

## ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

<http://www.altrincham-ramblers.org.uk>

### OCTOBER CIRCULAR 2022

**ADRC Leaders and Members should note the following matters:**

**Insurance.** Hazard Appraisals for all Club organised walks are to be completed by all Leaders in conjunction with their walk reconnoitres prior to every walk, and a list of the walk participants should be sent to Phil Worsley on completion of the walk.

**Walking Conditions.** Walkers are responsible for any personal injury and/or loss during a Club walk. Other stipulations, such as with regard to guests, dogs on walks etc., are contained within the Club's "Guidelines for Members Taking Part in Club Walks" (Issue 5, November 2021) document, which can be found in the "Members Area/Documentation" section of the Club website.

**All of the above are subject to change. Please continue to check the Club website and your e-mail inbox/spam for the current information and advice.**

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**2022 Annual General Meeting.** For details of the 2022 AGM please see the item in "Other News"

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#### **SUNDAY 2nd OCTOBER, Wycoller Country Park, 10 Miles, Category 3/2, Transport 46 Miles (£10.00)**

**Times** Altrincham Meet N/A, Walk Start Time 10:15

**Leader(s)** Nigel Gartside. Tel: 969 2407 Mob: 07553540282

**Park Cars** Wycoller Country Park (**where leader will meet**). GR SD926395. Postcode BB8 8SY. £1 by card if the machine is working.

**Details** Field paths and woods SW to Hollin Hall, Oaken Bank and the Coldwell reservoirs, then using the Pendle Way and Bronte Way eastwards to climb to the Lad Law trig point on the summit of Boulsworth Hill at 1,710 ft, then a gradual descent back down to Wycoller conservation village and the cars.  
Bookings: [nigel.gartside@uwclub.net](mailto:nigel.gartside@uwclub.net)

#### **SUNDAY 2nd OCTOBER, Birch Vale & Hayfield, 6.5 Miles, Category 3, Transport 20 Miles (£5.00)**

**Times** Altrincham Meet N/A, Walk Start Time 10:30

**Leader(s)** Brenda Bailey & David Bona. Mob: 07549630227 or 07933221332

**Park Cars** Park on the right down Station Road Birch Vale opposite the Sett Valley Café (**where leaders will meet**). GR SK020868 (OS Map OL1). Nearest Postcode SK22 1BL. Take the M60 towards Stockport and exit at the junction signed to Marple. At Marple take the road signed to New Mills. At New Mills turn left up to Hayfield on the A6015 and at Birch Vale turn sharp left into Station Road.

**Details** From the cars we take the Sett Valley Trail to Hayfield and then up the Snake Path over Middle Moor. Up past Brookhouses to the Pennine Bridleway, down past Lantern Pike and back to the cars.  
Bookings: [davidabona@hotmail.com](mailto:davidabona@hotmail.com)

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#### **WEDNESDAY 5th OCTOBER, Lyme Park, 5.5 Miles, Category 3/4, Transport 13 Miles (£3.25)**

**Times** Altrincham Meet N/A, Walk Start Time 10:00

**Leader(s)** David Bishop. Tel: 980 2081 Mob: 07796426641

**Park Cars** Nelson Pit Car Park. £3 per day. Postcode SK12 1TH (**where leader will meet**).

**Details** **Leader Training.** Please see the item in "Other News" but in addition please bring your normal packed lunch and drink.

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#### **WEDNESDAY 5th OCTOBER, Holmes Chapel, 5 Miles, Category 4, Transport 14 Miles (£3.50)**

**Times** Altrincham Meet N/A, Walk Start Time 10:30

**Leader(s)** Brian & David Warburton. Tel: 928 7087

**Park Cars** Bottom end of Hermitage Drive at GR 767675 (**where leaders will meet**). Take the A50 out of Knutsford, through Cranage to 1st roundabout at Holmes Chapel. Turn left here onto the A535 (Macclesfield Rd). Hermitage Drive is on the left of the A535, approximately 0.5 miles from the roundabout.

