

Around Corby Walking Festival - Programme :

May 1st, 2nd & 3rd 2010

WALK GRADES : E=easy, almost flat, M=moderate, not difficult but with possibly a few slight inclines, U=undulating, not difficult but with a few short inclines, C=more of a challenge with some difficult areas and perhaps one or two longer inclines. Though on public footpaths wherever possible, some walks may include short lengths of road. It is therefore your decision to continue or not BUT you must inform your walk leader should you wish to discontinue the walk or divert, which you do at your own responsibility.

Date	Start & Meeting Point including Post Code Please be at the start at least 10 minutes before the start time	Grid Reference	Start Time	Length	Grade	Walk Leader(s)
April 30th	A Welcome Walk for all walk leaders, organisers, and any one else who would like to join us A 'Getting to Know' You walk with fabulous views of the Welland Valley followed by a visit to the Hatton Arms in Gretton for a drink afterwards					
Meet	Gretton – Outside the village hall, Kirby Road, Gretton	NN17 3DB	SP 902944	7.00pm	4.5 miles-7km	U Mel Jarvis
Description : This short but enjoyable walk goes along Jurassic Way, down West Hills with the Welland Valley beyond then along and up to what can be only described as one of the finest views of the valley imaginable. North, west and east, the villages and overall vista is magnificent. We return across fields back into the village. Considerate parking in the area and on-street is requested						
May 1 st	Opening of the Festival					
Meet	East Carlton Park – in the park grounds : Official opening	LE16 8YF	SP 833893	11.30	N/A	N/A Con Mary Butcher
Description : By the Mayor of Corby, Councillor Mary Butcher East Carlton Park is approximately 3 miles to the west of Corby just off the A427. Parking is free						
May 1 st	A walk in the park					
Meet	East Carlton Park – By Corby Radio stand	LE16 8YF	SP 833893	11.45	0.75 mile-1km	E Con Mary Butcher
Description : Led by the Mayor of Corby, Councillor Mary Butcher						
May 1 st	A pleasant stroll through Middleton and Cottingham villages					
Meet	East Carlton Park – By Rotary marquee	LE16 8YF	SP 833893	11.55	6.25miles-10km	M John Dixon
Description : From the villages up into the fields behind and along green lanes close to Great Cottage Wood and to Wilbarston before returning along Jurassic Way						
May 1 st	A very easy walk around the park					
Meet	East Carlton Park – Outside café	LE16 8YF	SP 833893	12.00	1 mile-1.5km	E Kye Bishop/Leslie Luck
Description : Ideal for those who just wish to stroll, for those with small children or who are new to walking. Suitable for the disabled and wheelchair users						
May 1 st	Across the Welland Valley to Neville Holt					
Meet	East Carlton Park – By Rotary Wishing Well	LE16 8YF	SP 833893	12.10	9.25 miles-15km	C Norman Bristow
Description : This excellent circular walk is across the wonderfully scenic Welland Valley up to Neville Holt, once a public school and now the home of the CEO of a major communications company. After taking in the fabulous views across and along the valley, return through Drayton onto Jurassic Way to Middleton						
May 1 st	A relatively easy circular walk that takes in two pretty villages, countryside and great views					
Meet	East Carlton Park – Outside café	LE16 8YF	SP 833893	1.15	3 miles-4.5km	M Kye Bishop/Leslie Luck
Description : This is an interesting walk part through countryside, part behind the picturesque villages of Middleton and Cottingham and then through the meandering						

