Description and Details of Walks - January 2027

Saturday 2nd January - KIMMERIDGE AND TYNEHAM CAP CIRCULAR
Start time: 09:45
Distance: 4.75 miles
Location Grid Ref/Postcode/What3Words: SY 919 800 / hangs.confetti.anchovies
Leader: Rob Lobley - 07766 630453
Bus: N/a
Notes: N/a

Meet at Kimmeridge Quarry Car Park. Head west along top path to Tyneham Cap. Head to coast at Brandy Bay and follow coastal path above Hobarrow Bay to Kimmeridge Bay. Then head inland to Kimmeridge Village and the Quarry car park. Hopefully lovely coastal views on this walk.

Wednesday 6th January - A NEW YEAR STROLL OVER NINE BARROW DOWN AND ROLLINGTON HILL
Start time: 10:00
Distance: 6 miles
Location Grid Ref/Postcode/What3Words: SZ 029 789 / BH19 1HB / ranted.playful.archduke
Leader: Stephen Williams - 07766 375151
Bus: N/a
Notes: A linear walk from Swanage to Corfe Castle. Possibly my favourite local walk.

Meet at Swanage Station for a linear walk through New Swanage (second pick up at the former Ballard Stores at 10:20) and along the chalk ridge to Corfe Castle. One challenging climb. Return to Swanage by bus or train (if trains are running) or join me for a new year drink/meal in Corfe Castle.

Saturday 9th January - THE DORSET GAP
Start time: 10:00
Distance: 6 miles
Location Grid Ref/Postcode/What3Words: ST 765 032 / DT2 7PN / paddle.convinced.coconut
Leader: Lesley Watts - 07359 479879
Bus: N/a
Notes: Car share if possible; leader will cover pickup from Northbrook Road lay-by, departing at 08:55, but will not return until after pub lunch

Meet outside The Fox Inn at Ansty having parked nearby or in the pub car park if visiting the pub after the walk. A circular hilly route with good views taking in the always muddy Dorsetshire Gap. Half a dozen stiles or so and some rough ground. Sticks recommended. Waterproof boots essential. Walk leader will lunch at The Fox Inn after the walk if you would like to join her (more details later).

Wednesday 13th January - NEWTON AND GODLINGSTON HEATH CIRCULAR
Start time: 10:00
Distance: 5.9 miles
Location Grid Ref/Postcode/What3Words: SZ 025 843 / BH19 3BL / oasis.turned.reactions
Leader: Jane Hamilton - 07935 074555
Bus: No.50 from Swanage Dep 09:25 Arr 09:41
Notes: Parking in lay-by by the Goathorn Farm bus stop. Postcode is for Goathorn Farm.

Meet at Goathorn Farm bus stop for a pleasant walk through Studland and Godlingston Natural Nature Reserve including Newton and Kingwood Heaths. Fairly flat throughout with good gravel tracks. Views to Poole harbour on return leg. No stiles

Saturday 16th January - SWANAGE CIRCULAR
Start time: 10:05
Distance: 5 miles
Location Grid Ref/Postcode/What3Words: SZ 031 788 / BH19 1DD / overruns.regress.sentences
Leader: Lesley Watts - 07359 479879
Bus: N/a
Notes: Free on-street parking in nearby roads. Start timed to allow arrival by bus from Wareham direction (No. 40) and short walk to Shore Road

Meet at the King Alfred Memorial on Shore Road, Swanage, for a walk that aims to be passable whatever the weather. Mainly pavements and paths but some tracks and fields. A couple of stiles.

Wednesday 20th January - STRATTON DOWN CIRCULAR
Start time: 10:00
Distance: 9 miles
Location Grid Ref/Postcode/What3Words: SY 651 937 / DT2 9SR / socialite.tumblers.rods
Leader: Sean McLean - 07305 999082
Bus: N/a
Notes: Bring a snack for lunch break.

Meet outside the Church of St Mary, Stratton. Park on adjacent roads. A circular walk around Stratton Down via Cretre Hill, Godmanstone, Forston and back to Stratton. Elevation gained 1159ft, but worth it for the surrounding views. Contact walk leader should you require a lift from Wareham (3 spaces).

Saturday 23rd January - WEST LULWORTH CIRCULAR
Start time: 10:00
Distance: 4 miles
Location Grid Ref/Postcode/What3Words: SY 823 806 / BH20 5SG / garages.leaves.rebounded
Leader: Kevin & Jean Harradine - 0774 8338294
Bus: N/a
Notes: N/a

Starting from The Lulworth Stores, Church Road, West Lulworth (parking on the roadside and also in the main Lulworth car park 0.25mls away). Walking mostly through countryside with stunning views and through shaded woodlands. No stiles but fairly steep elevation at start (total elevation of route = 784ft). Grass underfoot and some trip hazards. Some road walking. Coffee break at half way.

Wednesday 27th January - KINGSTON CIRCULAR
Start time: 10:35
Distance: 6.3 miles
Location Grid Ref/Postcode/What3Words: SY 953 794 / coasted.buggy.settled
Leader: Barbara Pietrusiewicz - 07740 777800
Bus: No.40 10:00 from Swanage; 09:35 from Poole
Notes: N/a

Meet at Houns Tout car park. Great inland & coastal scenery as we walk via West Orchard Farm, Bradle Farm & Swyre Head before returning to Kingston. Some steady climbs & rutted tracks. Be prepared for mud. Walking poles helpful. Some walking on quiet roads (no paths). The route to West Orchard Farm has eight stiles. Option for refreshments at Scott Arms after walk.

Saturday 30th January - BRANKSOME CHINE, COY POND, BOURNE STREAM, SEAFRONT
Start time: 10:15
Distance: 6.2 miles
Location Grid Ref/Postcode/What3Words: SZ 065 896 / BH13 6LP / glee.flute.sting
Leader: Jane Bell - 07702 791749
Bus: No.50 09:25 from Swanage
Notes: N/a

Meet and start from car park at base of Branksome Chine. No 50 bus from Swanage at 09:25 or from Bournemouth Square at 09:46, or £3.60 to park. Walk up Branksome Chine, then roads to Coy Pond past viaducts, then down Bourne stream / Bournemouth Gardens to seafront, and back along promenade to start point. Easy walk, no steep hills. Return buses at 14:05 or 15:05 to Swanage, or at 13:44 or 14:44 to Bournemouth.