**Details** From Hermitage Bridge we take the Dane Valley Way towards Cranage joining Twemlow Lane and returning via fields alongside Twemlow Viaduct (main London to Manchester railway line) with good views of Jodrell Bank in the background.

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**SUNDAY 9th OCTOBER, Ramshaw Rocks/The Roaches, 10 Miles, Category 3/2, Transport 28 Miles (£7.00)**

**Times** Altrincham Meet N/A , Walk Start Time 10:00

**Leader(s)** Mike Gregory. Tel: 01625 614211 Mob: 07967151905

**Park Cars** Tittesworth Water Visitor Centre, Meerbrook (**where leader will meet**). GR SJ 994602, nearest postcode ST13 8SN, (P&D charge £5). Meet by the Play Area for a prompt start at 10am.

**Details** From the reservoir we follow the Churnett Way through Upper Hulme and Naychurch and onto Ramshaw Rocks. We continue north west to Goldstitch House and along Black Brook before climbing to Roach End. We walk along the Roaches to Rock Hall then return to the Visitor Centre via Windygate and Benthead. Apart from a few awkward stiles and some rough stony ground on Ramshaw Rocks the walk follows good paths and gives wide ranging views over the Staffordshire Moorlands and Cheshire Plain. Bookings: [mikegregory814@btinternet.com](mailto:mikegregory814@btinternet.com)

**SUNDAY 9th OCTOBER, Lyme Park, 5.5 Miles, Category 3/4, Transport 13 Miles (£3.25)**

**Times** Altrincham Meet N/A, Walk Start Time 10:00

**Leader(s)** David Bishop. Tel: 980 2081 Mob: 07796426641

**Park Cars** Nelson Pit Car Park. £3 per day. Postcode SK12 1TH (**where leader will meet**).

**Details** **Leader Training.** Please see the item in "Other News" but in addition please bring your normal packed lunch and drink.

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**WEDNESDAY 12th OCTOBER, New Mills/Chinley, 9 Miles, Category 3/2, Transport 18 Miles (£4.50)**

**Times** Altrincham Meet N/A, Walk Start Time 10:00

**Leader(s)** John Brownhill. Mob: 07969308096

**Park Cars** GR SK021847. Turn off A6 towards Hayfield (A6015). After 1 mile turn right at the Hare and Hounds Pub (SK22 4LS) along Laneside Road and park at the top after 1 mile.

**Details** Along Over Hill Road and then down to Buxworth Basin. Up to Eccles Pike and down to Chinley via Charley Lane and field Paths. Return to cars via Chinley Churn, Hills farm and New Allotments, Maximum number 30. Bookings: [stuart@jbrownhill.force9.co.uk](mailto:stuart@jbrownhill.force9.co.uk)

**WEDNESDAY 12th OCTOBER, Tatton Park, 7 Miles, Category 4, Transport 6 Miles (£1.50)**

**Times** Altrincham Meet N/A, Walk Start Time 10:30

**Leader(s)** Jenny Rydell. Tel: 941 6847 Mob: 07789191055

**Park Cars** The Knutsford Entrance to the park on or near Mereheath Lane. Postcode WA16 6SG (**where leader will meet**).

**Details** A circuit of Tatton Park starting at the mere end. A varied walk through woodland and heathland. Big skies and views and plenty of wildlife. No stiles but can be muddy in places. Bookings: [jrydell@outlook.com](mailto:jrydell@outlook.com)

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**SUNDAY 16th OCTOBER, North of Standing Stone, 10 Miles, Category 3/2, Transport 25 Miles (£6.25)**

**Times** Altrincham Meet N/A, Walk Start Time 9:45

**Leader(s)** Phil Worsley. Tel: 777 6013 Mob: 07971514369

**Park Cars** Standing Stone car park, which is above Trentabank, on Charity Lane at GR SJ977714 (**where leader will meet**). The nearest Postcode is SK11 0BE (use as a guide only).

