

# Stepping forward

July - October 2016



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Please see the front of this leaflet for the **Walking for Health**  
programme of **shorter walks**.

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South Gloucestershire  
Council

# Welcome to the Stepping Forward programme of walks for July to October

**These walks are slightly longer and more strenuous than Walking for Health. They are usually around 4 miles in length and take between 90 minutes and 2 hours. Our walk leaders are fully trained and insured, but you walk at your own risk. Dogs are welcome unless otherwise stated, but please do keep them on a lead.**

There are a few changes to this programme. Firstly – I'm sure you will have noticed that we have now combined the two programmes. We have also included some new symbols to help you know what to expect. Please see the front of the Walking for Health section for the key to the symbols.

You can simply turn up to our walks – no need to book or to let us know if you can't make it.

You might want to walk even further than these walks offer. To find out about longer walks please visit

**[www.ramblers.org.uk/go-walking/find-a-group](http://www.ramblers.org.uk/go-walking/find-a-group)**

In September we are joining in with the Ramblers National Walking Festival. This runs from Saturday 3rd - Sunday 11th September. Please see the festival listing in the Walking for Health section. We are going to celebrate our rich network of recreational paths including the Severn Way, Frome Valley Walkway, Jubilee Way, the Dramway and the Bristol Bath Railway Path. Some of the groups will be having historic walk/talks.

You can find the beautiful leaflets which have been produced about each of the paths under promoted walking routes:

**[www.southglos.gov.uk/walking](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/walking)**

I hope you have a wonderful summer and can join us on some of our lovely walks.

*Christina*

Several of groups have a mobile phone so you can contact them if needed.

Please only ring to check a walk is happening if there is bad weather, or if you require more details. You will also see the following initials for each group at the top of each listing.

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**FPS**

Filton/Patchway/Stokes

**07724 627107**

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**FC**

Frampton Cotterell

**07840 237733**

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**SYD**

Sodbury, Yate and Dodington

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Thornbury

**07724 627104**

**Please note all walks are at the leaders' discretion on the day.**

**Cover photo** – SYD group walking on Yate Common

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## Friday 1st July Thornbury

4 miles

11am

Thornbury Leisure Centre Car Park,  
Alveston Hill, BS35 3JB

**77, 78, 79, 622**

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**FPS**

## Monday 4th July Almondsbury, Hortham & Rudegway

4.3 miles

11am

The Swan Hotel, Gloucester Road,  
Almondsbury, BS32 4AA.

**77, 78, 79**

*A circular walk through Almondsbury,  
Hortham and Rudgeway.*

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**FC**

## Wednesday 6th July Blackberry Brake

3 miles

10.30am

Miners Village Hall, Badminton Rd,  
Coalpit Heath BS36 2QB  
Please park on right in car park

**46, 47, 86**

*Attractive fields, pretty ponds, country  
lanes.*

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## Friday 8th July Old Down

4 miles

11am

Old Down Cricket Club, Olveston Sports  
and Social Club, Alveston Road, Old  
Down BS32 4PF

**622**

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**FPS**

## Monday 11th July Bradley Stoke Wander

4 miles

11am

Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre, Fiddlers  
Wood Lane, Bradley Stoke, BS32 9B2

**73**

*A longer walk around the Three Brooks  
Nature Reserve with great views from  
the tumps.*

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## Friday 15th July Oldbury on Severn

4 miles

11am

The Anchor Inn, Church Road, Oldbury  
on Severn, BS35 1QA

**No public bus service**

*Toilets and refreshments available  
after the walk.*

FPS



## Monday 18th July Patchway & Over

2.5 miles

11am

Coniston Community Centre, Coniston Rd, BS34 5LP

75, 625

*A circular walk from Patchway.*

FC



## Tuesday 19th July Frog Lane, Fields & Woods

3.5 miles

10.30am

Badminton Arms, Badminton Rd, Coalpit Heath BS36 2KJ  
Park in Woodside Rd if not using pub.

46, 47, 86

*Includes picturesque old railway track.  
Please NO dogs due to cattle.*

SYD



## Friday 22nd July Engine Common North

3.25 miles

10.30am

Outside the Codrington Arms PH, North Road, Yate, BS37 7LG

622 X46

*Refreshments and toilets in available in PH after walk.*

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## Friday 22nd July Thornbury

4 miles

11am

Thornbury Leisure Centre Car Park, Alveston Hill, BS35 3JB

FPS



## Monday 25th July Through The Woods

3.5 miles

11am

Sainsbury's superstore car park, Fox Den Road, Stoke Gifford, BS34 8SS

18, 73, 81, 312, 319, 501, 502, 625

*Taking the UWE path through Long and Hermitage Woods, exploring Purdown and Duchess Pond en route.*

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## Friday 29th July Tytherington

4 miles

11am

The Swan Inn at Tytherington, Duck Street, GL12 8QB

*Toilets and refreshments available after the walk.*

FPS



## Monday 1st August Ellens Wood

3 miles

11am

Lower Knowle Farmyard, Monmouth Hill, Lower Almondsbury, BS32 4ES (the farmyard is easy to miss but is close to some large conifers).

