West Norfolk Walking for Health

Schedule of Free Walks

May-Aug 2021



Not only the weather has a spring in its step

Your legs were made for walking, a natural exercise that can keep you healthier, live longer – and put a smile on your face!



West Norfolk Walking for Health Registered Charity No. 1170052

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Chairman's Remarks

This programme is being published in full so that as soon as possible we can resume walking.

In the meantime it is vital we all adhere to the advice to minimise the risks of spreading the virus. None of us can be happy with the restrictions imposed on us, but already we are seeing the effects they are having: I cannot help thinking of the consequences if they had not been introduced. We all know the benefits of walking so it is to be hoped that everyone has been continuing to get out and about locally, possibly finding new routes.

Happy walking!

David Mace

Vacancies. Why not become a Walk Leader? We are stretched at times to meet the needs of the programme. Common sense is the main requirement, appropriate training will be given and you can offer as many or as few days as you want. If interested, please contact John Priddle to find out more. We would also like to hear from any regular walkers willing to act as a Mentor to new walkers, making them feel welcome and included. Leaders cannot do this themselves when walker numbers are as high as recently.

If you have any suggestions, or questions about anything to do with this work, we are ready to listen and would welcome your input.

David Mace Chairman & Secretary

Other Charity Trustees:

Sue Collier Treasurer
Lyn Barker
John Priddle

Our new website is www.west-norfolk-walking-for-health.org

This programme will be included on the website but may obviously be subject to any Covid – 19 avoidance measures.

Why Walk?

Regular walking is proven to;

- * Help your heart and lungs work better
- * Lower your blood pressure
- * Aid weight control
- * Keep your joints, muscles and bones strong
- * & Lighten your mood



Plus, of course, you can enjoy the fresh air and varied Norfolk landscape!

Short Walks for beginners * Trained Walk Leaders

Good Company * Safe & interesting routes

New Walks and Options

We try to maintain interest, and meet differing health needs, by offering a wide variety of walks. Your ideas, suggestions and comments are always welcome.

NOTES:

Castle Rising:

Parking has now been arranged within the castle carpark. This carpark does not open until 10.00am and parking along the road is not appreciated so please do not arrive before 10.00am. Parking will be **JUST** inside the carpark gate **ON THE LEFT** against the hedge.

Organisations with whom we work and liaise.:

Active Norfolk, www.activenorfolk.org/walking

Big C Norfolk Cancer Charity <u>kingslynncentre@big-c.co.uk</u>

Breathe Easy, West Norfolk Support Group, rogersmith56@hotmail.com 01553 763313

Chatterton House, NHS jane.robinson@nsft.nhs.uk

Diabetes Service, Norfolk Community Health Care, St James Surgery, Kings Lynn PE30 5NU

Libraries, Kings Lynn and Dersingham, Kerry.Lingwood@norfolk.gov.uk
Gaywood and Hunstanton, Helen.Senior@norfolk.gov.uk

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Macmillan Cancer Information & Support QE Hospital miss@qehkl.nhs.uk

Occupational Therapy, Samphire Ward, Chatterton House, emily.a.dorrington@nsft.nhs.uk

Pulmonary Rehabilitation Service <u>claire.murphy1@boc.com</u>

Ramblers Short Group Walks (South) <u>lucy.everett@ramblers.org.uk</u>
Ramblers Walking for Health walkingforhealth@ramblers.org.uk

Warm Hearts Kings Lynn Heart Support Group richardconquest@gmail.com

Wellbeing Service Gary Freeman, josh.elms@wellbeingnandw.co.uk 07341867105

West Norfolk Deaf Association, info@wnda.org.uk 01553 773399

Our Health walks are free and there is no need to book. Walk leaders with appropriate training and knowledge of the route guide at the front and also bring up the rear. On popular walks there may also be leader(s) in the middle.

Please arrive in good time for the walk, with clothing and footwear appropriate for the weather conditions. Other than Grade1 walks, puddles and muddy ground can be met most of the year in Norfolk! Carry some water in hot weather, and on longer walks.

All walk locations have car parking at or nearby. After a walk, many go for refreshments together. References to buses have been dropped from this issue due to the imminent cessation of many services, alas. Car sharing does take place and is to be encouraged.

Whilst anyone can join us, those under 18 years must be with a Responsible Adult and those in need of a Carer must be accompanied by that carer.

Dogs are allowed on most walks, kept on a lead (not extendable). Owners must complete a Dog Disclaimer form and, of course, bring and use poop bags.