**Details** This anti-clockwise circuit to the north of Standing Stone will initially travel via Clough Brook and Chest Hollow to reach the A537. Continuing via Stake Farm the route will visit Shining Tor before descending to Lamaload Reservoir from where it continues west to Snipe House and Berristal Road. Turning south and then south-east the circuit is completed by way of Gulshaw Hollow, Walker Barn, Charity Lane and Macclesfield forest. The walk has two climbs and some of the usual countryside undulations. Bookings: [philworsley25@gmail.com](mailto:philworsley25@gmail.com)

**SUNDAY 16th October, Roger Worthington's Circuit, 8 Miles, Category 3/4, Transport 22 Miles (£5.50)**

**Times** Altrincham Meet 9:30, Walk Start Time 10:30

**Leader(s)** John Beardmore Tel: 904 7448 Mob: 07391607460

**Park Cars** Jumbles Country Park GR SD736140. Free CP, toilets, cafe. Follow M60, M66 and A666. After 40mph sign at traffic lights turn right onto A673, then next lights left onto A676. After 1.6m past Canon Slade School take right lane to go straight on, then next lights turn left onto Bradshaw Road, follow for 1m, turn left at Jumbles Country Park sign. Beware of "speed bumps" on approach road.

**Details** We will follow the boundary of this 17th century pastor's preaching circuit by crossing the main road to Affetside then on to Hawkshaw. passing his grave, and to Red Earth Farm, Edgworth, Turton Bottoms and Jumbles Reservoir. The walk is in attractive countryside and has no significant climbs. There are a number of awkward stiles and some boggy fields and water along the reservoir path if the weather is bad. There may also be livestock in some of the fields. Bookings: [johnb41@uwclub.net](mailto:johnb41@uwclub.net)

**SUNDAY 16th OCTOBER, Moses Gate Country Park, 6.5 Miles, Category 4/3, Transport 15 Miles (£3.75)**

**Times** Altrincham Meet N/A, Walk Start Time 10:30

**Leader(s)** Keith Leslie Tel: 976 3230 Mob: 07773414110

**Park Cars** Moses Gate Country Park (**where leader will meet**). GR SD742068 Postcode BL4 7QN (for Rock Hall within park). M60 North to join M61. Move to outside lane of M61 immediately to fork right for A666 (Bolton) Leave A666 at first junction for A6053 Kearsley/Farnworth. Turn left at roundabout for A5053 (Farnworth) bearing right at traffic lights after 200 yards to stay on A5053. At one mile on A5053 the Railway Hotel is seen on the left with traffic lights ahead. Keep to the outside lane here and turn right at these lights. Pass under bridge and the park entrance is on your right. Enter through the arch and drive down to the lower car parks.

**Details** Through the park crossing the River Croal for the short climb up to the Bolton/Bury Canal. Along towpath to Sunny Bank, crossing River Irwell to join a path along a disused railway line to Ringley Station. Leave path for Ringley woods and Ringley (lunch). Along remains of the long disused Manchester branch of the canal to Nob End (a nature reserve) returning to our cars alongside the River Croal. Bookings: [keith.leslie@uwclub.net](mailto:keith.leslie@uwclub.net)

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**WEDNESDAY 19th OCTOBER, Wycoller & The Atom, 9.5 Miles, Category 3/2, Transport 40 Miles (£10.00)**

**Times** Altrincham Meet N/A, Walk Start Time 10:00

**Leader(s)** John Capel. Tel: 07866764187

**Park Cars** Wycoller Village Car Park, east of Colne (**where leader will meet**). GR SD 926395. M60, M66, A56, M65, A6068, B6250, then on entering Trawden turn left onto Keighley Road and follow the brown tourist signs to the car park on the right, for about 1 mile.