*A circular walk through Ellen's Wood, parts of Lower Almondsbury and Catbrain Wood. No facilities.*

FC



## Wednesday 3rd August Detective Walk (New sections)

3 miles

10.30am

St Peters Church, Church Rd, Frampton Cotterell, BS36 2AB

(park in Mill Lane, when full, use car park)

 46, 81, 82, 202

*Historical walk designed for children but equally enjoyed by all ages. Expect to take longer to stop & look. Pub lunch available.*

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## Friday 5th August Alveston

4 miles

11am

Outside The Ship Inn, Thornbury Rd, Alveston, BS35 3LL.

 77, 78, 79, 622

*Parking available in pub car park. Toilets and refreshments available after the walk.*

FPS



## Monday 8th August Patchway to Almondsbury Tumps

3.5 miles

11am

Coniston Community Centre, Coniston Rd, BS34 5LP

 75, 625

*A walk to Almondsbury Tumps and back, via Pegwell Woods.*

SYD



## Friday 12th August Yate Rocks

3.25 miles

10.30am

The Brimsham Park PH Car Park, Lark Rise, Yate BS37 7PJ X46

*Exploring the pretty Yate Rocks area. Toilet and drinks available at the pub after the walk.*

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## Friday 12th August Special Thornbury in Bloom walk

4 miles

11am

Thornbury Leisure Centre Car Park, Alveston Hill, BS35 3JB

77, 78, 79, 622

FPS



## Monday 15th August Harry Gifford

3.5 miles

11am

Sainsbury's car park, Fox Den Road, Stoke Gifford, BS34 8SS

18, 73, 81, 319, 501, 502, 625

*A walk around Stoke Gifford and Harry Stoke. Incorporating footpaths, quiet residential streets and fields.*

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## Friday 19th August Old Down

4 miles

11am

Old Down Cricket Club, Olveston Sports and Social Club, Alveston Road, Old Down BS32 4PF

622

FPS



## Monday 22nd August Winterbourne Woodland Walk

4 miles

11am

Shops, Flaxpit Lane, Winterbourne, BS36 1JY

81, 82, 626, X46

*A walk through Winterbourne and its woods. Incorporating quiet roads, footpaths and fields.*

FC



## Tuesday 23rd August Mayshill Fields and Lanes

3 miles

10.30am

Opposite café, Church Rd, Frampton Cotterell BS36 2JX  
Park in Frampton End Rd.

81, 82

*Great rural walk via Mayshill hamlet.*

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## Friday 26th August Oldbury on Severn

4 miles

11am

The Anchor Inn, Church Road, Oldbury on Severn, BS35 1QA

**No public bus service**

*Toilets and refreshments available after the walk.*

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## Friday 2nd Sept Thornbury

4 miles

11am

Thornbury Leisure Centre Car Park, Alveston Hill, BS35 3JB

**77, 78, 79, 622**

## National Walking Festival

**Saturday 3rd -  
Sunday 11th September**

All of our Stepping Forward and Walking For Health walks this week join up with one of our rich network of recreational paths.

**FPS**

## Monday 5th Sept Severn Beach

4 miles

11am

Shops on Beach Road, Severn Beach BS35 4PQ625

**623 (mon, wed & fri only), 624, 625**

*This walk includes part of the Severn Way.*

**FC**

## Wednesday 7th Sept Dramways Historical Walk

3 miles

10.30am

Miners Village Hall, Badminton Rd, Coalpit Heath, BS36 2QB  
Park on Right in car park.

**46, 47, 86**

*Full of interesting local history.*

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## Friday 9th Sept Littleton-on-Severn

4 miles

11am

Outside The White Hart PH, The Village, Littleton-on-Severn, BS35 1NR

*Including the Severn Way, Cotswold Way and Jubilee Way. Toilets and refreshments available after the walk.*

FPS



## Monday 12th Sept Patchway to Almondsbury

3.5 miles

11am

Coniston Community Centre, Coniston Rd, BS34 5LP75,

625

*An energetic walk with lovely views.*

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## Friday 23rd Sept Old Down

4 miles

11am

Old Down Cricket Club, Olveston Sports and Social Club, Alveston Road, Old Down BS32 4PF

**No direct buses**

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## Friday 16th Sept Alveston

4 miles

11am

Outside The Ship Inn, Thornbury Rd, Alveston, BS35 3LL.

