



# Local Footpath Walks for 2017

Welcome to the walks programme for 2017 organised jointly by Bitton and Hanham Abbots Parish Councils. This is a series of Sunday afternoon walks using our local footpaths network. The walks will be led by Clive Brett who may be contacted on 0117 3295183, 07434 869429 or [clive@brett.org.uk](mailto:clive@brett.org.uk).

All walks will start at 2.30pm so please arrive early enough to start walking then. Walking time will be between 2.5 and 3 hours depending upon the speed of the group. The walks are open to all ages but those under 16 years should be accompanied by a responsible adult. The paths vary in condition and some may be muddy in certain weather. All include stiles or gates and some go alongside rivers so care will be needed.

If you bring a dog, you will be responsible for keeping it on a lead where appropriate ie along roads or in fields with animals - no matter how well behaved or trained it is.

## Walk Programme

- Walk 1:** **Sunday February 19<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm meeting in Hazlebury Drive, just off Mill Lane. Sat Nav Aim for BS30 8UA (Albany Way but park just inside Hazlebury Drive).**  
Following the history of William Champion and other historic features around the area. This is quite an urban walk, so dry underfoot
- Walk 2:** **Sunday March 26<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm meeting at Swineford Picnic Area. Sat Nav BS30 6LN gets close, then take the signs, please do not park in the pub car park.**  
An enjoyable climb to Upton Cheyney and prospect Stile. This is very hilly.
- Walk 3:** **Sunday April 30<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm meeting near the Bridge Inn, Shortwood. Sat Nav BS16 9NG**  
This is a straight walk and we will arrange cars to bring you back to the starting point; it is essential that you register with me for this walk well in advance. Continuation of the Dramway walk to Coalpit Heath, exploring our coal heritage, very flat.
- Walk 4:** **Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup> at 2.30pm meeting by the McBraid factory, Francis Way Bridgegate. Sat Nav BS30 5JW .**  
An interesting walk taking in Golden Valley and the surrounding hills. Some hills.
- Walk 5:** **Sunday July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2.30pm meeting in Common Road, by Hanham Common. Sat Nav BS15 3LJ**  
A picturesque riverside walk to Conham and back. This is a flat walk until the climb up Troopers Hill if time permits.
- Walk 6:** **Sunday August 20<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm meeting at Swinford Picnic area. Sat Nav BS30 6LN (do not park in the pub car park)**  
A scenic, circular, riverside walk on both sides of the river that is reasonably flat.
- Walk 7:** **Sunday September 24<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm meeting at Wick Village Hall. Sat Nav BS30 5RG**  
The Ochre Trail, a gentle climb through the Golden Valley Nature Reserve.
- Walk 8:** **Sunday October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2.30pm meeting at Warmley Car Park. Sat Nav BS15 4NF (car park is on the London Road)**  
An enjoyable walk via Webbs Heath and Siston with some gentle climbs.
- Walk 9** **Sunday November 19<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm**  
Details to be announced later.