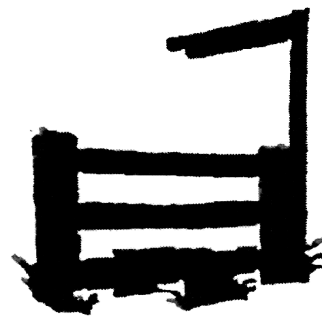


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## News from the Ringwood and Fordingbridge Footpath Society

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### The Way Ahead

Well, I guess I need to start with the rollercoaster weather we have had to date. Spring got off to a wet start, but over the last bank holiday weekend we have seen record temperatures for May, more than those in Southern Europe and parts of Africa! Despite a wet winter we will no doubt be facing water shortages by the end of summer. Hopefully in between time we will have some good walking weather, not too hot and not too wet.

Another full walk programme, with some varied activities, in April we had a lovely weekend walk over at Horton finishing with cream teas in the village hall. Also, on the early May Bank Holiday a well-attended walk from Sixpenny Handley Brewery (note to myself order early as they ran out of pizza!). We would still welcome more people to come forward to lead walks, and support will be given to those who may be interested.

Upcoming highlight events include the Summer Solstice walk in June and the Bring and Share Summer Lunch in August. Remember to book (details enclosed).

In March we had a successful and reasonably well attended AGM followed by a talk from Ann Sevier from the Verderers. Ideas for guest speakers for the "dark months" are always welcome.

Through the spring months we continued to carry on survey works using the "CAMS" tablet supplied by HCC, mainly focusing on Damerham and Ringwood.

Now the weather, although a touch erratic, has improved we have started work on footpath clearance activities. To support this we have procured two battery operated hedge trimmers part funded by a £800 donation from Fordingbridge Town Council. We have already undertaken some work in Ringwood and Ellingham Parishes.

We applied for a stand at the Ellingham Show, which has been confirmed but have yet to hear if we have been allocated a more suitable location. We will be asking for volunteers to man the stand at a later date.

Finally, as we all know car parking charges have been rolled out in the New Forest. Driving across the forest from Lyndhurst recently I did note a substantial number of cars parked in "unofficial" laybys and alongside gate openings. Also an increase in the unsightly "dragons teeth" along the roadside. We did issue a letter of protest to Forestry England and many feel aggrieved that the charges seem excessive

compared to National Trust locations such as Badbury rings, but the reality is they are here to stay. So, all I can do is ask that we maximise lift sharing (especially at current petrol prices) and when we do park in the forest avoid any inconvenience to local residents and those involved in working the forest.

*Bill*

## Path News

I am finding it increasingly difficult to fulfill my role as Footpath Secretary, but thanks are due to Mike Osborne for taking up as much of the work as possible.

The application to divert Breamore Footpath 10, for which HCC had made an order, has following our objection been referred to The Planning Inspectorate.

Updated planning applications for two sites for new homes in Fordingbridge confirm that Footpaths 83 and 78b are to be improved as part of the works.

After complaining about the state of paths following the early wet weather, May has been extremely dry and the surface of nearly all paths is now dry.

I have not yet been able to get together with Mike Osborne and complete the BVPI report for the survey of Damerham by Mike and Bill, I will endeavor to do that this month.

Please continue to report problems, preferably to [info@rffs.org.uk](mailto:info@rffs.org.uk) in the first instance, as we may be able to resolve them, or to HCC Rights of Way via their report a problem website, but please if you report them directly to HCC also inform the Society giving the details and the HCC Problem reference by Emailing [info@rffs.org.uk](mailto:info@rffs.org.uk) or via the Contact Us pages on the RFFS Website – [rffs.org.uk](http://rffs.org.uk)

*Kelvin Winch*

## Ellingham Show - Saturday 8th August 2026

Once again we will be having a trade stand at the Ellingham Show in August.

As in the past, I will be co-ordinating the volunteer slots to man the stand, and will be arranging this soonish, but if anyone is willing to volunteer please feel free to let me know.

Please contact Ruth Bassett, Publicity Secretary 01425 839320

## Membership

Our membership year starts after the AGM in March. Thank you to everyone who has already paid their subs for this year. Please remember it is now £5 for an individual and £8 for a couple.

