

## **CORSHAM WALKING FESTIVAL - FULL WALK DETAILS 2018**

For booking arrangements and full terms and conditions please see our website page [corshamwalkingfestival.org.uk/2017-festivalwalks/the-small-print/](http://corshamwalkingfestival.org.uk/2017-festivalwalks/the-small-print/)

### **FESTIVAL OPENING**

The Opening Ceremony is at **13:00 hrs** on Friday 8 June,  
at Springfield Community Campus, Beechfield Road, Corsham, SN13 9DN.

### **WALK GRADINGS**

- **Easy: Mostly level terrain; suitable for most walkers**
- **Moderate: Some short steep gradients or rough terrain; some stiles**
- **Challenging: Requires fitness and stamina; steep gradients, stiles**

### **FRIDAY 8 JUNE**

#### **FRI1 - Hartham Grounds and Weavern Wonders**

**6 miles. Moderate. 4 hrs duration. 13:15 from Springfield Community Campus. £5 includes donation to the charity Asthma UK.**

By kind permission of Hartham Park, the walk offers a unique opportunity to see the external grounds of this historic country estate, not normally open to the public. We approach along the 1760's old Brickers Barn Turnpike Road for a guided tour of Hartham Park grounds. The 18th century Georgian mansion has 50 acres of gardens and parkland, landscaped by Harold Peto, and one of only three functional stické tennis courts in the world (the other two are at Knightshayes Court, Tiverton, Devon and the former Viceroy of India's summer palace in Simla, India).

Whilst under the ownership of Baron Islington, Winston Churchill was a frequent visitor to Hartham. Later, during World War II the upper floors of the house were used as dormitories for the WAAF serving with RAF No 10 Group based at Rudloe Manor. Hartham Park has been redeveloped into a prestigious business park and café.

Church Farm has allowed the walk to pass through their fields to Weavern before ascending via beautiful lush old woodland towards Rudloe Manor and Corsham.

Dogs are not permitted in Hartham Park grounds.

Access to external grounds by kind permission of Hartham Park - [www.harthampark.com](http://www.harthampark.com)

Access to farm paths by kind permission of Church Farm B&B - [www.churchfarmbandb.com](http://www.churchfarmbandb.com)

#### **FRI2 – Scenic vistas from Box to Monkton Farleigh**

**7 miles. Moderate. 4 hrs duration. 13:30 from Selwyn Hall Car Park (free), Valens Terrace, Box, SN13 8NT. GR ST824686. £4.**

This circular walk goes through the older part of Box, up a fairly steep hill then along the Macmillan Way towards the hamlet of Henley. Once on the top there are magnificent views over the By Brook valley to Colerne. The walk is then mostly flat as we walk from Henley to South Wraxhall across farmland, with wonderful, panoramic views southwards towards Westbury.

Our route swings west just before the entrance to South Wraxhall Manor, reputed to be where tobacco was first smoked in England by its former owner, Sir Walter Long and his friend Sir Walter Raleigh. The manor is currently owned by John Taylor, the bass player of Duran Duran.

Our path then approaches Monkton Farleigh Manor House along the mile long avenue lined with beautiful elm trees. The Manor House was built on the site of a Cluniac Priory founded in 1125. Part of the house dates from the 16<sup>th</sup> century and carved 12<sup>th</sup> century fragments from the priory have been built into the walls. During the 18<sup>th</sup> century remodelling was carried out by the architect John Wood of Bath. In 1873 the estate was purchased by Sir Charles Hobhouse and remains in the ownership of his descendants.

The Monks' Well Conduit House is a small medieval stone structure (rebuilt in 1784) which protected the water supply to the priory and manor house. It has an unusual steeply pitched roof of limestone slabs. Spring water flows along a conduit through the back wall into a stone tank, then via a pipe to the manor which is still supplied from this source.

We bear north east across farmland, again with glorious, far reaching vistas. At Kingsdown we walk the perimeter of the golf course to Totney Firs then begin the descent back into Box. There is an excellent view of Brunel's Middle Hill Box railway tunnel. Once in Box, we walk through alleys to St Thomas a Beckett Church, down to the By Brook and back to the car park.

