a well-earned pint of 'Butty Bach.' It was a beautiful afternoon, and everyone was sitting outside. While ordering our drinks we had a quick look at the menu and agreed to come back for our evening meal.

Day 4 Llanidloes to Staylittie

Today was going to be our shortest day as our accommodation was prior to Dyliffe but we opted to leave at our usual time. Our night at The Coach and Horses had been very good; it is a quaint, family run establishment with large airy rooms, provided a good breakfast and packed lunch. Our route today was different again and for the first time we saw other people.



Duke of Edinburgh gold standard students were out in force, and we chatted to a few of them along the way. I would call this the 'Clywedog Reservoir' day as, after descending to the ruins of Bryntail Mine, we spent most of the time navigating around the reservoir's spurs and inlets within Hafren Forest.

It was hot and sunny and, although it was a relatively short day, we were worried about our water supplies running out. Sadly, as expected, Caffi Clywedog was closed and, after following several Severn Trent diversions,

we tried our luck at the sailing club. A very kind member unlocked the clubhouse for us and turned on the water pump so that we could replenish our supplies. Little did he realize that he would have a steady stream of D of E students following in our wake! We arrived early at the Forest Hideaway and were treated to tea and cake outside while the owner finished getting everything ready for us.

Day 5 Staylittle to Machynlleth

It was lovely to have had an easier/shorter day yesterday to somewhat recharge our batteries. The downside was that we had further to go today! Thunderstorms had been forecast overnight but these had failed to materialize, however, the day promised to be increasingly wet. Our hosts had advised us NOT to go up to Foel Fadian (the highest point of Glyndwr's Way). The weather was expected to deteriorate and the steep descent on splintered rubble was not safe in poor conditions. We were better staying on the track round the summit, joining the road and following this down to rejoin the path further on. They also warned us about the field full of cows with calves but did not mention the big bull that decided to obstruct our path! As we got progressively onto higher ground the weather did deteriorate, and we took our hosts' advice. The rain became unrelenting as the day wore on and getting to Machynlleth became our primary focus.

Incredibly as we were deciding on the quickest route, while standing outside an isolated farmhouse, a dog barked to announce our arrival. A few seconds later the door opened, and a very kind lady asked if we would like a cup of tea. Not happy to let us stay outside in the pouring rain any longer, she insisted that we come in and sit in the kitchen. What a lovely unexpected and welcome surprise this was for us in Talbontdrain. She also advised us to continue afterwards on down the road for the 4.5 miles to Machynlleth, there was no point taking longer and getting wetter to keep to the path! Her husband was involved in mountain rescue, so we took her advice. We arrived a few minutes before "check in" time at the Guest House but the owner had spied us through the window. He was happy to let us in and even continue upstairs to our room in our boots and waterproofs – advising that he had just put the central heating on so we should dry out quite quickly.

***Part 2, Machynlleth – Welshpool
in the next edition of Footprints!***

Der Neckarweg, Part 3

The Neckar Trail

Peter Stone



The River Neckar at Rottenburg

March and April 2025: back on the trail again at last! I succeeded in walking the three stages I had missed last time due to Covid and then a further seven stages. This took me as far as Neckargerach and leaves only seven stages to complete next time around. I covered 92 miles of the Trail itself plus a further 86 miles on adventures en route through Germany over 25 days in March and April.

The weather conditions were brilliant for walking. There was only one day of rain, and on virtually all other days I was fortunate enough to have ideal temperatures for walking and the most brilliant sunshine. The variety of walking was a real boon. River paths, forest trails, urban walking, paths through agricultural land (no fences, no stiles, grass paths between the cultivated fields, no livestock) and routes through gorgeous smaller towns and villages all added up to an enriching experience.

Some of the stages were quite demanding and tiring but, as we all know, tiredness can evaporate when we experience different landscapes. and have moments to savour. There were many of these moments which will live long in my memory.

The town of Rottenburg was magical. A Celtic settlement originally and then became the most important Roman town in the area now covered by Baden-Württemberg. It was known as 'Sumelocenna', a name with Celtic origins. The highlight of my visit there was the Roman Museum, which houses an exhibition of every-day life in the Roman town, The most impressive part is, believe it or not, a 32 metre long toilet which was luxurious to say the least! The skill that must have been involved in constructing it was of the highest order. The Romans also built a water supply system from the Rommels Valley, which was 7 Kilometres in length.