Setting up a Standing Order really helps with the admin with a payment date of 1<sup>st</sup> April. If you already have one, please change the amount to either £5 or £8.

The membership of the Society is really healthy and that leads to good finances so thank you to everyone for your interest and support.

*Tim Daykin, Membership Secretary, [membership@rffs.org.uk](mailto:membership@rffs.org.uk)*

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## SUMMER SOLSTICE WALK Sunday 21st June 04.40



Meet at Abbots Well car park; SU 177129, w3w *slanting.debating.lately*

After watching the sun rise we will enjoy a 5 mile (8.07km) walk, and afterwards have breakfast at the Potting Shed cafe, Hyde.

Please choose your breakfast from the menu below, giving your choice of bread - white or brown, or sourdough (75p extra).

### **Please state any allergies or dietary requirements.**

Please send your choices to: [annegainor@btinternet.com](mailto:annegainor@btinternet.com) by **MONDAY 8th JUNE**.

Please transfer your payment to RFFS, with your name and "SSW" as the reference.

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### **Breakfast Menu:**

**Full Works** - £18.50 (includes either English Breakfast Tea or an Americano and 10% service charge) 2 Local Free Range Fried Eggs, Smoked Streaky Bacon, Black Pud, Local Sausage, Hash Brown, Pan Fried Mushrooms, Slow Roasted Tomatoes, Heinz Beans

**Mini Brekky** £14.10 (includes either English Breakfast Tea or an Americano and 10% service charge) Local Free Range Fried Egg, Smoked Streaky Bacon, Local Sausage, Hash Brown, Heinz Beans

**Veggie Full Works** (V) £18.50 (includes either English Breakfast Tea or an Americano and 10% service charge) 2 Local Free Range Fried Eggs, 2 Veggie Sausages, Hash Brown, Pan Fried Mushrooms, Slow Roasted Tomatoes, Heinz Beans

**Mini Veggie** (V) £14.10 (includes either English Breakfast Tea or an Americano and 10% service charge) Local Free Range Fried Egg, Veggie Sausage, Slow Roasted Tomatoes, Hash Brown, Heinz Beans

**Pancakes** £14.60 (includes either English Breakfast Tea or an Americano and 10% service charge) 3 Buttermilk Pancakes with Smoked Streaky Bacon and Maple Syrup

**Pancakes** £14.60 (includes either English Breakfast Tea or an Americano and 10% service charge) 3 Buttermilk Pancakes served with homemade Berry Compote

## **BRING & SHARE SUMMER LUNCH**

**Saturday 22nd August 2026 - Hyde Church Hall**

There will be a walk at 10.15am starting from Hyde Church lead by Clare.

Non walking members & partners are welcome to join us from 12.30pm for lunch.

Please bring some food to share, either savoury or sweet. No need to let us know in advance as there is always an amazing spread of both!

The Hall will be open at 10.00am for walkers to leave their contributions.

Please bring your own plates, bowls & cutlery plus a glass for your own liquid refreshment. Tea and coffee will be available.

We hope as many members & past members can come and join us. The Hall is fully accessible.

Looking forward to seeing you, whatever the weather!

Please book lunch with Denise on 07816962999

*Denise*

A montage of photos showing members enjoying a number of walks this Spring.



## SUMMER 2026 WALKS & EVENTS PROGRAMME

**WALKERS:** Start times vary, please check for each walk and be ready to leave promptly.

**You walk with us at your own risk and are responsible for your own health & safety issues.**

If possible, please arrange to share cars to minimise parking space used. Do not leave any items visible and nothing of value in parked cars. Bring your own food and drinks especially for the longer walks.

**PLEASE BOOK WITH THE WALK LEADER BEFORE ATTENDING A WALK** or you may miss vital information e.g. a walk may be cancelled at short notice or a start point changed.