**Details** From the CP, we head for the 'hidden' Wycoller village (settlement dates back to 1,000 BC), entering over the old Packhorse Bridge (pos 13th century). We then 'tick off' our 2nd Panopticon 'The Atom', with views over Pendle and Boulsworth Hill. We return briefly to the village, visiting the ruins of the 18th century spooky Wycoller Hall (inspiration for Ferndean Manor in Jane Eyre), before viewing the nearby impressive Iron Age Clam Bridge. We proceed through woodland and onto the Bronte Way, then climbing Boulsworth Hill, to Lad Law (517m). We descend past Abbot Stone and on to the attractive Lumb Spout Waterfall and, with views of the pretty Trawden village, return to the cars via fields. Bookings: [john@capels.net](mailto:john@capels.net) or by mobile.

**WEDNESDAY 19th OCTOBER, Withnell Moor, 8 Miles, Category 3, Transport 32 Miles (£8.00)**

**Times** Altrincham Meet N/A, Walk Start Time 10:00

**Leader(s)** Judy Bailey & John Beardmore. Tel: 928 1156 or 904 7448 Mob: 07401519951 or 07391607460

**Park Cars** Lodge Bank, Brinscall, GR SD628215, Postcode PR6 8QU. Park after Swimming Pool, by houses opposite stone wall and lake (**where leaders will meet**). From M61 take A674, turn right at Wheelton and right into Brinscall. Lodge Bank is on right signed for Swimming Pool.

**Details** The walk will circle Withnell Moor, passing Calico Hall and Great Hill to Piccadilly, then across A675 to Hollinshead Hall for lunch. Through Slipper Lowe and returning across road to Watson Farm and Roddlesworth Moor, Stepping Stones and Solomon's Temple to cars. There are several stiles and two footbridges, in places the ground is uneven and may be boggy. It is a varied and attractive walk with excellent views and points of interest along the way. Bookings: [judithmbailey@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:judithmbailey@hotmail.co.uk)

**WEDNESDAY 19th OCTOBER, Marton, 5.25 Miles, Category 4, Transport 17 Miles (£4.25)**

**Times** Altrincham Meet N/A, Walk Start Time 10:30  
**Leader(s)** Brian & David Warburton. Tel: 928 7087  
**Park Cars** Bunce Lane, Marton (signposted Somerford & Swettenham) at GR 847683 (**where leaders will meet**). Off the A34 on the right. In Marton village park on the grass verge **beyond** the farm and houses. **Suggested Route** – A34 Congleton Rd, passing Capesthorpe Hall and Redesmere, and on into Marton.  
**Details** A varied walk around the pleasant area of Marton.

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**SUNDAY 23rd OCTOBER, Pennine Way at White Hill, 10 Miles, Category 3/2, Transport 29 Miles (£7.25)**

**Times** Altrincham Meet 8:30, Walk Start Time 9:45  
**Leader(s)** Alan Key. Tel: 233 0483 Mob: 07761624521  
**Park Cars** Roadside car park on the A672 where the Pennine way crosses, about 1/4 mile south of Junction 22 on the M62. GR 983142  
**Details** South along the Pennine Way past White Hill and A640 to Blea Green. Then west via Hind Hill to join the Pennine Bridleway and follow this past Dowry Reservoir, Readycon Dean Reservoir and Piethorn Reservoir before climbing back to the cars. Maximum number 30. Bookings: [alankey0455@gmail.com](mailto:alankey0455@gmail.com)

**SUNDAY 23rd OCTOBER, Lower Peover, 6 Miles, Category 4, Transport 11 Miles (£2.75)**

**Times** Altrincham Meet N/A, Walk Start Time 10:30  
**Leader(s)** John & Sue Peel. Tel: 904 0261 Mob: 07876753877  
**Park Cars** The Bells of Peover PH car park, Lower Peover. Postcode WA16 9PZ (**where leaders will meet**).  
**Details** Pleasant flat walk through the Cheshire countryside, a little country lane walking, farm tracks, over fields, where upon reaching Peover Hall we will have lunch. Returning to the Bells of Peover via the interesting "Tree of Imagination". We will encounter a few stiles along the way, all in good order. Maximum number 25. Bookings: [peel80@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:peel80@tiscali.co.uk)