Würmlinger Kapelle

For me, the standout stage was from Rottenburg to Tübingen. The route took me through Rottenburg to the village of Würmlingen and then steeply up to the 'Würmlinger Kapelle' (chapel) from which there were outstanding views of the valley below. This inspired the poet Ludwig Uhland to write his famous poem 'Die Kapelle' which is very short (12 lines) but very poignant.

Moments to savour were plentiful from there all the way into Tübingen, a University town on the Neckar and one of the most beautiful in southern Germany. Much of this stretch was through old abandoned vineyard land.

Possibly the most spectacular part of the walk was the walk or better a scramble and very hesitant descent down through the Margarethenschlucht. This is a gorge only 300 metres in length but the stream flowing through descends 110 metres in height, 85 of which are over 8 waterfalls.

The descent on foot is hair-raising in parts and thankfully there are plenty of safeguards in the form of rails and ropes.

Dangerous descent at Margarethenschlucht



I should also mention the transport facilities. The Germans moan a lot about the lateness of trains and even sometimes about a crumbling infrastructure but I would swop their fantastic provision any day. I had two bases en route, Reutlingen and Bad Wimpfen, and used public transport, usually trains, to get to the starting points and to return after completion of each stage.

The Blue Tower (Der Blaue Turm) in Bad Wimpfen, my second base, was built in 1170 as the western keep and watch tower of the royal palace and fortress.

Der Blaue Turm in Bad Wimpfen

Impressive in particular was the Schnellbahn (suburban fast railway) which travelled on normal rail tracks into Heilbronn and then like a tram through the town.

Finally, I have to mention the Neckar itself. From just a tiny stream, it has



now become a 'Federal Waterway' and a most impressive river. Heilbronn is one of three significant harbours on the river. It has been navigable for cargo ships since 1967, and has 27 locks. It has altered significantly through time because of straightening, dam works and other structural changes. Unfortunately this has caused the disappearance

River Neckar

of many wetlands which existed when the river was totally natural. I saw plenty of barges, one laden entirely with scrap metal and also sections of the 'Old Neckar' where re-naturing of wetlands has taken place.

On this trail you see the river from many different angles, see different landscapes and gain a new awareness of the significance of rivers and water in our lives. Episode 4 hopefully to follow in 2026.

Get Together Fridays

Darley Dale Methodist Church, Dale Road North, Darley Dale, DE4 2FS

2.00 to 4.00 pm

Meet up with fellow Ramblers

Free admission, tea/coffee and refreshments

30 January 2026

Martin Phillips: *Martin and his travels*

27 March 2026

Heather Thomas: *Peak Wesley Way*

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Group Footpath Secretary and Access Officer

"There was nowhere to go but everywhere." – Jack Kerouac

I had a recent walk in my attempt to complete my parish path warden survey for the small parish of Somersal Herbert. There were a couple of outlying footpaths which took me over neighbouring parishes. I sometimes make a detour to follow some intriguing path off. I almost always discover something of interest, be it a boundary stone, meeting a farmer telling me about the history of his meadows or just the wonders of walking in our countryside. This walk ended up as only a couple of miles or so, taking me over two hours to complete due to the number of obstructions. I precariously clambered over a broken wooden stile



Doveridge FP 15

along with an additional electric fence on Doveridge Footpath (FP) 15 which was just one of the 22 issues encountered. This number of issues is unusual for the district. It contrasts with a walk following the old Portway section from Winster to Bakewell

where just one problem was encountered. The contrast of scenery was remarkable, taking in the site of an old mine just off Elton FP 18 and having lunch at Robin Hood's Stride after seeing the Hermit's Cave.

Successes have been the continuing new metal signposts across the county. For example, on Dark Lane Kirk Ireton FP 26, which runs parallel providing safe off-road walking, at both ends. Look out for the luminous signpost fingers.



Pilsley FP 1

Wirksworth FP 46 has finally had the footbridge replaced; this had been swept away in a flood. Pilsley FP 1 has a recent good example of fencing helping the exit onto the highway.

A recent joint talk with the Don't Lose Your Way coordinator to the Wirksworth Civic Society drew a good audience with much interest and questions on both lost ways and obstructions of rights of way. There is a claim for an unadopted enclosed

path between Chapel Lane and North End.



