DATE **Start Time** **Distance** **Location**	**CAR Share Time** and/or **BUS Time**	**DESCRIPTION AND DETAILS OF WALKS** **September 2026**	
Wed 2 Sept **10:00** 5.5 miles SY 974 776 BH19 3LE /// lemmings.openings.landlords	**Car Share from Swanage** Space for 2 Contact Walk Leader	**WORTH MATRAVERS CIRCULAR** Meet and start from Worth Matravers car park (£3 charge). Scenic walk taking in Hill Bottom, St Aldhelm's Chapel & Winspit. Expect 2 steady climbs & 2 steady descents, but also lots of flat & no stiles! Some steps (descending) as we leave the coast path to join the Winspit path. Generally, good paths but there is a section that is rocky/uneven so poles are useful.	
Fri 4 Sept **10:20** 6 miles SZ 354 900 PO41 0PE /// group.follow.desktop (Yarmouth Pier)	**ALL DAY WALK** Bring a picnic lunch	**YARMOUTH TO ALUM BAY – WAVERLEY PADDLE STEAMER** Check first thing on the Friday morning in case the sailing is cancelled at www.waverleyexcursions.co.uk. Meet on Swanage Pier SZ 036 788 at 10:20 to catch 10:50 sailing on Waverley paddle steamer to Yarmouth arriving at 12:30. Fare £55 adults, £53 seniors. Eat lunch on board as there will not be any long breaks on the walk. At 12:50 take no 7 bus from Yarmouth Bus Station (stand B) to Alum Bay arriving at 13:15 and walk back along cliff top paths and promenades. No stiles, some steps and road walking. Steep climb at Headon Hill. Refreshments are available on the boat to buy on the return journey. Return sailing leaves Yarmouth Pier at 17:00 to arrive at Swanage at 18:35. If the Waverley is cancelled there is another sailing on Wednesday 16th September leaving at 10:00.	
Sat 5 Sept **10:00** 5 miles SY 725 921 DT2 8QH /// recovery.notch.compose		**HIGHER BOCKHAMPTON CIRCULAR** Meet and park in Thorncombe Wood P&D car park (£5 even for NT members). The route follows a quiet road and footpath descending to Stinsford Church (graves of Hardy family) then onto Lower Bockhampton. Return through farmland into Puddletown Forest ascending to Hardy's Cottage and the visitors centre cafe for refreshments. Toilets available. Individuals option to visit Hardy's Cottage after the walk. Requires prior booking - opening hours 10:15 to 15:00.	
Wed 9 Sept **11:00** 3 miles SY 681 787 DT4 8BG (Weymouth Harbour) /// acted.verse.lined	**ALL DAY WALK** Bring a picnic lunch	**WEYMOUTH TO SANDSFOOT CASTLE – WAVERLEY PADDLE STEAMER** Check first thing on the Wednesday morning in case the sailing is cancelled at www.waverleyexcursions.co.uk. Meet on Swanage Pier SZ 036 788 at 11:00 to catch the 11:20 sailing on Waverley paddle steamer to Weymouth arriving at 13:10. Adults £55. Senior citizens £51. Walk. Walk is on busy urban roads and on a disused railway track with a tarmac surface. Approximately 30 min break at Sandsfoot Castle where there is a café. For return sailing arrive at Weymouth harbour at 16:15 for 16:30 sailing to arrive at Swanage at 18:15. It is also possible to take the no 30 bus from Swanage to Weymouth to meet us at the Harbour Office for the walk. Let Robin know if you decide to do this.	

Sat 12 Sept **10:15** 6.4 miles SY 841 868 BH20 6EQ /// hinted.looks.array	**Bus No. 30** 09:30 from Swanage; 10:10 from Wareham Post Office	**WOOL CIRCULAR VIA COOMBE KEYNES** Meet and park in the car park alongside the railway line at The Ship Inn, Wool, BH20 6EQ. A circular walk mainly through fields to Coombe Keynes, then crossing the B3071 to Coombe Wood and walking via New Buildings back to Wool. Tracks, paths, and fields. Some lane and road walking. No stiles. If you are coming by bus, alight at Wool Primary School S-bound (10:26) and the group will pick up there on the way out of Wool, Return buses at 13:26, 15:26 and 16:26. Please let leader know if you are coming by bus. Option to lunch at the The Ship Inn after the walk.	
Wed 16 Sept **10:00** 6.23 miles ST 936 016 DT11 9LA /// fond.eagles.tougher	**Car Share** **08:45** Use Swanage Car Share App	**SHAPWICK AND WHITE MILL. RIVER STOUR** Meet in Shapwick Church car park (free). Follow along River Stour Valley Way to White Mill. Return via edge of Kingston Lacy Estate, Sweetbriar Drove and Park Lane. A relatively flat walk with good views. Parts can be muddy after rain. Several low squeeze thru stiles. Stour Valley Way path adjacent to the river is a **No Dogs** permissive path. Welcome to join walk leaders for lunch in The Anchor Inn, Shapwick after the walk. Food served till 14:15.	
Sat 19 Sept		Nick & Celia, details to follow.	
Wed 23 Sept **10:00** 5.5 or 11 miles SY 651 937 DT2 9SR /// socialite.tumblers.rods	**ALL DAY WALK** Bring a picnic lunch	**STRATTON FIGURE OF EIGHT** Meet outside the Church of St Mary Stratton. Park on adjacent roads. The morning walk circles Stratton Down passing an old settlement following a ridge with very good views. Total ascent 706 ft. Afternoon walkers should aim to arrive between 12:30 and 13:00, which is the planned lunch break. The afternoon walk takes us South of Stratton through Bradford Peverell over Penn Hill and down to Muckleford arriving back at the start point. Total ascent 539 ft with excellent views and only 4 stiles. The Saxon Arms is next to the starting point should any one be thirsty after the walk.	
Sat 26 Sept **10:20** 8 miles SZ 150 920 BH6 4JU /// gravy.damage.insist	**Car Share** (leader will be there) 09:05 **ALL DAY WALK** Bring a picnic lunch	**CIRCUIT OF CHRISTCHURCH HARBOUR** Car share from Northbrook Road (Swanage) lay-by to leave at 09:05 to catch 09:30 Sandbanks ferry. Park at junction of Wick Lane & Broadlands Ave, in Tuckton / Wick. Later start if heavy traffic from Swanage. Toilets near start of walk. Easy level walk via Hengistbury Head (small up/down), Mudeford Quay, Stanpit Marsh and Christchurch. Pub, Café and toilets at picnic stop. No stiles. 2 ferries during walk at total £5 (cash only) per person (Mudeford ferry £3.50, Wick ferry £1.50).	
Wed 30 Sept **09:45** 4 miles (ish) SY 974 776 BH19 3LE /// dorms.sunroof.sculpting		**WORTH TO SEACOMBE (SWIM?), BACK VIA EAST MAN** Meet at the Worth Matravers car park (chge). Walk along Priests Way past Eastington Farm, then down to Seacombe for coffee. Back up and over East Man to Worth and a drink and a pasty. Good views; lovely coastal spot for coffee, maybe swim off rocks. Two stiles and one steady descent and one steep climb. Rocky coast at Seacombe, easiest to handle route down with a stick. Option to walk from Acton (9am bus (40) from Swanage) to the turning off Priests Way by Eastington SY985 779 - ring me (extra 2 miles).	