Walks are graded to suit varying fitness levels, as below. New walkers must complete a short health questionnaire (allow time for this on your first walk, or complete it online). Please do try a lower grade walk(s) before attempting a Grade 3 for the first time.

Starter See next page.

- **Grade 1** Short, slower walks for those returning to fitness. From 1 to 2 miles, 30-50 minutes, mainly on flat, firm surfaces.
- **Grade 2** From 2 to under 3 miles, up to 1hr. May have slopes, soft ground and gates/stiles. Ideal for those improving their fitness.
- Grade 3 Slightly longer walks usually around 3 miles but could be up to 4 miles and 1 ½ hours and at a faster pace for the reasonably fit. Slopes and surfaces may be more challenging.

You should walk a little quicker than normal, getting warmer and with a faster pulse, while still being able to talk naturally. People have their own level of fitness, so a large group may break into smaller clusters; but you will never walk alone, unless by choice. One of the Walk Leaders will always be at the rear.

N.B. Leaders are there to assist and guide but you are responsible for your own health and safety!

Complete Beginner Walks (for the Less Physically Able)

No excuses! These walks are on flat even ground, at a gentle pace and with appropriate stops. Bring your sticks, your wheeled frame or even carry your Oxygen cylinder! Optional refreshments available at the end, or possibly during the walk. All start at **10:30am**

These walks are unlikely to occur due to lockdown programming.

Date	Meeting Point	Grade	Information
Wed 5 th May 2021	The Walks main entrance, opposite Library PE30 5EZ	Starter	Firm flat surfaces, also suitable for wheel and push chairs. Distance to suit various needs.
Wed 12 th May	Sandringham Visitor Centre Car Park PE35 6EH £3 parking fee	Starter	Woodland paths. Flat surfaces.
Wed 19 th May	LynnSport at the main entrance. PE30 2NB	Starter	Firm flat surfaces on established paths.
Wed 67 th May	Hunstanton Community Centre PE36 5BW	Starter	Flat even surfaces, paved and grass.
Wed 2 nd June	The Walks main entrance, opposite Library PE30 5EZ	Starter	Firm flat surfaces, also suitable for wheel and push chairs. Distance to suit various needs.
Wed 9 th June	Sandringham Visitor Centre Car Park PE35 6EH £3 parking fee	Starter	Woodland paths. Flat surfaces.
Wed 16 th June	LynnSport at the main entrance. PE30 2NB	Starter	Firm flat surfaces on established paths.
Wed 23 rd June	Hunstanton Community Centre PE36 5BW	Starter	Flat even surfaces, paved and grass.
Wed 30 th June	The Walks main entrance, opposite Library PE30 5EZ	Starter	Firm flat surfaces, also suitable for wheel and push chairs. Distance to suit various needs.
Wed 7 th July	Sandringham Visitor Centre Car Park PE35 6EH £3 parking fee	Starter	Woodland paths. Flat surfaces.
Wed 14 th July	LynnSport at the main entrance. PE30 2NB	Starter	Firm flat surfaces on established paths.
Wed 21 st July	Hunstanton Community Centre PE36 5BW	Starter	Flat even surfaces, paved and grass.
Wed 28 th July	A History Walk starting at The Custom House. PE30 1ET.	Starter	Firm flat surfaces, also suitable for wheel and push chairs. Distance to suit various needs.
Wed 4 th August	The Walks main entrance, opposite Library PE30 5EZ	Starter	Firm flat surfaces, also suitable for wheel and push chairs. Distance to suit various needs.
Wed 11 th August	Sandringham Visitor Centre Car Park PE35 6EH £3 parking fee	Starter	Woodland paths. Flat surfaces.
Wed 18 th August	LynnSport at the main entrance. PE30 2NB	Starter	Firm flat surfaces on established paths.
Wed 25 th August	Hunstanton Community Centre PE36 5BW	Starter	Flat even surfaces, paved and grass.

Worried that you still will not be able to cope? It's unlikely, and there is only one way to find out. Come along and try one! The worst that can happen is that you end up sitting and having your coffee before everyone else. The best is that you get exercise in the fresh air, in good surroundings, meet other people in a similar situation, and feel better for it!

As the saying goes "What's not to like?"

Kings Lynn and Northern Area Walks

All walks **start at 10:30am** unless otherwise stated.

Tuesday walks are on the third Tuesday of each month.

These walks are unlikely to occur due to lockdown programming.