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**WEDNESDAY 26th OCTOBER, Castleton, 9 Miles, Category 3/2, Transport 22 Miles (£5.50)**

**Times** Altrincham Meet 9:15, Walk Start Time 10:30  
**Leader(s)** Beverly Harrison & Pauline Glover. Tel: 928 1093 or 928 0644 Mob: 07742613309  
**Park Cars** Mam Nick car park (N.T.) GR SK 124833. Minor road from A6, just after the Edale turning.  
**Details** **Murders, torture and haunted hotels.** The walk passes Windy Knoll (geology), along Limestone Way to Peveril Castle (torture), Down to Castleton (haunted hotel), along Peakhole Water (tales of murder). Up Lose Hill to Hollins Cross and Mam Farm (even more geology). Bookings: [beverly\\_harrison@hotmail.com](mailto:beverly_harrison@hotmail.com) or [psglo2017@gmail.com](mailto:psglo2017@gmail.com)

**WEDNESDAY 26th OCTOBER, Stalybridge, 7 Miles, Category 3/4, Transport 20 Miles (£5.00)**

**Times** Altrincham Meet N/A, Walk Start Time 10:30  
**Leader(s)** David & Liz White. Tel: 980 8605 Mob: 07721422762  
**Park Cars** Stalybridge Country Park Hartley Street (**where leaders will meet**), or Grove Rd on opposite side of Huddersfield Rd if full. GR 978 993 Take M60 and leave at Junction 24 for M67 towards Sheffield. Continue to the end and then straight on. At traffic lights, turn left towards Stalybridge on to the A6018. Continue downhill and at traffic lights take B6175 (Huddersfield Road). Country Park on right after tight bend. (Follow brown signs!) Postcode SK15 3FH.  
**Details** Steady but gentle climbing for the first part passing Lower Swineshaw Reservoir. The climb gets a little rough underfoot as does the descent but lovely views! Down to the Huddersfield canal where the going is much easier and back via the golf course. Note:- You may like to bring a torch to aid progress through the Scouthead Tunnel. Bookings: [davidwhite.176@virgin.net](mailto:davidwhite.176@virgin.net)

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**SUNDAY 30th OCTOBER, Edale/Castleton, 9.5 Miles, Category 2/3 eq, Transport 28 Miles (£7.00)**

**Times** Altrincham Meet 8:00, Walk Start Time 9:45  
**Leader(s)** Leo & Colette Garner. Mob: 07966137355 (Leo) or 07742107143 (Colette)  
**Park Cars** Pay & Display Car Park in Edale. £6.00 Cash (coins only) when last checked. GR SK124853. Postcode S33 7ZQ. Toilets available.  
**Details** Along the Vale of Edale. Up Back Tor then along ridge to Lose Hill, Descend across field and tracks into Castleton. Up Cow Low out of Castleton. Cross fields and tracks towards Mam Tor. Descend to Edale. Bookings: [colette.m.garner@gmail.com](mailto:colette.m.garner@gmail.com)

## **SUNDAY 30th OCTOBER, Blackstone Edge, 6.5 Miles, Category 3, Transport 25 Miles (£6.25)**

**Times** Altrincham Meet N/A, Walk Start Time 10:00

**Leader(s)** Brenda Bailey & David Bona. Mob: 07549630227 or 07933221332

**Park Cars** In the Car Park on the right of the A672 after leaving Junction 22 of the M62. GR SD983142. Nearest Post Code OL35UN (**where leaders will meet**). Take the M60 and then the M62 towards Yorkshire to Junction 22. Down the exit and turn right onto the A672 towards Oldham. In approximately 1/2 mile turn into the Car Park on the right.