We still need more volunteers to lead walks. Help and support will be provided. Please contact walks secretary, Denise, on 07816962999 or email [denise.chesterman@gmail.com](mailto:denise.chesterman@gmail.com)

Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 10.30am	<b><u>Pitton Circular</u></b> <i>w3w biggest.merge.stack</i> Meet in CP of Silver Plough pub, SP5 1DU (car share if poss) for a circular walk taking in Clarendon Palace ruins. No stiles or difficult terrain. Stay for drink/ lunch afterwards. <b>Book</b>	Chris Text 07773218173	Exp 131 SU212312 4.8 miles
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> June 6.30pm	<b><u>Fordingbridge</u></b> <i>w3w rolled.wisely.pothole</i> Meet in town CP (free) behind the library for an evening walk. <b>Book</b>	Tim 07973657527	OL22 SU147142 4-5 miles
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> June 10.00am	<b><u>Holt Heath, Kingston Lacy</u></b> Meet at White Sheet CP BH21 7DB for a walk around the lowland heath area of Kingston Lacy NT. Rich in flora and fauna. May be some mud, lovely views. Dogs on leads welcome. <b>Book</b>	Di and Phil Text 07780797499	SU048037 App 6 miles
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> June 4.40am	<b><u>Summer Solstice Walk</u></b> <i>w3w fishnet.princes.protected</i> Meet at Abbots Well CP. After watching the sun rise we will enjoy a walk followed by breakfast at the Potting Shed, Hyde. See details on poster for ordering breakfast by 8 <sup>th</sup> June. <b>Book</b>	Anne and Keith 07585703088	OL22 SU178128 5 miles
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> June 10.00am	<b><u>Bashley</u></b> <i>w3w sting.racetrack.thirsty</i> Meet at The Rising Sun pub, Bashley (BH25 5SL) for a flat walk through mature woods, open plains and some enclosures. Drinks at the end! <b>Book</b>	Deborah Text only 07708876680	OL22 SZ243984 5.5 miles
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> June 10.00am	<b><u>Sixpenny Handley</u></b> <i>w3w desire.viewer.subject</i> Meet at 6d Handley Village Hall CP (£1 pp) Park away from hall. A walk to Rushmore Park. Hills, valleys, woodland and golf course. Maybe some stiles. Bring lunch. <b>Book</b>	Denise 07816962999	Exp118 ST993174 9 miles
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 10.00am	<b><u>Round Romsey Ramble</u></b> <i>w3w bottom.inert.hangs</i> Meet in Fishlake Meadows Nature Reserve CP for a varied walk around the reserve, via riverside, through woods, fields, past a mill, returning via the town and along Romsey canal. Some unavoidable road walking. <b>Book</b>	Jo 07969633830	Exp131 SU361224 6.5 miles Please car share
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2.00pm	<b><u>Downton Brewery Walk</u></b> Park on Batten Rd and meet outside brewery, unit 11, for a walk along Wick Lane, across to N Charford Drove and up to Wick Down. Steady climb with good views. Join us for drinks at Tap Bar after, Pizzeria available from 5pm. <b>Book</b>	Di and Phil Text 07780797499	Exp 130 SU172219 SP5 3HU 6 miles
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> July 10.00am	<b><u>Child Okeford</u></b> <i>w3w worksheet.rags.plant</i> Meet in Child Okeford opposite The Bakers Arms PH and possibly church CP for a circular walk via Hod Hill and Iwerne Minster. Mostly grassland. 2 hills. Bring lunch. <b>Book</b>	Alan 07901686777	Exp118 ST834127 10 miles
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> July 6.30pm	<b><u>Annual Trig Point Walk</u></b> <i>w3w editor.ranted.conquests</i> Meet at Rockford NT CP Moyles Court for a walk to our adopted Trig Point where we will have a glass of wine (provided). If you could bring some light refreshments to share these would be welcome. <b>Book</b>	Liz and Andy 01425472422 07949608633	OL22 SU164083 3-4 miles