streets of both villages before returning to the park along Jurassic Way. A great health walk that is not too taxing							
May 1st	A lovely walk to Ashley in fabulous countryside with terrific views						
Meet	East Carlton Park – By the Rambler’s stand	LE16 8YF	SP 833893	1.30	7 miles-11km	C	Northants Ramblers
Description : - A circular route from East Carlton Park to Wilbarston, Stoke Albany, Ashley and back							
May 1st	Jurassic Way to Wilbarston						
Meet	East Carlton Park – By Rotary marquee	LE16 8YF	SP 833893	1.30	6.4 miles-10.3km	E	Joe Grün
Description : Walk along the Jurassic Way to Wilbarston with the fabulous views of Welland Valley to your right before turning deeper into the countryside and along green lanes back to the park							
May 1st	A mixed group stroll around the outside of the park						
Meet	East Carlton Park – Outside café	LE16 8YF	SP 833893	1.45	1.65 mile-2.5km	E	Kye Bishop
Description : Another easy but slightly longer walk for those wish push chairs or buggies, in wheelchairs or who just want a gentle stroll in the countryside							
May 1st	A photography themed walk						
Meet	East Carlton Park – By Corby Photographic Club stand	LE16 8YF	SP 833893	2.00	1.5 mile-2km	E	Barry Knott
Description : A gentle stroll with your camera around the park and through Middleton & Cottingham villages. It doesn’t matter what camera you have or your experience, you will be sure to benefit from Barry’s suggestions and guidance							
May 1st	A themed walk and story telling within the vibrant town of Corby						
Meet	Corby Town Centre – Outside premises of George Allen, 11 Post Office Sq	SP 883885		2.00	0.6 mile-1km	E	Joanne Blake
Description : Suitable for everyone including those in wheelchairs, with pushchairs, etc							
Parking : There is some time limited on-street parking or two pay on exit car parks Post Code : NN17 1PB							
May 1st	A walk with a history theme around the beautiful village of Geddington						
Meet	Geddington village – By Eleanor’s Cross	NN14 1AD	SP 894830	2.00	1 mile – 1.5km	E	Peter Hill
Description : Divided by its ancient packhorse bridge over the river Ise plus Eleanor’s Cross and a great deal of history built into almost every stone, nock and cranny, Geddington is just south of Corby off the A43 toward Kettering.							
Parking : Considerate on-street parking is requested							
May 1st	An introduction to Nordic Walking						
Meet	East Carlton Park – in the park grounds	LE16 8YF	SP 833893	2.15	N/A	N/A	Roberta Gee
Description : Come to have a go at this exciting new way of walking that originates from Scandinavia, which maximises your exercise potential whilst continuing to enjoy the countryside, the outdoors and the company of others. Some walking poles will be provided but bring them if you have any or beg and borrow							
May 1st	A family walk for all ages, with a health theme						
Meet	East Carlton Park – Outside café	LE16 8YF	SP 833893	3.00	1.5 miles -2.3km	E	Kye Bishop/Leslie Luck
Description : The joys of walking and exercise in the countryside and open air. How walking can help you back to health, for those who want to start or who may be looking to walking as a path to recovery. Literature and low key guidance is available and for extra enjoyment, a health quiz with answers scattered along the route, will be included. Suitable for wheelchair users and those with walking difficulties. May be broken into groups							
May 1st	Top Lodge, Fineshade Abbey, Blatherwycke village and lake						
Meet	Top Lodge, Fineshade Woods – café’s outside area	NN17 3BB	SP 979983	3.00	5.7 miles-9.1km	U	John Baldwin