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### **FRI3 - Corsham Quarry Tramways**

**5 miles. Easy. 3.5 hrs duration. 14:30 from Leafield Logistics & Tech Services car park, Monks Lane, Corsham, SN13 9PH. GR ST878686. £5.**

This circular walk will be of particular interest to those who enjoy learning about local history and industrial archaeology from a local enthusiast, with an added bonus of attractive countryside and some good views from the Ridge. High quality limestone from around Corsham was used for the building of Bath in the early 18<sup>th</sup> century. With the construction of the Kennet and Avon Canal and the Great Western Railway in the 19<sup>th</sup> century it became easier and cheaper to transport so-called 'Bath stone' further afield.

To move the stone from the many small quarries around Corsham narrow gauge railways (known as tramways) were built leading to the railway station (sadly closed by Dr Beeching in the 1960s).

The walk will be on footpaths, fields and minor roads, enabling you to explore the remains of the system of Quarry Tramways in the Ridge area of Corsham, taking in some of the former sites for quarrying (or more often mining) the local stone.

## **SATURDAY 9 JUNE**

### **SAT1 - Cloverleaf via Brown's Folly**

**19 miles. Challenging. 9 hrs duration. 08:30. Springfield Community Campus. £4. 16+ years.**

This circular walk follows a section of the proposed Corsham Cloverleaf Trail which will consist of four loops of challenging walks centred on the town. This walk takes us first to Brown's Folly, a Grade II listed building above the village of Bathford, set amongst flower-rich grasslands covering the old spoil heaps. Wild thyme, yellow rattle and several orchid species can be enjoyed here.

The Brown's Folly Nature Reserve is managed by Avon Wildlife Trust and designated an SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest). The disused Bath stone quarries are now home to several species of bat, including the rare Greater Horseshoe bat.

The Folly itself (known locally as the Pepperpot), was commissioned in 1849 by Wade-Brown, a local quarry owner, to promote the quality of his building stone while employing workers during a downturn in the quarrying business.

We then pass through Monkton Farleigh & South Wraxall on our way to the 15<sup>th</sup> century Great Chalfield Manor, owned by the National Trust and featuring in productions such as Wolf Hall, Poldark and Wives & Daughters. The route continues north to Broughton Gifford and Atworth before returning to Corsham. The walk takes us through beautiful countryside including woods and farmland and has spectacular views towards Colerne and Bath.

Early on there are two fairly steep inclines of short duration between Wadswick and Kingsdown. There may be livestock in some fields and muddy areas. This 9 hour walk is suitable for people who have previously walked at least 15 miles.

**Please bring plenty to drink and a packed lunch.**

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### **SAT2 Nordic Walking Taster (See also SUN3)**

**2.5 miles. Easy. 1 hr duration. 09:00 from Lacock Road car park, Corsham, SN13 9QG (by Corsham Town Football Club). FREE but please book in advance. 16+ years.**

This 1-hour session will help you understand just how beneficial Nordic walking can be. Get a taste of how light you will feel on your feet, how the whole body is mobilised and why you need to take the time to learn the technique. Nordic poles will be provided for your use.

**Sponsored by Chafing Thighs.**

### **SAT3 – Wild Flower Walk**

**4 miles. Moderate. 3 hrs duration. 9:30 from the Quarryman's Arms Pub, Box Hill, SN13 8HN. See below for parking info. £5 includes donation to the charity Plantlife.**

Walk with a wild flower enthusiast to identify plants on Box Hill Common and Chapel Plaister Common. These areas of rare limestone (calcareous) grassland are home to specialised communities of plant species, such as orchids, yellow rattle and common broomrape. Discover their significance to our ancestors, folklore, botanical features and curious names.

These grasslands are not ploughed, but cut and managed as hay meadows, allowing perennial wild flowers to thrive, along with the insect and butterfly species that depend upon them. If meadows are not cut then scrub, saplings and eventually woodland would take over in a process known as succession. Sadly 97% of the UK's wild flower meadows have been lost since the 1940's through change of land use and neglect, causing the serious decline of many wild flowers. Wiltshire has important areas of this ecosystem and the Cotswold AONB has 50% of the UK's unimproved limestone grassland – unimproved meaning unfertilised.