<b>TIME</b>	<b><u>TO SUBMIT WALKS FOR THE NEXT PROGRAMME</u></b> We need more volunteer walk leaders. You will receive all the support you need. See right for contact details.	Denise 07816962999	denise. chesterman@ gmail.com
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 6.30pm	<b><u>Castlepoint Loop</u></b> (BH8 9UW) Meet at top of escalator outside Sainsbury's for a flat walk, tarmac, muddy paths and river side. 4 hrs free parking at Castlepoint or catch bus. <b>Book</b>	Elaine 01202761564	OL22 SZ111947 3-3.5 miles
<b>Sun</b> <b>26<sup>th</sup> July</b> <b>10.00am</b>	<b><u>Linford,Broomy and Linwood</u></b> Meet at Appleslade pay CP for a long but gentle walk through inclosures and heathland. Mainly gravel tracks but could have wet sections. No stiles. Bring lunch. <b>Book</b>	Bill 07709180329	OL22 SU184092 9 miles
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> July 10.00am	<b><u>Moonhills</u></b> <i>w3w release.quail.extreme</i> Start from Moonhills pay CP. A figure of 8 walk around Hilltop, through Kings Copse Inc and around Blackwell Common. Some mud. No steep hills or stiles. <b>Book</b>	Sue 07857642855	OL22 SU408025 Approx 5 miles
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> Aug 10.00am	<b><u>Fritham</u></b> <i>w3w bookshelf.growth.overdrive</i> Meet at Fritham pay CP. A walk across the plain, through Slodden Inc, up Hallickshole Hill. Back along river from Splash Bridge and Green Pond to Fritham. No stiles. <b>Book</b>	Phil W Text 07801621818	OL22 SU229140 Approx 5.5 miles
<b>Sun</b> <b>9<sup>th</sup> Aug</b> <b>10.00am</b>	<b><u>Twyford, Owslebury, Marwell</u></b> <i>w3w flows.like.vanish</i> Park in Churchfields Rd Twyford, SO21 1NN. Villages, gentle hills, horse and sheep pastures, woodland, zoo and views. Dog friendly stiles. Bring lunch. <b>Book</b>	Andy J 07880498021	OL32 SU480247 9 miles
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> Aug 10.00am	<b><u>Whitsbury</u></b> <i>w3w mouse.graced.sneezing</i> Meet in village hall CP, £1 donation pp. A circular walk via Rockbounne and Brookheath. 4 stiles. 6 rough steep steps up. Vegetation + shade. Dogs on leads. Pub opposite. <b>Book</b>	Denise 07816962999	OL22 SU129188 5 miles
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> Aug 6.00pm	<b><u>Burley</u></b> Meet in pay CP opposite side of road to cricket pitch. Circular walk, gentle hills, no stiles and should be dry. Possibly a drink at the Queens Head afterwards. <b>Book</b>	Bill 07709180329	OL22 SU214028 3.5 miles
<b>Sat</b> <b>22<sup>nd</sup> Aug</b> <b>10.15 &amp;</b> <b>12.30</b>	<b><u>Summer Lunch</u></b> <i>w3w serves.paraded.lilac</i> Park at Hyde Church for a walk around Hyde, Stuckton and Blissford Hill. One climb, mainly footpaths and quiet roads. Could be some mud. Can be made shorter if needed. Lunch will follow walk. Non walkers welcome from <b>12.30</b> . Please bring a sweet or savoury dish to share, plus your own drinks, crockery and cutlery. Tea and coffee available. <b>Book</b>	Clare for walk Text 07967483761 Denise lunch 07816962 999	OL22 SU165125 SP6 2QJ <5miles
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> Aug <b>6.00pm</b>	<b><u>Frogham</u></b> <i>w3w fishnet.princes.protected</i> Meet at Abbots Well CP (free) for an evening forest walk around Ogdens <b>Book</b>	Liz and Andy 01425472422 07949608633	OL22 SU178128 3-4 miles
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept <b>5.00pm</b>	<b><u>Appleslade</u></b> <i>w3w flinches.years.glorified</i> Meet at Appleslade pay CP. A walk on Heathland and tracks by Dockens Water. <b>Book</b>	Alan 07901686777	OL22 SU185093 4.5 miles
Sun 6th Sept 10.00am	<b><u>Upavon</u></b> Park in Upavon adjacent to the church (A342) for a walk combining part of the Avon Valley with the Salisbury Plain Ridgeway. Hills, good views, stiles and some quiet road walking. Bring lunch. <b>Book</b>	Peter Text 07985028536	Exp130 SU136550 7-8 mile