**Details** From the Car Park we go over the footbridge on the M62 and down past Green Withens Reservoir. Then up to the Old Packhorse Path and onto the Pennine Way on Blackstone Edge Moor. Down Blackstone Edge and back over the M62 to the parked Cars. Mainly good paths. No stiles. Bookings: [davidabona@hotmail.com](mailto:davidabona@hotmail.com)

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### **OTHER NEWS**

**2022 Annual General Meeting.** The 2022 AGM will be held at All Saints Church Hall, Hale Barns, on Thursday 10th November, commencing at 7.30pm. Gill Winn, the current General Secretary, and John Capel, the current Wednesday Walks Organiser, are both standing down from their roles at this meeting. In addition, the role of Programme Secretary is still, one year on, being temporarily fulfilled by Phil Worsley. Nominations for these positions, or any other Committee position, (duly proposed and seconded), are welcomed and should be given to the General Secretary at least 7 days before the meeting. Notice of any proposed alteration or addition to the Constitution & Rules must be given to the General Secretary not less than 21 days prior to the meeting. The minutes of the 2021 AGM are available to view/download in/from the "Members Area/Documentation/Other General Documents" page of the Club website.

**Walk Leader Training.** It is important that our club increases its walk leader pool, for our 'C', 'B' and 'A' walks, to secure its longer term future; as we know "no leaders, no walks". Your Club Committee have therefore decided that we need to offer friendly and informative walk leader training, for new (and existing) leaders, so that our leader pool is increased, whilst at the same time offering refresher training for current Club leaders. For those who don't know our trainer David Bishop, he is a very experienced walk leader and outdoor instructor. He is MLT (mountain leader) qualified, is a DofE instructor and assessor to all levels, and a HF Holidays walk leader. As a retired geography teacher, he has over 30 years' experience of instructing and managing groups in the outdoor environment.

We are now pleased to confirm details of our ADRC Leaders Training Day, that will be held at and around Lyme Park on **Wed 5th and again on Sun 9th October**. On the day, there will be a 'short' category 3/4 'B' walk, starting at Nelson Pit Car Park (£3 per day, postcode SK12 1TH). The walk length, which may be only 5/6 miles, will be decided on the day, based on the attendees and the training given. The training will cover the 4 main stages of walk leadership i.e. planning, recce, leading on the day and walk review and at key stages during the walk, David will cover; walk creation, navigation, group management, walk briefing, hazards and risks and weather. The desired outcome of the course, will be to give new leaders the skills and confidence to lead a walk and to show it is not too onerous and we encourage club members to attend these courses and in the normal way please contact David directly to book your place on the walk. Bookings: [davidalexbishop2014@gmail.com](mailto:davidalexbishop2014@gmail.com)

**Save The Date.** Monday 12th December. Blaze Farm walk and Christmas lunch. Approximate cost £17 pp. Full details from the organiser will appear in the next circular.

**Save The Date.** Thursday 8th December. Christmas Lunch at The Vinery, Bruntwood Park, Cheadle. Book lunch by 2nd December with cheque for £12 per person made payable to Louis Granelli and menu choice of Turkey, Beef, Beef Lasagne or Vegetable Lasagne and Christmas Pudding, Pavlova or Ice Cream. Meal time 12.00 for 12.30. To book please contact Jean Hibbert, 41 Dale Grove, Timperley, WA15 6JY Tel: 0161 718 0590 (Mob: 07941298547) or Alma Rice. 11 Fairbourne Drive, Timperley, WA15 6AT Tel: 0161 962 2377.

**Elsie Edwards.** Elsie Edwards thanks all Members and friends for their cards and presents received on the occasion of her recent milestone birthday. The kindness is greatly appreciated. Thank you.