Date	Meeting Point/Walk	Miles/ Grade	Information
Mon 3 rd May 2021 BH	Leziate Village Hall PE32 1EN	3.2m/G3	Woods and lakeside, paths and tracks
Fri 7 st May	KL Ferry Corn Exchange PE30 1JW	G2	Riverside. Good views of KL waterfront.
Mon 10 th May	Castle Acre Castle Car Park, Pye's Lane PE32 2XB	2.8m/G3	Paths, riverside, lanes. Can be damp. River, Castle and Priory views.
Fri 14 th May	Roydon Common. On right, 1km from Knights Hill OS681230	2.8m/G2	Footpaths through heather heathland. 3 stiles but they can be avoided. No roads.
Mon 17 th May	Brancaster Staithe Quay, PE31 8BW	3.3m/G3	Up to and around Barrow Common. Great views. Return via Coastal Path
Tues 18 th May 2.00 pm	Snettisham beach N, RSPB car park PE31 7RA (£2 parking fee per car)	2.8m/G3	Paths, tracks, sea wall. Water birds.
Fri 21st May	Gaywood Community Centre, PE30 4EL	3m/G2	Foot & cycle paths, pavements, river bank.
Mon 24 th May	Ringstead Courtyard Farm On left, 1 mile along Burnham Rd. nearest PE36 5LQ	3.8m/G3	Fields, tracks and minor road. Good view over the coast.
Fri 28 th May	Grimston Woods easterly end of Low Road, PE32 1AF	2.8m/G2	Interesting route through woods, no roads.
Mon 31st May BANK HOLIDAY	Little Massingham, St Andrews Church, Church Lane. PE32 2JT	3.5m/G3	Country lanes, tracks and fields.
Fri 4 th June	Snettisham Mill Village Hall, Old Church Road. PE31 7LX	3m/G3	Streets, field tracks, Lover's Lane.
Mon 7 st June	Thornham Village Hall, Main Rd PE36 6LX	3m/G3	Permissive field edge, Coastal Path and village street.
Fri 11 th June	Wolferton Social Club, PE31 6HA	2.6m/G3	Woods, boardwalk & road. Some steepish slopes.
Mon 14th June	Bircham Windmill, Gt Bircham PE31 6SJ	G2	Tracks, paths, country lane.
Tues 16 th June 2.00 pm	Sandringham Visitor Centre Car Park PE35 6EH	2.8m/G2	Woodland tracks and paths.
Fri 18 th June	Roydon Common. On right, 1km from Knights Hill OS681230	3m/G2	Footpaths through heather heathland. 3 stiles but they can be avoided. No roads.
Mon 21st June	Hunstanton Community Centre PE36 5BW	3m/G3	Streets, field tracks, Lovers Lane.
Fri 25 th June	Congham The Anvil Inn, PE32 1DU	2.7m/G2	Track, paths, woods and road.
Mon 28th June	Holme White Horse Pub PE36 6LH	3.2m/G3	Holme Dunes via path and beach.
Fri 2 nd July	Dersingham Heath Coach & Horses PH, Manor Rd, PE31 6LN	3.3m/G3	Heath, woods & minor roads.
Mon 5 th July	Snettisham Ken Hill. Meet at Village Hall, Old Church Road. PE31 7LX	3.2m/G3	Woodland, footpaths & village streets. Short incline.
Fri 9 th July	Grimston Circuit, easterly end of Low Road, PE32 1AF	3m/G2	Farm & woodland tracks, minor roads and fields.
Mon 12 th July	Burnham Overy Staithe Harbour PE31 8JE	3.5m/G3	Coastal path, tracks & fields.
Fri 16 th July	Roydon Village - Playing Field car park PE32 1BP	2.8m/G2	Tracks and paths through grassland & trees.
Mon 19 th July	Hunstanton Lighthouse. PE36 6EL	3.5m/G3	Paths, dunes and beach.