**Box Hill Common** was bought by Box Parish Council from a local farmer following local mass protests and legal battles against proposed development in the early 1970's. Here is the full story <http://www.boxpeopleandplaces.co.uk/box-hill-common.html>

Horses hauling quarried stone were fed hay cut from these meadows. The common is managed by Box Parish Council, helped by local volunteers and the Cotswold Volunteer Wardens. Recently they removed invading scrub which was threatening Horseshoe Vetch. This was done carefully to avoid damaging old ant hills, important for several butterfly species. This is one of the few local sites for Horseshoe Vetch, the sole food of Chalkhill Blue butterfly larvae. The larvae are tended by ants, attracted by sweet secretions from the grubs.

The Common comprises a valuable mosaic of habitats including beech woodland and scrub, offering cover for wildlife. The insects thriving here provide food for several bat species (including the rare Bechstein's Bat) roosting in the disused quarries. Red kites and many other bird species add to the biodiversity.

Bring a hand lens and wildflower book if possible. There may be mud and there is a high stile. The pub car park is **ONLY** for those lunching after the walk. Street parking is available nearby. **Optional group lunch at The Quarryman's Arms is not included in walk fee.**

[www.quarrymans-arms.co.uk](http://www.quarrymans-arms.co.uk)

### **SAT4 - The Biddestone and Slaughterford Loop**

**8.5 miles. Challenging. 5 hrs duration. 10:00 from Biddestone Green. SN14 7DG  
Grid ref ST863735. On street parking. £4. 16+ years.**

We leave the picturesque village of Biddestone and its busy duck pond using footpaths across open farmland, along bridleways and quiet lanes.

The walk passes through the village of Slaughterford on the By Brook and onward to Thickwood. The name Slaughterford is thought to combine the old English for sloe bush and ford, or possibly ford of slates – referring to the limestone strata used for stone roof tiles. Mills on the By Brook are of Saxon origin. They milled corn, prepared wool and eventually high quality paper and some mill relics can still be seen here.

After Eastrip the route approaches Euridge. Euridge Manor is owned by the creator of the Jigsaw fashion chain. We can enjoy lovely varied open views across the Weavern Valley before arriving back at Biddestone.

There will be hills, possibly livestock in fields and muddy areas. **Please bring a packed lunch.**  
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### **SAT5 – Lacock Round**

**10 miles. Moderate. 5 hrs duration. 10:00 from Springfield Community Campus, £5  
includes donation to Lacock History Group.**

This walk through open countryside takes us, after tackling many stiles, to the renowned National Trust village of Lacock, for a short tour by Lacock History Group and picnic lunch break.

This quaint village with half-timbered stone cottages and medieval tithe barn has provided a location for many film and TV productions, including Harry Potter, Pride and Prejudice and Downton Abbey. Step back in time and enjoy an unspoiled Cotswold village with a variety of buildings dating from the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 18th centuries. Bonnets and long swishing skirts are no longer required though!

Lacock Abbey, founded in the 13<sup>th</sup> century as a nunnery, is also notable as the birthplace of photography when owned by William Fox Talbot. His granddaughter presented the village and Abbey to the National Trust.  
**Please bring a packed lunch.**

### **SAT6 – Mindfulness Walk**

**2.25 miles. Easy. 10:30 am Springfield Community Campus. Finish at Church  
House, Church Street, SN13 0BY. 1.5 hrs duration plus optional after walk tea and  
discussion - 45 mins. FREE but please book in advance. 12+ years**

Mindful walking, also known as walking meditation, allows us to slow down and cultivate a sense of calm and wellbeing as we appreciate being out in nature.

Beginning from the Campus, the walk passes through alleys and along paths to the War Memorial where we will pause and be given a brief introduction to mindful walking.

