

# OADBY HILL WALKING CLUB NEWSLETTER



**December 2025**

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# Club Announcements

## Walking Routes

Can all club members look at the walking routes available [here](#) prior to joining each month's coach trip, so the walk list can be passed round the coach more efficiently please. Each month's walk routes are put up on the club website in the week before the monthly walk.

## Walking Boots

Club members are reminded that when joining club walks, they must wear walking boots with ankle support. The only exception to this rule is if club members have a valid medical reason for not wearing boots with ankle support.

# Committee Retirements

## Social Events and Media Secretary

Elaine Akers has informed OHWC that she intends to retire from the Committee at the AGM in April next year (2026). The OHWC is looking for volunteers to take over her position. Her role includes:

- Maintaining and updating the OHWC [website](#),
- Maintaining and updating the OHWC social media presence on Facebook and Instagram,
- Organising social events throughout the year (tends to be only the annual Xmas dinner).
- Attending OHWC monthly committee meetings and the yearly AGM.

Any OHWC members who are interested in this position, can you please let our club Chair know via email at [ohwcmail@gmail.com](mailto:ohwcmail@gmail.com), or through Martin's mobile at 07748 674223.

## Newsletter Editor

Tim Akers has also announced his retirement from the Newsletter committee member position effective from next year's AGM in April 2026. His role includes:

- On a monthly basis, writing the OHWC newsletter and publishing it via email to all club members,
- Ensuring Social Media Secretary has a copy of newsletter to put on OHWC website,
- Attending OHWC monthly committee meetings and the yearly AGM.

This position would suit someone who is MS Office literate.

Any OHWC members who are interested in this position, can you please let our club Chair know via email at [ohwcmail@gmail.com](mailto:ohwcmail@gmail.com), or through Martin's mobile at 07748 674223.

# New Years Day Local Walk

## Bradgate Park – 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026

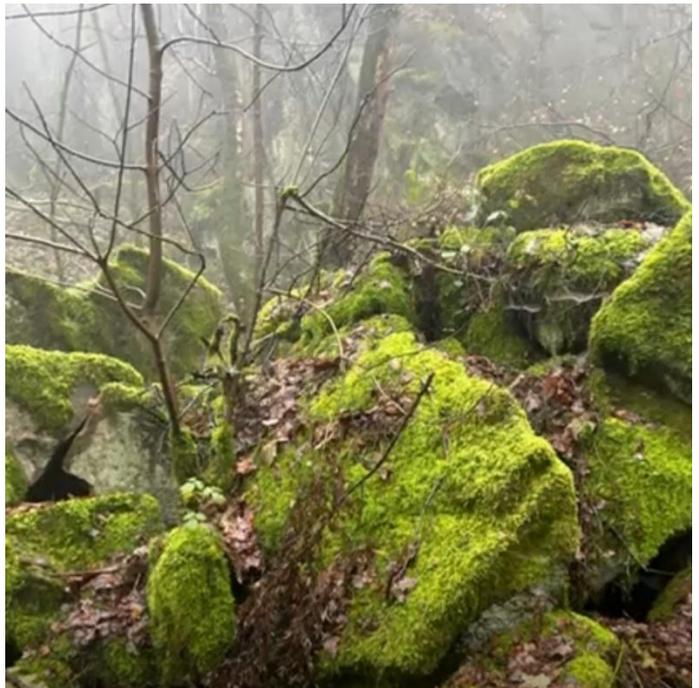
Lesley Gill has kindly volunteered to lead our annual New Year Day walk, which will be at Bradgate Park. The club will meet at Hallgates car park, ready to start walking at 10:00 am. To save on car parking fees, walkers may make their own arrangements to meet in the free parking area at Anstey Nook, and then car share to Hallgates car park. Bring drinks and a packed lunch.

If anyone has any queries, please contact Lesley on 07845 810575.

# December's Walk Report

Winster, Derbyshire, Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Unfortunately, at the time of publication, there wasn't any walk reports sent in to the OHWC email address.