Date	Meeting Point/Walk	Grade	Information
Tues 20 th July 2.00 pm	Leziate Village Hall PE32 1EN	3.2m/G3	Woods and lakeside, paths and tracks.
Fri 23 rd July	Little Massingham, St Andrews Church, Church Lane. PE32 2JT	3.5m/G2	Country lanes, tracks and fields.
Mon 26th July	West Acre Church PE32 1TR	G2	Tracks, roads, woods, fields. Can be muddy!
Fri 30 th July	Sandringham Visitor Centre Car Park PE35 6EH	3m/G2	Woodland tracks and paths.
Mon 2 nd Aug	Great Massingham The Green PE32 2HN	2,9m/G3	Road, track and fields.
Fri 6 th August	Snettisham Beach North - RSPB car park PE31 7RA (£2 parking fee per car)	3mG3	Heading north into the coastal nature park and return along the shore.
Mon 9th Aug	Burnham Thorpe Village Hall PE31 8HS	3m/G3	Fields, tracks and village paths.
Fri 13 th August	Castle Rising - Castle car park PE31 6AH	2.4m/G2	Tracks, paths and country lanes. Carpark open at 10am
Mon 16 th August	Snettisham Beach South - RSPB car park PE31 7RA (£2 parking fee per car)	3m/G2	Paths, tracks, sea wall. Water birds.
Tues 18 st Aug 2.00 pm	Roydon Common. On right, 1km from Knights Hill OS681230	3m/G2	Footpaths through heather heathland. 3 stiles but they can be avoided. No roads.
Fri 20 th Aug	Roydon Village - Playing Field car park PE32 1BP	2.8m/G2	Tracks and paths through grassland & trees.
Mon 23 rd August	North Creake Abbey. NR21 9LF	3.2m/G3	Fields, tracks and village lanes
Fri 27th August	Bircham Windmill, Gt Bircham PE31 6SJ	G2	Tracks, paths, country lane.
Mon 30 th Aug BANK HOL	Narborough Junction of Main Rd & Narford Rd OS 758131	3.8m/G3	Road, track and bank of River Nar.

Walk and Talk

Arranged in collaboration with Norfolk Library Service. These are relatively easy walks, adjusted depending on who turns up! Tea or Coffee with hopefully a biscuit, provided in the Library afterwards. Do chat on the walk and afterwards, about anything you like! All start at 2:00pm

These walks are unlikely to occur due to lockdown programming.

Tues 11 th May 2021	Hunstanton Library Westgate, PE36 5AL (Bus Station) Repeated 2 nd Tuesdays	G1 or 2	Leisurely Walk & Talk up to 2 miles.
Thurs 20 th May	Dersingham Library , Chapel Rd PE31 6PN Repeated 3rd Thursdays	G1 or 2	Leisurely Walk & Talk up to 2 miles.
Tues 8th June	Hunstanton Library Westgate, PE36 5AL By Bus Station	G1 or 2	Leisurely Walk & Talk up to 2 miles.
Thurs 17 th June	Dersingham Library , Chapel Rd PE31 6PN	G1 or 2	Leisurely Walk & Talk up to 2 miles.
Tues 13th July	Hunstanton Library Westgate, PE36 5AL By Bus Station	G1 or 2	Leisurely Walk & Talk up to 2 miles.
Thurs 15 th July	Dersingham Library , Chapel Rd PE31 6PN	G1 or 2	Leisurely Walk & Talk up to 2 miles.
Tues 10 th August	Hunstanton Library Westgate, PE36 5AL By Bus Station	G1 or 2	Leisurely Walk & Talk up to 2 miles.
Thurs 19 th August	Dersingham Library , Chapel Rd PE31 6PN	G1 or 2	Leisurely Walk & Talk up to 2 miles.

Downham Market and Southern Area Walks

These walks are unlikely to occur due to lockdown programming.