**Chapel Lane & North End Path
Wirksworth**

The Right of Way (RoW) network in Derbyshire Dales District remains in reasonable condition. There are 2932 RoW. The Public Rights of Way Team (PRoW) continue to action and resolve many issues whilst working under a tight budget. PRoW has sent seven Landowner Enforcement notices to my Somersal Herbert reports above. Issues of obstructions of concern continue for the several long outstanding paths. Other issues include minor obstructions, footbridges out of repair, surface flooding and temporary closures.

Thirty-six parish path wardens (PPW) in the Derbyshire Dales District cover 66 parishes out of a total of 110. The path wardens continue to walk, monitor and report on path issues. The parish summary reports are invaluable as they allow me to compare the local network year on year. This gives me a detailed and comprehensive overview of the

district's 1700 kilometres of footpaths, bridleways, restricted byways and byways open to all traffic (BOAT).

This is a link below to PRoW's online Definitive Map, on the Derbyshire County Council (DCC) Mapping Portal, where RoW matters can be reported. New information on the online Definitive Map now shows planned RoW vegetation clearance as a maroon line. I would like to encourage everyone to report any RoW matters directly to PRoW. The DCC Mapping Portal, however, continues to frustrate reporting RoW issues due to the many steps in the reporting format.

https://maps.derbyshire.gov.uk/connect/analyst/mobile/#/main?mapcfg=Ordnance_Survey_Maps

Changes to the legal network have included adding a restricted byway in the parishes of Matlock and Tansley and a simultaneous Extinguishment Order and Creation Agreement for footpaths in Middle Peak Quarry, Wirksworth. There is a claim for a very short footpath at Pilhough, Stanton in Peak.

There were 33 planning applications that have had responses where a RoW may be affected and are for the most part uncontroversial. Two had concerns, one objection and one strong objection. A manège would obstruct the FP at Hill Top Farm, Longford, and an agricultural development off Flackets Lane, Doveridge is obstructing Doveridge Footpath 15, with both Planning and PRoW notified. Middleton By Wirksworth FP 15 will be further obstructed by the proposed agricultural building. There is a

planning application at Ashbourne, off Mayfield Road, with the Scout Hut to be converted to a residential dwelling.



Path to Mayfield Road, Ashbourne

A non-definitive path runs between numbers 38-40 to the waterside path and footbridge, parallel to Henmore Brook. A local parish path warden has highlighted the potential closure of the path by being obstructed by the

dwelling house footprint. The path is likely to have been used for over 100 years. Their considerable effort and research has resulted in many objections from local residents. Both PRoW and the Environment Agency have objected. The PPW has also submitted a Definitive Map Modification Order claim for the path citing both user and historical evidence.

Since July, the Peak District National Park Authority Planning Department has changed its format for highlighting RoW. This is no longer shown, except for a poor map which shows just paths and I have suspended my responses. My submissions can be viewed publicly on the Derbyshire Dales District Council Planning portal.

Access Officer

It is 25 years since the CROW Act was passed.

[Celebrating 25 Years of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 – and 20 Years of Public Access Rights – Natural England](#)

Actual access to some Access Land

can be problematic, either with lack of access points or 'access islands' where it is necessary to trespass to get to them. The majority is in the national park. Please let me know of any issues.

Area Representative

The Area committee is still in abeyance.

I attended the Open Spaces Society AGM in July with discussion on the Outdoor for All Coalition. A Cluster meeting in October noted the obstructed coastal path on the Isle of Wight and also a new code of conduct along with linked aims and core values. A Paths Forum in the same month had an inspiring presentation on a Pathways Partnership Project in

Carmarthenshire and the Ramblers Paths Improvement Tracker asks members to record any vegetation clearance work. I responded to the Ramblers Governance Review.

I attended a CPRE 'Town Hall' zoom meeting where the shortcomings of the Planning & Infrastructure and Devolutions Bills were noted. It was stated that 1.41m homes could be built on brownfield land, with 55% already having planning permission.

Peak District Local Access Forum member

A meeting was held in October with presentations on Morridge Hills Access Plan, the National Park Behavioural Data, Management Plan and the budget. From a visitor survey, the Peak District is within one hour's travel by car, with 77% using this mode of transport. A randomised

survey of rights of way in the NP found an 85.64% pass rate for RoW. The agendas and minutes can be accessed on the PDNPA website. A recording of the meetings can be also viewed.