We will then continue our walk in silence, noticing the sounds and colours of Corsham Court's beautiful parkland. We will walk without hurrying to the lake, paying attention to our environment and the experience of walking quietly in a group.

No meditation experience is required. We finish at Church House where there will be time for a cup of tea and questions about Mindfulness.

"We walk just for walking. We walk with freedom and solidity, no longer in a hurry" –  
*Thich Nhat Hanh*

**This walk is organised by Mindfulness Generation - [www.mindfulnessgeneration.co.uk](http://www.mindfulnessgeneration.co.uk).**

**Sponsored by People Business Psychology - [www.peoplebusinesspsychology.com](http://www.peoplebusinesspsychology.com)**

### **SAT7 – South of Corsham**

**8.5 miles. Moderate. 4.5 hrs duration. 11:00 from Springfield Campus. £4.**

This circular walk heads south out of Corsham to the village of Neston. It then turns east through rolling fields to Gastard before heading north to Thingley. The walk is fairly level passing through open pasture with livestock and along country roads.

We also pass some current mine workings and enjoy vistas looking over to the Gt. Cheverell escarpment and the Westbury White Horse. Our route returns to the Campus via Corsham Park and the town. The walk includes about 20 stiles, some of which are rather high.

***Please bring a packed lunch***

### **SAT8 – God's Wonderful Railway, Brunel and Box Tunnels**

**6.5 miles. Moderate. 4.5 hrs duration. 11:30 hrs from Springfield Community Campus. Finish in Box or return by X31 bus to Corsham. £5 includes donation to Box Methodist Church Organ Appeal Fund.**

This linear walk leaves Corsham heading west towards Pickwick in the Cotswolds AONB. The route continues towards Box with glorious views of the valley of the By Brook and the city of Bath beyond. The group will stop for a picnic lunch on Box Hill Common, close to the Quarryman's Arms Pub. We will be joined by rail enthusiast Michael Rumsey who will give an informative talk about the remarkable Box Tunnel, Isambard Kingdom Brunel and the Great Western Railway.

The route has a couple of short steep inclines that takes us on top of Box Tunnel and its little Middle Hill companion before finishing in Box village for our short bus journey home.

**Please make your own arrangements from Box back to Corsham or use the X31 bus (remember your bus pass or fare). [www.faresaver.co.uk/timetable.php](http://www.faresaver.co.uk/timetable.php). *Please bring a packed lunch***

### **SAT9 – In and Around Corsham Town**

**5.6 miles. Easy. 3 hrs duration. 13:30 hrs from Springfield Campus. £4.**

A mainly flat walk with views of a number of Corsham's important houses and surrounding countryside. Architectural delights include the Lady Margaret Hungerford Almshouses (c.1668) and The Pound Arts Centre in the Victorian Corsham Primary School.

The walk takes us along leafy South Avenue, lined with both Common and Small-leaved Lime trees, leading to the imposing façade of Corsham Court – still home to the Methuen family after many generations and partially open to the public. The Court is also used by Bath Spa University Post Graduate Centre

We wend our way out of town into open countryside surrounding the Middlewick House estate and Guyers House. Middlewick House is home to Nick Mason (Pink Floyd drummer) and was previously home to Camilla Parker Bowles (now HRH Duchess of Cornwall). Historic Guyers House is now a hotel and restaurant.

### **SAT10 - Walk Yourself Fit – Introduction (See also SUN10)**

**4.5 miles. Moderate. 1.5 hours duration. 14:30 from the Springfield Community Campus. £5 includes donation to Living Streets, UK walking charity. 16+ years.**

Enjoy an action packed fitness walk that will show you how walking can improve your fitness levels, boost your mood and help you gain results fast. Your qualified walking instructor will turn motivating drills and exercises into a fast paced and fun walk.

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### **SAT11 – Children’s Treasure Hunt**

**1.5 miles. Easy. 1 hour duration. Start any time between 14:30 and 15:30 from Springfield Community Campus. FREE but please book in advance.**

This self-guided treasure hunt encourages young people to discover the High Street and Corsham Park in a novel and enjoyable way. Families will hunt via flat pavements from the Campus to the High Street.

