

## DORCHESTER STROLLERS

### WALKS PROGRAMME for August, September 2025

The Committee held a meeting in July to plan the programme for August and September

You will be asked to check in with one of the leaders. **Please try to arrive in good time to enable the register to be completed as the walks always leave promptly.** New walkers please try to arrive 10 minutes before the start of the walk to complete a registration form. The long walk lasts for 1 hour at a fairly brisk pace. The shorter walk lasts for 45 minutes at a slower pace. On Tuesday afternoons there is an additional very leisurely walk lasting 30-45 minutes. We aim to cope with all levels of ability.

Date of Walk	Day of Week	Time	Meeting Place
<b>August</b>			
4	Monday	10.30am	Tesco, by the fountains.
5	Tuesday	2.15pm	Borough Gardens by the bandstand
11	Monday	10.30am	War memorial garden, bottom of South Street
12	Tuesday	2.15 pm	Borough Gardens by the Bandstand
18	Monday	10.30am	Meet behind Poundbury Garden Centre.
19	Tuesday	2.15pm	Borough Gardens by the Bandstand
<b>21</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10.45am</b>	<b>Lodmoor walk, see details below</b>
<b>25</b>	Monday	<b>10.45am</b>	Trumpet Major, Allington Avenue. <b>Bank Holiday</b>
26	Tuesday	2.15pm	Borough Gardens by the Bandstand
<b>31</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1.00pm</b>	<b>Thorncombe woods walk, see details below</b>
<b>September</b>			
1	Monday	10.30am	Tesco by the fountains
2	Tuesday	2.15pm	Borough Gardens by the Bandstand
8	Monday	10.30am	War memorial garden, bottom of South Street
9	Tuesday	2.15pm	Borough Gardens by the bandstand
15	Monday	10.30am	Meet behind Poundbury Garden Centre
16	Tuesday	2.15 pm	Borough Gardens by the Bandstand
<b>18</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Bridport to West Bay, see details below</b>
22	Monday	<b>10.45am</b>	Trumpet Major, Allington Avenue
23	Tuesday	2.15 pm	Borough Gardens by the Bandstand
29	Monday	10.30am	Meet behind Poundbury Garden Centre
30	Tuesday	2.15pm	Borough Gardens by the bandstand

**Coffee, tea after walk** – we usually go for a social coffee after the walk though this is not compulsory!

**Special walks:** These special walks are 90 minutes long and can be more challenging in terms of terrain so should only be undertaken if you are able to keep up with the faster pace and manage steep inclines. There are often stiles.

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August - Lodmoor walk** The start of the walk will be 10.45 at Overcombe Corner bus stop. CR8 Blandford/Weymouth bus, Acland Road 10.22, Brewery Square 10.23 South Station 10.28, Tesco 10.30 alight at the Oasis café. Walk along the ridge of Lodmoor Country Park pausing for blackberry picking, to Dorchester Road, Wey Valley school. Return by No 10 bus to Dorchester or No 10 or 2 to Weymouth. One incline, stout shoes recommended.

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August**, meet at 1.00 in the car park at Thorncombe woods (car park fee) for a walk in Thorncombe woods. DT2 8QH

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September.** Bridport to West Bay walk. The start time is 10.30 from Bridport bus station. X51 bus from Weymouth 9.12, Tesco 9.33, South Station 9.34, Trinity Street 9.41, DCH 9.46, Queen Mother Square 9.51. The walk starts on the arrival of the bus at Bridport bus station. Return on X53 bus to Weymouth either 12.44 or 14.44 (every 2 hours) from The George bus stop. This is a flat walk but much of it is across fields so stout footwear should be worn.

**Please check times of buses as they normally change in September**

**Safety and risk assessments** The most common and regular hazards are: traffic, cyclists, uneven and cracked pavements, rough paths, overhanging plants and foliage, other pedestrians, dog fouling. The leaders will point out any other hazards both at the beginning and during the walk.

If you have any questions about the programme please contact Moira 01300341255 or email moirakpinder@gmail.com