<https://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/looking-after/local-access-forum>

Other matters

The All-Party Parliamentary Group on Outdoor Recreation and Access to Nature has published a report including recommendations to expand access across a broader range of landscapes and to increase existing access.

<https://outdoors.inparliament.uk/outdoors-all-report>

The Right to Roam campaign can be found at this link:

<https://www.righttoroam.org.uk>

The Slowways walking routes map

can be found at this link:

<https://beta.slowways.org/>

Sustrans has a new name:

<https://www.walkwheelcycletrust.org.uk/>

The government's planned 1.5 million new homes along with renewable energy infrastructure will continue to need monitoring. Further updates and details are likely to be in early 2026 for the proposed Willington to Chesterfield 60-kilometre pylon infrastructure project.

The Parishes in Derbyshire Dales District without parish path wardens

Abney & Abney Grange (13); Ballidon (10); Baslow & Bubnell (22); Blackwell In the Peak (16); Bonsall (76); Bradbourne (22); Bradbury (36); Bradwell (44); Brassington (36); Chelmorton (36); Cromford (53); Curbar (21); Doveridge (53); Eaton & Alsop (14); Eyam (31); Flagg (18); Foolow (24); Froggatt (7); Gratton (7); Great Hucklow (19); Grindleford (62); Grindlow (10); Harthill (20); Hartington Middle Quarter (37); Hartington Nether Quarter (38); Hartington Town Quarter (40); Hassop (13); Hathersage (47); Highlow (14); Hulland Ward (41); Ible (13); Little Hucklow (8); Litton (21); Middleton & Smerill (13); Monyash (27); Norbury & Roston (43); Northwood & Tinkersley (19); Offerton (7); Shirley (18); Stanton in Peak (19); Stoney Middleton (22); Taddington (64); Thorpe (27); Wardlow (7).

There are 44 parishes vacant. The numbers in brackets denote the number of RoW. If you are interested in the role of parish path warden, please give me a ring. You will need ability to read a map and access to a PC/laptop plus printer to produce a summary report once a year. An initial joint walk and support over the phone/email is always available. The role is very enjoyable with the satisfaction of seeing new signposts, stiles repaired and other footpath issues resolved.

Wednesday Ramblers Charity Tea Walk around Wirksworth

Dave & Jackie Batchelor

Additional photos from Richard Dylong



Old Porter Lane

The hot Summer of 2025 seems a distant memory, as we write this article. Autumn has arrived with fallen leaves, fungi and a bumper crop of fruit and seeds in both our garden and on our walks, but some of the wildflowers we saw on this year's Charity Tea Walk are still flowering in the countryside!



This year's Charity Tea Walk took place on 2nd July in aid of Derby Mountain Rescue, with blue skies and sunshine.

We all met up in Old Porter Lane, where Jackie collected an amazing collection of homemade cakes baked by various walkers. Dave then led 36 walkers from Old Porter Lane, in a different

Prathall Lane

direction from previous year's Tea Walks to the Stone Centre, through



Wirksworth to Gorsey Bank, before heading up Prathall Lane to visit the Hardhurst Farm wildflower meadows. Then through Alderwasley to join up with the Midshires way.

After lunch we passed through a meadow full of yellow rattle before crossing Longway Bank onto Intake Lane, across the fields to Sough Lane and on to our home in Bolehill.

Meanwhile, Jackie and her three helpers prepared for the arrival of the walkers at exactly 2.30pm! We were joined by some other ramblers for the rest of the afternoon.





Soon everyone was tucking into tea, the vast selection of cakes, and home-grown strawberries & cream in our garden.

Before departing a few people explored our garden, looking at the various flowers and veggies, which were beginning to show the effects of the lack of rain that was to dominate the summer of 2025.

Once again, the homemade jam was very popular. We are grateful for the donations of fruit throughout the year, which enables us to produce such an array of flavours, which we sell and add to the money raised each year.

This year, we raised an **amazing £709 for Derby Mountain Rescue** from donations from the ramblers who attended the tea, the sale of jam, plus donations from friends, neighbours and other ramblers who were not able to join us on the afternoon.

We want to thank all those who contributed to the £709, the bakers amongst us who made the delicious cakes for the tea, and our friends who helped on the day.





Near Derwent Dam Richard Dylong

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