Answers to treasure hunt on return to the Campus where participants will be awarded a certificate and small gift. **Suitable for 5-12 year olds accompanied by an adult.**

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### **SAT12 – The Peacock Walk (See also SUN12)**

**2 miles. Easy. 2 hours duration. Starts between 09:00 and 14:00 from Springfield Community Campus. FREE but please book in advance.**

A self-guided walk around Corsham Town and Corsham Park, suitable for teams of 2 – 4. Can you solve the puzzle of The Peacock Walk?

A map and questions are provided to each team and you can walk at your own pace, although you must finish by 16:30. Answer sheets will be sent out after the weekend.

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## **SATURDAY EVENING QUIZ AND BUFFET SUPPER**

**From 19:00 – 23:00 at Springfield Community Campus, Corsham. £12**

This popular event completely sold out last year and strong demand for tickets is expected, so please book early to avoid disappointment. The evening provides much fun and laughter with a quiz open to walkers and non-walkers. Maximum of 6 people to a team, bring your own team or join one on the night to compete for The Golden Boots and an impressive array of prizes donated by local businesses.

Price includes a delicious buffet supper by award-winning Elixir Catering. **[www.elior.co.uk](http://www.elior.co.uk)**.

***Special dietary needs catered for – please notify in advance to The Pound Box Office.***

**Licensed paying bar available. Raffle proceeds to Wiltshire Air Ambulance.**

## SUNDAY 10 JUNE

### **SUN1 – Climbing Up on Solsbury Hill**

**20 miles. Challenging. 9.5 hours duration. 08:30 from Springfield Campus. £4. 16+ years.**

This hilly 20 mile long circular walk to Little Solsbury is another section of the proposed Cloverleaf Trail. The route passes through diverse and beautiful countryside with impressive views from hilltops and ridges. The varied terrain includes meadow, woodland, fields, riverside paths and the Kennet and Avon canal towpath. We climb Bannerdown as well as Little Solsbury and the total ascent is about 600 metres.

The song 'Solsbury Hill' by local musician, Peter Gabriel celebrates this wonderful spot, which takes its name from the Celtic god Sulis – a deity once worshipped at Bath's hot spring. The flat top of Little Solsbury is owned by the National Trust and is the site of an Iron Age fort. The hill is one possible location of the Battle of Mount Badon, where the Celtic Britons (under the legendary King Arthur) defeated the Saxons c.496.

**Suitable for those who have previously undertaken a hilly walk of at least 15 miles.**

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### **SUN2 – Over the Hills and Far Away**

**15 miles. Challenging. 7.5 hours duration. 09:00 from Springfield Community Campus. £4. 16+ years.**

A wonderful circular walk to Castle Combe, once voted the prettiest village in England. From Corsham we pass through the pretty villages of Slaughterford, Ford and Long Dean. We pick up the Macmillan Way National Trail along the route of the By Brook, which once powered over 20 mills grinding corn and fulling (preparing) wool.

This leads us to the unspoilt Cotswold village of Castle Combe, notable as the location for several well-known films including War Horse. The village is built around the 14th-century Market Cross, erected when the privilege to hold a weekly sheep and wool market was granted. A few yards away are the remains of the Butter Cross, dismantled during the 19th century.

Enjoying spectacular view, we head for Thickwood near the village of Colerne. On the homeward section the walk takes us along the edge of Monk's Wood, an SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest) managed by The Woodland Trust to protect its rare wild flowers. There is a sharp descent to the derelict Weavern Farm in its beautiful valley. The trail then rises back to Corsham via Pickwick Lodge Farm.

**Please bring a packed lunch.**

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### **SUN3 - Nordic Walking Taster (See also SAT2)**

**2.5 miles. Easy. 1 hr duration. 09:00 from Lacock Road car park, Corsham, SN13 9QG, (by Corsham Town Football Club). FREE but please book in advance. 16+ years.**

A 1 hour session that will help you understand just how beneficial Nordic walking can be. Get a taste of how light you will feel on your feet, how the whole body is mobilised and why you need to take the time to learn the technique.

