

The Sheffield Rambler

SHEFFIELD WALKING FESTIVAL

An annual event



Coffee break on Brown Edge quarries on Sheffield's Glorious Western Edge walk

The first of what we hope will be an annual walking festival in Sheffield took place in September and proved a great success and we are pleased that members of our club took such a prominent part in leading 10 of the walks. You will be able to read a bit more about it in our 2017 annual leaflet which should be out before or at the AGM.

We have just set the dates for next year's event which will run from 9th to 17th September 2017.

Mark the dates in your diary and if you were thinking of going on holiday at that time take it at home instead and come along and join us. One couple this year were about to book a walking holiday when the publicity came out so they did just that and walked on each of the nine days. They said they had a great holiday!

Judy Gathercole



Maintaining the Sheffield Country Walk

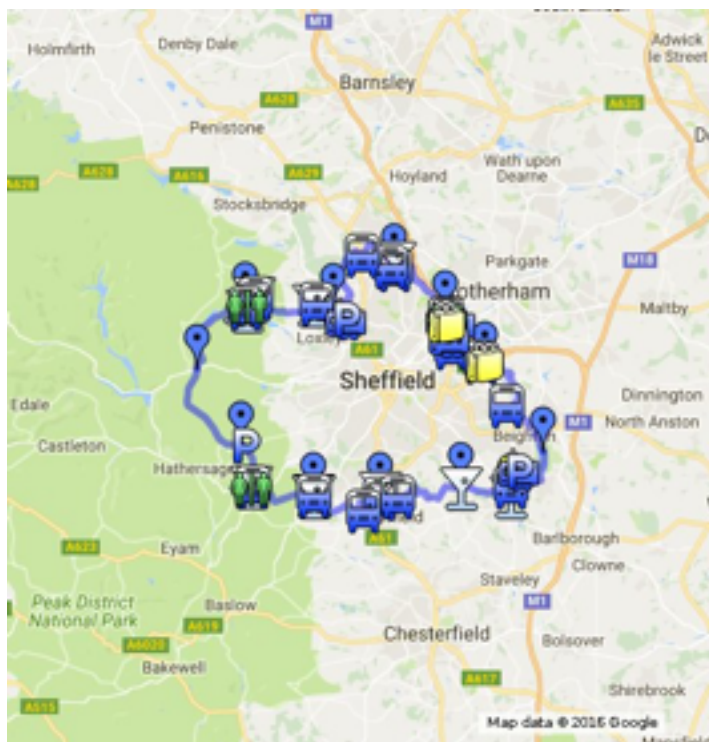


Several members of the group led sections of the Sheffield Country Walk as part of the Walking Festival in September. It brought to our attention the amazing job David Woodhead has been doing for many years in maintaining all the signage for the whole length of the walk all by himself for all that time. We also noticed that some of the signs are ready for renewal again so thought it might be a good idea if we could make it a joint effort. This might be something we could do alongside the 20s and 30s and the 40s groups.

If you would be willing to take responsibility for a short section of the walk - checking and replacing signs as necessary and perhaps doing a bit of cutting back if a path gets overgrown - please let me know. You can email me at judygath@gmail.com.

Let's see if we can get a whole team together - and very many thanks to David for doing such a great job for so long.

Judy Gathercole



Walks update

The pattern of entering walks is changing. Leaders are taking advantage of the flexibility of the on-line walks entry system to put walks in later when they are more confident of transport times. This is understandable with all the changes in times for buses and trains. However, this means that we have fewer walks entered at the start of the year. In the last few years we have had over 140 walks entered by this time but this year we have only 43 (as of 23rd October). We are expecting (hoping!) that more walks will be entered later.

There is a problem putting walks in later. We publish a printable list of walks every three months. This is emailed to members who have email and a few copies are posted to members who do not have email. If walks are entered after the publication date then they won't be on the list. This is a big problem right now with only 12 walks, including Xmas meals, for the first walks list (covering December, January & February)

We have other publication deadlines such as for the Star and Telegraph and walks or changes made after the deadline won't be included in their listings. Walks need to be entered or updated 2 weeks in advance to be sure they are included.

For members with email, information about late changes is sent out if a change is made within 10 days of a walk. This can include last minute changes due to bad weather etc. so anyone with email should check as late as possible.

As well as these changes we do have a shortage of leaders. Tuesday walks seem to be particularly affected. So if you have not led a walk before, please think about it. The Rambles Committee will do what we can to help and we are sure that your fellow walkers will give you a hand, as well as greatly appreciating you for being willing to take the challenge. If you are already a leader, can you lead an extra walk or two this year?

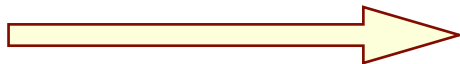
So please put some more walks in especially for the next few months and can you think about leading if you have not done so before. After all, with no walks you won't be able to stroll out over the hills or through the woods and fields in the very best of company!

Rambles Committee

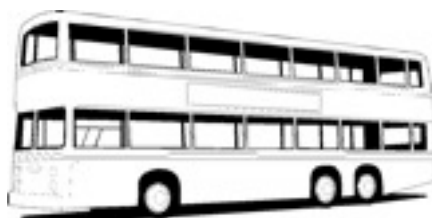


A NEW BUS SERVICE!

SHEFFIELD



MALTBY



Surprise, surprise. A new bus service - **X1** - has now started. **First Bus** is operating this new service from **Sheffield** to **Maltby** via **Meadowhall** and **Rotherham**. This could be very useful for accessing walks arounds the Roche Abbey and Firbeck area.

The bus starts from the bus stop outside the bottom entrance to the Moor Market (opposite the Fire Service headquarters) - the same stop as the 81 and 82.

OPERATING HOURS

Monday to Saturday

Every 10 minutes in the daytime and every 20 - 30 minutes in the evening.

Sunday

Every 20 minutes

Timetables are available at www.travelsouthyorkshire.com

and timetable leaflets can be obtained from Arundel Gate and Pond Street Interchanges (should you be lucky enough to find any in stock!).

OTHER BUS NEWS

The 218 to Bakewell and Chatsworth and the 273/274/275 services to Fairholmes, Castleton and Bakewell reverted to the winter timetable from Sunday October 30th. The 218 is now hourly on Sundays.

John Brightmore

Public Transport Representative