## January's Monthly Walk: Rise End, Middleton, Derbyshire,

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2026

**Coach departs:** Oadby Central Car Park (adjacent to the Trinity Methodist Church) at **8.00am sharp**.

**Please note:** The coach will leave the pub at **5.00pm**.

### **Coach Route:**

M1 to J28, A38 west, A610, A6 north, B5036 SW, B5035 to Rise End.

**Boot stop:** Trowell Services

**Pub:** The Rising Sun, Middleton

**Map:** [OS Explorer OL24: 1:25000](#) OS Map of The Peak District - White Peak Area





### Walk Leaders:

- K. Pochin (Long)
- K. Millard (long)
- Beckett
- H. Everett (short)

**Booking Trips:** When booking onto monthly and mid-month walks, please **only** use the club email rather than phone, text or word of mouth.

**Coach Fare:** Preferably by BACS to the bank details given at the end of this Newsletter.

From November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, the Coach fare has increased to the following amount per person:

- Adult Members                      **£18**
- Guests                                      **£20**
- Junior/Student Members        **£12**

### Cancellations - members and guests

- Cancellations up to Tuesday Midnight before the Sunday walk - no penalty.
- Cancellations thereafter - the full cost of the bus fare is due.

### Prospective Walkers

If you have not put your name down on the last coach trip, please contact [ohwcmal@gmail.com](mailto:ohwcmal@gmail.com) to book a seat on the bus this month, prior to making a payment. You will receive a reply confirming the availability or otherwise of a seat. Please note that it is first come first served.

If you delay booking, you may not get a seat. Please do not turn up without booking and receiving confirmation that you have a place.

You must book a place on the coach in advance, or you may not be allowed to go on as it picks up at various places on the ring road members who have already booked a seat.

If you wish to be picked up from other places than Oadby Car Park, please mention where at time of booking and please be aware that very occasionally another Orbit coach may go past before ours arrives.

### Walk Reminder

Please make sure that you carry your completed Club Safety Form in the top pocket of your rucksack - it could help you in a difficult situation. N.B. Don't forget to keep the form up to date. The form is available on the Club Website [here](#).

### Walk Route Map

Please go onto the News section of the Club website [here](#) a few days before the monthly walk, to see a map showing the walk routes. Hopefully, this will speed up selecting your walk when signing up on the coach. The club has four OS maps available for Walk Leaders to use when leading walks.

## Boot/Toilet Stop

**Members are urged to keep the time taken at the boot stop to a minimum.** At the end of the walk members should change their footwear and place dirty boots and rucksacks in the luggage locker before getting onto the coach, thus avoiding any congestion and mud in the coach.

**Please do not wear dirty boots on the coach.**

Those getting off the coach at Fosse Park and the Ring Road may alternatively put your dirty kit into a plastic bag and then take it onto the coach; thus, negating having to search for your gear in the bus luggage lockers.

## Essential Wear

Members and guests must be suitably equipped. As a minimum this must include:

- Suitable waterproof walking boots that have adequate ankle support
- Waterproof coat and over-trousers
- Warm clothing
- An appropriate rucksack.
- Food and drink for the whole day
- For winter walking, all members are to carry a serviceable head torch in their rucksacks.
- A First Aid Kit is recommended

**N.B. Jeans and trainers/sandals are NOT suitable.** If you are not properly equipped for hillwalking, you may not be able to participate. Only Registered Assistance Dogs are allowed on club walks, except on mid-month walks at the discretion of the Walk Leader.

## Cotswold Outdoors Discount Card for Club Members

Once again, Cotswold Outdoors has allowed all Club members to apply for a Discount Card. This discount is for the personal use of club members only and must not be shared with others.

Club members benefit from:

- 15% discount in-store and online,
- Expertise, advice and guidance,
- Sustainability services,
- Explore More membership.

### OHWC discount

OHWC Club Members will receive a 15% discount on full-priced items (excludes electronics and selected lines) both in-store and online with Cotswold Outdoor, Runners Need and Snow+Rock. The code to use is **AF-RAMBLERS-W9C**.