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## **SUN4 – Hidden Valleys, Woods and Panoramas**

**11 miles. Challenging. 6 hrs duration. 09:30 from Springfield Community Campus. £4. 16+ years.**

This circular, cross-country walk to Colerne has excellent far-reaching views. The route uses rights of way across farmland, through old woodlands and along quiet country lanes.

We depart Corsham via Pickwick where Charles Dickens apparently stayed at the Hare and Hounds. The innkeeper, Moses Pickwick, may have inspired Dickens' novel *The Pickwick Papers*.

The walk takes us into peaceful countryside through the atmospheric Weavern Valley with its derelict farmhouse. We skirt Monks Wood, an SSSI and ancient woodland managed by The Woodland Trust. Briefly we follow the national trail, The Macmillan Way, a long distance footpath from Lincolnshire to Dorset. Then onward past Euridge Manor, owned by creator of the fashion chain Jigsaw, and then to Thickwood.

We make our way down into another hidden valley at Widdenham before a wooded climb back to Corsham. A walking pole is recommended for this hilly walk with numerous stiles. **Please bring a packed lunch.**

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## **SUN5 - Castle Combe's Babbling Brooks and Reserve Revealed**

**8 miles. Moderate. 5.5 hrs duration. 10:00 hrs from Castle Combe Upper Car Park (Free). GR ST 846777. £5 includes donation to Cotswold Voluntary Wardens' Countryside Fund.**

Accompanied by Cotswold Voluntary Wardens, this circular walk provides an interesting day, and includes a unique opportunity to visit a nature reserve managed by the Wardens and not normally open to the public.

We venture along the wooded valley of the Burton Brook to the hamlets of Nettleton and West Kington. Our return route includes the Broadmead Brook, a clapper style bridge and Nettleton Mill, then back to the dreaming Cotswold village of Castle Combe with its limestone cottages, often described as the prettiest village in England. Castle Combe has provided the location for many film and TV productions including *Warhorse* and *Downton Abbey*.

The Cotswold Voluntary Wardens are celebrating their 50th anniversary in 2018, marking half a century of dedication to the landscape and wildlife of the wonderful Cotswold countryside.

They are keen to recruit new members to continue this valuable work, while learning new skills.

For more information see the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty website at

[www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/looking-after/volunteering](http://www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/looking-after/volunteering).

**Please bring a packed lunch.**

## **SUN6 – Charmy Down and the Splendours of St Catherines**

**11 miles. Challenging. 5 hrs duration. 10:30 from Market Place, Marshfield. GR ST 781737. £4. 16+ years.**

A walk from Marshfield to Charmy Down's disused airfield, then back via St Catherine's Valley.

### **Charmy Down**

It is thought Charmy may be derived from 'enchanted' or 'charmed', referring to several round barrows of Early and Middle Bronze Age. The already damaged barrows were destroyed in 1940 during construction of Charmy Down Airfield. Used during the Second World War by the Royal Air Force and later by the United States Army Air Forces, it was mainly a night fighter interceptor airfield. It closed in 1946 though the remains of its control tower, buildings and runway can still

be seen. According to local legend the disused airfield is haunted by a wailing ghost still awaiting the return of her pilot fiancé.

Neolithic walkers may have used the nearby ancient Jurassic Way, which crossed the River Avon and passed around Little Solsbury hill. They left pottery shards and flint implements on Charmy Down, which was their likely home. There is evidence that another very ancient track crossed Charmy Down and descended into the valley along the present Hollies (previously Hollows) Lane. High banked lanes worn low over time, known as holloways, may be partly prehistoric.

On the slopes of Charmy down, groups of Celtic fields are clearly visible from a distance. These small square fields surrounded by banks date from the last centuries BC.

### **St Catherine's Court**

Fast forwarding to Tudor England, Henry VIII granted Catherine Court together with "the ewe flock of Charmy Down", to his tailor John Malt whose daughter, Ethelreda was probably the illegitimate daughter of Henry VIII himself. Eventually Ethelreda married a John Harington, who after her death, re-married. His son, also John Harington, inherited St Catherine's Court. He was a godson of Queen Elizabeth I and probable inventor of the water closet (hence it's American nickname the 'John').