Description : This is a delightful walk, ideal for later in the afternoon with the sun going down to the west, on good paths or across grassland with some minor gradients but fabulous views of the countryside, a wonderful house and private lake, Fineshade Abbey, the fabulously ornate gateway to Laxton Hall in the distance, Wakerley Great Wood plus Blatherwycke Lake and village and all the time, the potential for great views of Red Kites overhead. Fineshade Woods is to the north of Corby off the A43 toward Stamford. There is a 'pay & display' car parking charge of £2.00. RSPB member's parking is free.							
May 1st	Display & exhibition areas closes						
	East Carlton Park			3.30			
PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PARK REMAINS OPEN UNTIL DUSK							
May2nd	The first leg of the 'Around Corby' walking route						
Meet	East Carlton Park – By the Rotary Wishing Well near park café	LE16 8YF	SP 833893	9.30	18 miles-27.5km	M	Roz Crane & Jim Horton
Description : From East Carlton Park walk on public footpaths and bridleways via Middleton, Cottingham, Bringham, Great Easton, Rockingham, Gretton and Weldon finishing in Brigstock from where transport will be available for the return to East Carlton Park. Please bring food and water for the day							
May2nd	The extension to the 'Around Corby' walking route						
Meet	Gretton – Outside the village hall	NN17 3DB	SP 902944	9.30	14.5 miles-23km	M	Chris Elbeck-Northants Ramblers
Description : From Gretton to Harringworth Lodge, the village of Bulwick, across Deenthorpe Airfield with the ghosts of those brave aviators who flew during the Second world War, onto Brigstock and then Priors Hall, returning via Kirby Hall. Please bring food and water for the day. Gretton is about 3 miles to the north of Corby. Take the A6003 down Rockingham Hill to the cross roads, turn right for 2.5 miles under the bridge and up into the village. Considerate on-street parking is requested							
May2nd	A Community Walk in and Around West Glebe Park						
Meet	Outside the West Glebe Pavilion	NN17 1SZ	SP 888890	10.00	1.5 mile-2.3km	U	Kye Bishop/Leslie Luck
Description : For all of the community this will be an interesting and varied stroll in and around West Glebe Park that is suitable for all abilities both young and old including those with push chairs. Those who may have walking difficulties, are recovering from illness or possibly use a wheel chair will really enjoy this gentle ramble in and around one of Corby's fabulous green spaces. The walk will be enhanced by the company of Corby Council's Heritage development manager, Billy Dalziel, who will point out areas of historical interest. Parking is available on site.							
May2nd	Herbs from the Hedgerows – a nature walk around Fineshades Woods						
Meet	Café courtyard at Top Lodge	NN17 3BB	SP 979985	10.00	2.5 mile-3.75km	U	Cheryl Joyce
Description : Led by a specialist from the Forestry Commission, this is a themed walk looking at the herbal uses of woodland plants. The walk around will wander the woods for a couple of hours, stopping from time to time to look at the plants and learn about their culinary and medical properties, then back to the barn to taste some herbal teas. Fineshade Woods is to the north of Corby off the A43 toward Stamford. There is a 'pay & display' car parking charge of £2.00. RSPB member's parking is free.							
May2nd	Just across from Corby into Rutland						
Meet	Lyddington – At the green triangle in the centre of the village	LE15 9LR	SP 876971	10.00	6.5 miles-10km	U	John Dixon
Description : Lyddington has a wealth of traditionally built stone built houses, a lovely church with the historic Bede House alongside. The walk goes through Uppingham with its famous public school then into the countryside with views along Eyebrook Reservoir famous for its use for part of the flight training of 617 squadron, known better and etched in wartime history as the 'Dam Busters' Considerate on-street parking requested.							
May2nd	Stanion - A history themed walk						