Date	Meeting Point/Walk	Grade	Information
Wed 5 th May 2pm 2021	Wiggenhall St Mary. Meet at St Germans Village Hall, PE34 3DZ	3m/G3	Paths, tracks, road and riverbank.
Thur 6 th May 10am	St Germans Village Hall, PE34 3DZ	3	River bank, footpaths and lane to Wiggenhall St Peters.
Wed 12 th May 2pm	Downham Market Methodist Church Paradise Rd PE31 8RD	2	Lanes, track and riverbank
Thur 13 th May 10am	Southery Old White Bell, 20 Upgate St	3	Fields, paths and pavements.
Wed 19 th May 2pm	Downham Market Leisure Centre, Bexwell Rd PE38 9LL	3	Lanes, tracks and footpaths
Thur 20 th May 10am	Upwell St Peters Church, PE14 9AA	2	Footpaths, lanes and roads.
Wed 26 th May 2pm	Downham Market Library The Priory Centre (Tesco) PE38 9JS	2	Walk to Denver, have a cuppa (extra ½ hour) and return
Thur 27 th May 10am	Hilgay Corner of East End Rd & Bridge St	3	Footpaths and Roads. Coffee & Cake in Village Hall
Wed 2 nd June 2 pm	Downham Market Playing Field , Lynn Rd	2	Footpaths, lanes and track.
Thur 3 rd June 10am	Shouldham Warren OS RF679104	3	Woodland tracks
Wed 9 th June 2pm	Southery Old White Bell, 20 Upgate St	3	Fields, paths and pavements.
Thur 10 th June 10am	Wimbotsham The Chequers PH, PE34 3QG	2	Track, lanes and road.
Wed 16 th June 2pm	Downham Market Methodist Church Paradise Rd PE31 8RD	2	Lanes, track and riverbank
Thur 17 th June 10am	Beachamwell Village Hall, Old Hall Rd	3	Road, track and paths. Some stiles.
Wed 23 rd June 2pm	Downham Market Leisure Centre, Bexwell Rd PE38 9LL	3	Lanes, tracks and footpaths
Thur 24 th June 10am	Hilgay Corner of East End Rd & Bridge St	3	Footpaths and Roads. Coffee & Cake in Village Hall
Wed 30 th June 2pm	Downham Market Library The Priory Centre (Tesco) PE38 9JS	2	Walk to Denver, have a cuppa (extra ½ hour) and return
Thur 1st July 10am	Marham Fen, use Lay-by at bottom of Collin's Lane, Marham Rd. 729107	2	Paths, track and woods
Wed 7 th July 2pm	Downham Market Playing Field, Lynn Rd	2	Footpaths, lanes and track.
Thur 8 th July 10am	Oxborough Village Hall, PE33 9PS	3	. Paths, lanes. Three stiles.
Wed 14 th July 2pm	Hilgay Corner of East End Rd & Bridge St	3	Footpaths and Roads.
Thur 15 th July 10am	Magdalen, Car Park, Station Road, South side of bridge. OS 603113	3	Footpaths, tracks, roads and riverbank.
Wed 21st July 2pm	Downham Market Methodist Church Paradise Rd PE31 8RD	2	Lanes, track and riverbank
Thur 22 nd July 10am	Denver Mill, 99 Sluice Rd, Denver PE38 0EG	2	Road, tracks and footpaths.

Date	Meeting Point/Walk	Grade	Information
Wed 28 th July 2 pm	Downham Market Leisure Centre, Bexwell Rd PE38 9LL	3	Lanes, tracks and footpaths
Thur 29 th July 10am	Hilgay Corner of East End Rd & Bridge St	3	Footpaths and Roads. Coffee & Cake in Village Hall
Wed 4 th Aug 2pm	Downham Market Library The Priory Centre (Tesco) PE38 9JS	2	Walk to Denver, have a cuppa (extra ½ hour) and return
Thur 5 th Aug 10am	Wretton Common, Meet at far end of School Rd, Stoke Ferry	3	Footpaths and Roads.
Wed 11 th Aug 2pm	Downham Market Playing Field, Lynn Rd	2	Footpaths, lanes and track.
Thur12th Aug 10am	St Germans Village Hall PE34 3DZ	3	River bank, footpaths and lane to Wiggenhall St Peters.
Wed 18 th Aug 2pm	Shouldham Warren OS RF679104	2	Woodland tracks
Thur 19 th Aug 10am	Southery Old White Bell, 20 Upgate St	3	Fields, paths and pavements.
Wed 25 th Aug 2pm	Downham Market Methodist Church Paradise Rd PE31 8RD	2	Lanes, track and riverbank
Thur 26 th Aug 10am	Hilgay Corner of East End Rd & Bridge St	3	Footpaths and Roads. Coffee & Cake in Village Hall



Feel like extending your abilities on more challenging walks? The "Sunday Strollers" are an informal group who arrange longer walks, of about 2 hours, in attractive scenery, on the 1st Sunday in the month, usually starting at 10:30am. If you are interested, contact Josie on 07722 195408 or John 07850 914086. Please note these walks are NOT covered by our scheme.

Alternatively, why not consider joining The Ramblers Association? Norfolk Ramblers are at www.norfolkra.org.uk or ring 020 7339 8500

This Schedule is available on-line at $\underline{www.activenorfolk.org/west-norfolk}$ and our own website which is $\underline{www.west-norfolk-walking-for-health.org}$.

It can be picked up at most GP Surgeries; Public Libraries in Kings Lynn, Downham Market, Dersingham, and Hunstanton; Tourist Information Centres in Kings Lynn, Downham Market and Hunstanton; the Borough Council Office in Kings Lynn, or from Walk Leaders.

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Programme Compiler:



Not only beautiful countryside but wildlife to watch as well.

Downham Market Walking Group