To bring this convoluted story up to date – a current descendant of John Harington is Kit Harington, the actor who played Jon Snow in Game of Thrones.

**Please bring a packed lunch**

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### **SUN7 - Sunshine, Orchards and Cabbages**

**4 miles. Easy. 2 hrs duration. 11:00 from Springfield Community Campus.**

**FREE but please book in advance. Optional donations to Transcoco.**

Join members of Transition Community Corsham (Transcoco), the local environmental and sustainability group, to explore places in Corsham where sustainability is being put into practice, including community orchards, wildflower gardens and solar power installations. Also along the way discover the hidden biodiversity in Corsham's hedgerows and path borders with Peter Harper, a leading environmentalist from Bath University.

The route will start at Springfield Community Campus, where we will explore the wildflower garden and observe the surprisingly wide variety of flora and micro-fauna to be found there. We will then pass by the solar installations at the Campus and Corsham School, before exploring allotments, hedgerows and pockets of wilderness within the heart of Corsham, revealing a wide range of plant and animal species under the expert eye of our environmentalist. Our final site will be the Corsham Community Orchard at the County Primary School, where we will investigate the diverse collection of native fruit tree varieties, before returning to the Campus.

Transcoco is a local environmental group aiming to develop local solutions to local sustainability issues, helping to address the global challenges of climate change and other environmental challenges. By finding sustainable local solutions, we will help make the Corsham area a more positive and rewarding place to live, work and visit, and contribute to creating a more sustainable future for everyone.

**[www.transcoco.org.uk](http://www.transcoco.org.uk)**

### **SUN8 - East of Corsham via Corsham Park**

**4.5 miles. Moderate. 2.5 hrs duration. 13:00 from Springfield Campus. £4.**

A delightful walk through Corsham's history via the Lady Margaret Hungerford Almshouses, the Town Hall and St Bartholomew's 12<sup>th</sup> Century Saxon Church. St Bart's has its own well supported local walking group offering monthly walks of about 10 miles.

[corshamandlacockchurches.org.uk/?page\\_id=3898](http://corshamandlacockchurches.org.uk/?page_id=3898)

The route includes beautiful Corsham Park and lake designed by Capability Brown and Humphrey Repton. We then continue to the sleepy hamlets of Westrop and Easton and open countryside.

### **SUN9 - Historic Corsham**

**1.5 miles. Easy. 1.25 hrs duration. 13:30 from Springfield Community Campus. £4.**

This popular heritage tour of our historic town centre will introduce you to its history. The architecture of Corsham's gem of a town centre will reveal many stories from its past.

You might spot a wandering peacock from Corsham Court during this walk. An expert guides us from St Bartholomew's Church along the High Street, past the Lady Margaret Hungerford Almshouses and then Corsham Court's parkland.

**Note: A fully accessible wheelchair-friendly walk suitable for all, free for carers.**

**Sponsored by David Ingram Residential. [www.david-ingram.co.uk](http://www.david-ingram.co.uk)**

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### **SUN11 - Neston Paths Less Travelled**

**5 miles. Moderate. 2.5 hrs duration. 14:30 from Church Rise, outside Neston Primary School, SN13 9SX. £4. On street parking is available nearby.**

This interesting and scenic circular walk starts in the unspoilt village of Neston. It is mainly level, crosses over Neston Ridge and later affords wide open views towards Westbury White Horse.

The route crosses what was once a Roman Road. On the way back we cross a little bourne or brook, via a curious small stone walkway. We then use farm field paths to enter a woodland track taking us past remains of the quarrying and stone mining industry. We emerge at an interesting group of cottages, Baker's Corner, before taking a footpath back to Neston.

There is an opportunity at The Neston Country Inn for refreshments at the end of the walk.

### **SUN12 - The Peacock Walk (See also SAT12)**

**2 miles. Easy. 2 hrs duration. Starts between 09:00 and 14:00 from Springfield Community Campus. FREE but please book in advance.**

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