Meet	Stanion – Outside village hall : Brigstock Road	NN14 1BU	SP 914870	10.30	1 mile - 1.5km	E	Peter Hill
<p>Description : A historically themed walk around the village of Stanion with its many secrets hidden away until revealed by the Northamptonshire historical expert, Peter Hill. This walk should be considered alongside the Brigstock historical walk at 2.00 this afternoon. Please bring food and drinks for the day or visit the Green Dragon in Brigstock where a satisfactory lunch should be available. There is also a shop in Brigstock from where snacks and other supplies should be available.</p> <p>Stanion is just to the east of Corby near to the junction with the A43 and A 6116</p> <p>Considerate parking on the roads in the village or around the village hall is requested</p>							
May2nd	A walk in ancient woodland close to the centre of Corby						
Meet	Corby Boating Lake – Outside the Boating Lake Café	NN17 2UN	SP 914870	11.00	2miles-3km	E	Peter Floody
<p>Description : Occupying 73 hectares, Thoroughsale and Hazel woods are a fantastic resource for the recreation of the town’s people and visitors alike. This is ancient woodland with tress centuries old, which may have witnessed Royal Hunting parties during medieval times when once part of the dense Rockingham Forrest. There are open areas and wildlife in abundance plus footpaths to encourage exploration and enjoyment of this true jewel in Corby’s crown. Currently, subject to improved management, husbandry and regeneration, the woods will, during this walk, reveal their heritage and future.</p> <p>Corby Boating lake is just to the west of the town centre off the A427 and not too far from the superb new International swimming pool and the Cube, an ultra modern centre of architectural excellence that typifies twenty first century Corby.</p> <p>There is limited parking at the café and the area generally can be very restricted. However, Willowbrook Health Centre (Post Code NN17 2UR) on the other side of Cottingham Road has kindly agreed that considerate parking is allowed but IN THE PARKING AREAS ONLY. There is to be no parking on the roads to allow access by ambulances.</p>							
May2nd	A walk from the centre of Corby deep into the countryside to Pipewell via great Oakley, and back through ancient woodland						
Meet	Corby Centre by the Cube	NN17 1QB	SP 881885	11.00	8.7 miles-14km	U	Mel Jarvis
<p>Description : from the magnificent new ‘Cube’ in the town centre, this walk goes south through this clean, modern town of Corby, past Great Oakley with its lovely church and park then west across fields to the hamlet of Pipewell. A short length of road leads to further field paths, then back through Kings Wood and Hazel Wood to the town centre where there are cafés and bars for refreshments or bring food and drink as required.</p> <p>There is some time limited on-street parking around the centre plus two pay as you leave car parks.</p>							
May2nd	Brigstock - A history themed walk						
Meet	Brigstock – in the village hall parking area, Bridge Street	NN14 3ET	SP 946853	1.30	2 miles - 3km	E	Peter Hill
<p>Description : Peter Hill will illuminate the history of parts of Brigstock that few know about, and there is much here to absorb and wonder at. A fascinating afternoon which is the culmination of a fascinating day of history here in the delightful Northamptonshire village of Brigstock.</p> <p>Brigstock is just off the A61116, the Corby to Thrapston road.</p> <p>Parking in Brigstock can be difficult. Considerate on-street parking is therefore imperative so as to not disrupt residents or through traffic. Drive along Bridge Street and turn left at the end in to Park Lane where parking may be possible.</p>							
May2nd	Walk past Kirby Hall, a magnificent historical gem						
Meet	Gretton – Outside the village hall	NN17 3DB	SP 902944	2.00	5.5 miles-9.5km	M	Barrie Edwards
<p>Description : This is a fine walk mostly along easy paths but with one or two slight slopes. There are good views but the star attraction is from the top of a small hill looking down on the magnificent historic gem that is Kirby Hall, now administered by English Heritage. Started in 1570 with alterations and completion in the 17th century, the hall is surrounded by lovely gardens and you might even see Peacocks ‘strutting their stuff’. After walking past the entrance and down the drive, we’ll skirt the site where the regeneration of one of the last of Corby’s iron ore quarries; part of the town’s proud industrial heritage; is underway then back to Gretton along field edges. Incidentally,</p>							