77, 78, 79, 622

*Parking available at PH. Toilets and refreshments available after the walk.*

FPS



## Monday 26th Sept Abbey Wood

3 miles

11am

Filton Leisure Centre, Elm Park, BS34 7PS

18, 75, 78, 79, X7

*A flat circular walk to the MoD and back via Splatts Abbey.*

FPS



## Monday 19th Sept MoD to Purdown

4.6 miles

11am

Sainsbury's car park, Fox Den Road, Stoke Gifford, BS34 8SS

18, 19, 73, 77, 81, 501, 502, 625, X5, X18

*A flat, circular walk around Abbey Wood.*

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## Tuesday 27th Sept Pye Corner and Bradley Brook NEW section

3.75 miles

10.30am

Golden Heart, Down Road (off A432) Kendleshire BS36 1AU  
Park at bottom of pub car park.

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*Varied scenery in wooded Frome Valley, pretty lanes and fields.*



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## Friday 30th Sept Oldbury on Severn

4 miles

11am

The Anchor Inn, Church Road, Oldbury on Severn, BS35 1QA

 **No public bus service**

*Toilets and refreshments available after the walk.*

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**FPS**

## Monday 3rd October Easter Compton & Compton Greenfield

4.74 miles

11am

Easter Compton Farm Shop, Main Road, Easter Compton, BS35 5RE

 **623, 624, 625**

*A walk around Easter Compton and Compton Greenfield via quiet lanes, fields and bridle paths.*

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## Friday 7th October Tytherington

4 miles

11am

The Swan Inn at Tytherington, Duck Street, GL12 8QB

 **622**

*Toilets and refreshments available after the walk.*

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**FPS**

## Monday 10th October Frenchay & Snuff Mills Circuit

4 miles

11am

Snuff Mills Car Park, River View, off Broomhill Road, Stapleton BS16 1DL

 **18, 46, 319**

*A circular walk through Frenchay returning via Snuff Mills.*

FC



## Wednesday 12th October

### Tubbs Bottom

4 miles

10.30am

Opposite café, Church Rd & Frampton Cotterell, BS36 2JX  
Park in Frampton End Rd

**81, 82**

*Delightful walk, includes fields & R.  
From beside Chill Wood.*

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## Friday 14th October

### Alveston

4 miles

11am

Outside The Ship Inn, Thornbury Rd,  
Alveston, BS35 3LL. Parking available in  
pub car park.

**77, 78, 79, 622**

*Toilets and refreshments available  
after the walk.*

FPS



## Monday 17th October

### Sims Hill & Purdown

3.5 miles

11am

Sainsbury's superstore car park, Fox  
Den Road, Stoke Gifford, BS34 8SS

**18, 19, 73, 77, 81, 501, 502, 625, X5,  
X18**

*A walk through Sims Hill Woods to  
Stoke Park and back via Hermitage  
and Barn Woods.*

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## Friday 21st October

### Thornbury

4 miles

11am

Outside The Ship Inn, Thornbury Rd,  
Alveston, BS35 3LL.

**77, 78, 79, 622**

*Parking available at PH. Toilets and  
refreshments available after the walk.*

FPS



## Monday 24th October Living Landmarks Walk

4.4 miles

11am

Coniston Community Centre, Coniston Road, Patchway, BS34 5LP

75, 625

*With points of interest highlighted by Living Landmark Information Stones.*

FC



## Tuesday 25th October Nightingale to Huckford

4 miles

10.30am

Live and Let Live, Park Lane, Frampton Cotterell, BS36 2EF

46,81,82

*Popular section of Frome Valley walkway. Steep Steps. Please NO dogs due to cattle.*

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## Friday 28th October Littleton-on-Severn

4 miles

11am

Outside The White Hart PH, The Village, Littleton-on-Severn, BS35 1NR

*Toilets and refreshments available after the walk.*



FPS



## Monday 31st October Stoke Gifford Old and New

3.5 miles

11am

St Michael's Green, Stoke Gifford, BS34 8PD

18, 19, 73, 77, 81, 82, 625, X5, X18, X73

*A walk around the old and new parts of Stoke Gifford via quiet streets and some fields.*