This discount is strictly for personal use only and must not be shared with non-club members. Cotswold Outdoors reserve the right to amend or cancel it with immediate effect if they find this code has been leaked to unauthorised persons in any way.

### Explore More

Club members will need to sign up for their free Explore More benefits scheme to use the discount. This comes with its own benefits such as a 3-year extended warranty, a 100-day returns policy, Price Match Promise and much more! Members can sign up through any of the following brands:

- [Cotswold Outdoor](#)
- [Runners Need](#)
- [Snow+Rock](#)

### Expertise, advice and guidance

The best way to tap into their outdoor expertise is for Club Members to book an in-store appointment at Cotswold Outdoor, Runners Need or Snow+Rock. This ensures one of our store specialists is on hand to help you get the best kit for your adventure.

Alternatively, Cotswold Outdoor has a whole host of blogs online in our Advice & Inspiration areas. These include kit guides, itinerary ideas, inspirational stories and suggestions on how to be more sustainable. You can find these below:

- [Cotswold Outdoor](#)
- [Runners Need](#)
- [Snow+Rock](#)

### Sustainability Services

For us the outdoors is everything, and across our three brands, we do everything we can to look after it for generations to come.

As a company, Cotswold Outdoor are working to become more sustainable, and they want to help their customers do their bit too. The services they offer to help with this are available across all their stores:

- [Make The Right Choice](#)
- [Care and Proofing](#)
- [Recycle My Gear](#)
- [Recycle My Run](#)
- [Our planet](#)

### Cotswold Outdoors Discount Card

This year, Cotswold Outdoor, Runners Need and Snow+Rock have requested that OHWC Club members provide some sort of Club Membership Card to receive their discount. To that end, the club committee have decided to produce a Membership Card for club members to use if they want to take advantage of the discount offered.

Please print off this page and cut out the Card illustrated below. Please note that last month's Newsletter inadvertently displayed the wrong discount. This year's discount is 15%.

**OADBY HILL WALKING CLUB**

This Membership Card entitles this OHWC Club Member to 15% Discount from Cotswold Outdoors, Runners Need, and Snow+Rock.

OHWC Club Members receive a 15% discount on full-priced items (excludes electronics and selected lines) from these stores.

The 2025/2026 Discount Code is:

**AF-RAMBLERS-W9C**



## Meetings

Unless otherwise stated in this Newsletter or via email, monthly club meetings are held on the Wednesday following the Sunday coach walk at the Wigston Conservative Club, 38 Long Street, Wigston, Leicester, LE18 2AH at 7.30pm.

All OHWC club members are welcome.

## Safeguarding

Safeguarding means protecting people's health, wellbeing and human rights, and enabling them to live free from harm, abuse and neglect. It's fundamental to high-quality health and social care.

The OHWC Safeguarding Policy and Guidance document is on the club website at <http://oadbyhwc.com/safeguarding>.

If anyone has any safeguarding concerns that potentially involve the club, club activities, or club members, they can report in confidence by email, any safeguarding concerns to the club at [OHWCsafeguarding@gmail.com](mailto:OHWCsafeguarding@gmail.com).

## Club Media and Bank Details

<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://oadbyhwc.com">http://oadbyhwc.com</a>
<b>Email</b>	<a href="mailto:ohwcmal@gmail.com">ohwcmal@gmail.com</a>
<b>Safeguarding Email</b>	<a href="mailto:OHWCsafeguarding@gmail.com">OHWCsafeguarding@gmail.com</a>
<b>Facebook</b>	<a href="#">Oadby Hillwalking Club group</a>
<b>Instagram</b>	<a href="#">Oadby Hillwalking Club</a>
<b>Bank Details</b>	Barclays Bank
<b>Account Name</b>	OHWC
<b>Account Number</b>	50124990 Please quote surname and month of walk (i.e., Smith July)
<b>Sort code</b>	20-49-08

## OHWC Committee 2024 – 2025

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