Kirby Hall was completed by Sir Christopher Hatton. When back in Gretton, look out for the thatched Hatton Arms pub. Why not join the Gretton History walk on May3rd to find out more about this fascinating village and how the Hatton Arms came about?							
May2nd	An easy 'triangular' walk across fields with the expanding town of Corby in the distance						
Meet	In the lay-by off the A6014, near the Spread Eagle public house, Great Oakley NN18 9NP	SP 862867	2.00	6 miles-9.5km	M	Mel Jarvis	
Description : This walk follows field paths and tracks toward Newton before angling sharply left to Little Oakley with its charming church. Then left again to head back toward Great Oakley. The modern and expanding town of Corby can be seen to the north before walking under a brick built railway viaduct into the grounds of Oakley Hall and the village church of St Michael's close by in the grounds.							
May2nd	A photography themed walk						
Meet	Gretton – Outside the village hall : A walk with a photography theme	SP 902944	2.00	1.5 miles-2.3km	E	Barry Knott	
Description : Photographers of all abilities and camera types will thoroughly enjoy and learn during this themed walk around the beautiful village of Gretton with its many stone built houses and the most wonderful St James church overlooking the Welland Valley. Considerate parking in the area and on-street is requested. Post Code : NN17 3DB							
May3rd	The final leg of the 'Around Corby' walking route						
Meet	East Carlton Park – By the Rotary Wishing Well near park café LE16 8YF	SP 833893	9.30	18 miles-27.5km	M	Roz Crane & Jim Horton	
Description : Through from Brigstock to Stanion, Geddington, Great Oakley, Pipewell, Wilbaston and back to East Carlton Park. Meet at East Carlton Park, as above, from where transport will be available for the journey to Brigstock. Please bring food and water for the day							
May 3rd	A walk with a photography theme						
Meet	Rockingham – By the Sondes Arms public house LE16 8TG	SP 866918	09.30	1 mile – 1.5km	E	Barry Knott	
Description : With its steep hill, a magnificent castle that goes back to the Norman conquest, quaint but pretty thatched and stone built cottages, the view across the Welland Valley and much more, Rockingham is an ideal place to wander around with a camera. And no matter what camera or your experience, with Barry's advice and support you will be sure to get a great result. Please remember that the busy A6003 from Corby to Uppingham goes through the village. Parking will be severely restricted though there is a cross road at the bottom end of the village where considerate parking should be possible on the side roads. Please take special care at all times when near the road.							
May 3rd	A walk back in time at Fineshade Woods						
Meet	Café courtyard at Top Lodge NN17 3BB	SP 979985	10.00	1.5 mile-2.25km	U	Kevin Stanard	
Description : Learn fascinating facts and glean local history information from Forestry Commission Manager, Kevin Stanard on this themed walk that looks at the fascinating history of this iron smelting site now regenerated as a place of recreation and exercise surrounded by greenery, trees and wildlife. Refreshments are available at the Top Lodge café. Fineshade is to the north of Corby off the A43 toward Stamford. There is a 'pay & display' car parking charge of £2.00. RSPB member's parking is free.							
May 3rd	A great walk through the Northamptonshire countryside, which passes close by a 400 year old historical gem						
Meet	Fermyn Wood Country Park – in front of the café NN14 3HS	SP 952849	10.00	8.5 miles– 13.5km	U	Northants Ramblers	
Description : Along field paths and tracks and woodland rides, this walk includes wall to wall sky and country side in abundance. A real gem however, is the opportunity to see Lyveden Bield, a National Trust property, which is over 400 years old and built by Sir Thomas Tresham between 1595 and 1605. Fermyn Woods Country Park is off the A6116 Brigstock bye-pass, between Corby and Thrapston. A parking charge applies.							

May 3rd	A walk with great viaduct views that crosses the Welland Valley and visits lovely villages						
Meet	Harringworth village centre at the memorial cross	NN17 3AD	SP 917973	11.00	7 miles–11.5km	U	Mel Jarvis
Description : Harringworth, well known for its famous railway viaduct, at ¾ of a mile – 1.2km long, with 82 arches and the longest brick (only about 20 million) built viaduct in the UK. The village is a delight in itself and well worth a wander around. The walk goes under the viaduct, across the Welland river and valley up to the village of Seaton then along to Morcott, just beyond the A47. Take the camera for this leg for the superb view along the viaduct. Well worth several shots. The return leg turns just before Barrowden; itself another attractive village with its pretty green and duck pond; then onto Jurassic Way, across the exotic sounding Turtle Bridge and back along the side of the Welland to Harringworth. Please bring food and drink as required. Considerate on-street parking is requested							
May 3rd	Gretton – A history walk						
Meet	Gretton – Outside St James’ Church : A history walk	NN17 3BU	SP 902944	11.00	1.5 miles-2km	M	Elizabeth Jordan
Description : Gretton is yet another Northamptonshire village steeped in History, in-fact Gretton was mentioned in the Doomsday Book. Built extensively from ironstone, the many heritage style properties throughout the village ooze interest with a patina that exemplifies the events of the past, from the church to the infamous Hatton Arms and beyond. Elizabeth Jordan is more than an expert. There is little about the background of this terrific village that she doesn’t know. History is here. Many of the roads surrounding the church are narrow and restrictive to through traffic so considerate parking in the area is imperative.							
May 3rd	Two super villages and terrific countryside plus a wartime mystery						
Meet	Kings Cliffe – Just off the main village street on the grassed triangle outside All Saints and St James Church.	PE8 6XQ	TL 008971	2.00	6.1 miles-9.1km	U	John Baldwin
Description : Stone built cottage abound in Kings Cliffe but the grassed triangular area by the church with the Willowbrook flowing just beyond is particularly attractive. This walk takes in open fields, woodland and passes pits where clay or sand was once extracted. However, besides Apethorpe, another lovely village, a particular highlight is Jack’s Green where, just off the public footpath, among the remains of a building can be seen the diminutive memorial to Glen Miller, the Second World War band leader. It was here where he last played before travelling to the airfield at Deenthorpe, boarded an aircraft and was never seen again.							
NOTES :							
Choosing a Walk : Always choose a walking route that is well within your fitness and ability. Remember that rough and muddy ground may be encountered as well as the possibility of stiles to negotiate. Remember also that you are to be walking in the countryside so occasionally there may be livestock in fields that are to be walked through.							
Roads : Take special care when walking on roads and always walk on the right hand side to face oncoming traffic. Be aware at all times, warn accompanying walkers and do not be afraid to jump onto the verge if you hear a fast vehicle approaching.							
Footwear & Clothing – Wear suitable shoes/boots and clothing for the level of walk and weather conditions. Take additional clothing, including waterproofs, in case of unexpected weather changes.							
Stay Healthy : Take food and water with you to ensure you stay hydrated and energy levels are maintained. This is important at all times but particularly on longer distances. Don’t forget the sun screen either. It’s always better to be safe rather than sorry.							
Children & Young Adults : Walkers young and old are very welcome but no person under the age of 18 years old will be accepted for any of the programmed walks unless accompanied by a parent or guardian. No photography may be taken of young persons without the express permission of the accompanying parent or guardian.							
Wheelchair Users and Disabled Persons : Some walks may be suitable for your participation. Please contact the organiser for clarification. However, should you wish to participate you must have a carer or someone who is able to attend you.							
Dogs : Well behaved dogs, under close control and on leads are always welcome. However, it is your responsibility to be aware should livestock, especially cattle, be in							

fields or across the path.

All Walkers Will Sign A Disclaimer Form - All of those taking part in walks must follow the instructions of their walk leader(s) at all times. **BUT PARTICIPATION IS AT THE WALKERS OWN RISK AT ALL TIMES**. Safety of the individual and others on the walks is the responsibility of everyone. Though every care has been taken with organisation, etc., no responsibility for any incident or other matter will be accepted by Corby Borough Council, Northamptonshire or Leicester or Rutland County Councils, their officers or personnel, walk leaders and other persons involved with organisation or any other associated matter.

The Countryside Code - There are five sections of The Countryside Code dedicated to helping members of the public respect, protect and enjoy the countryside and wherever else they might be walking

Be safe, plan ahead and follow any signs

Leave gates and property as you find them

Protect plants and animals and take your litter home

Keep dogs under close control

Consider other people at all times

Visit the excellent Countryside web site www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk to get more information about how to enjoy your visit.

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