

Summer FOOTSTEPS



Dronfield Footpaths & Bridleways Society *Autumn Newsletter 2025*

AGM

By now members, you should have received your formal notification of our AGM to be held on Tuesday 4th November 2025, 7pm for 7.30pm at the Civic Hall Dronfield. So, this is a reminder to urge you to come along. It's a chance to see other members and have some input. There are refreshments too!! Vanessa has again volunteered to host.....

And... an interesting and illustrated talk about Bess of Hardwick – Her Houses and Legacy.

Our Walk Programme

You should have received your copy of the first half of the Winter Walk Programme. If you haven't, please let one of your committee members know or email admin@dronfieldfootpaths.org.uk. The programme has had a good start to it with two new walk leaders and interesting walks. Graham will start to compile the second half of the programme in November and as ever, we are always looking to add new walk leaders to give the programme some extra zest and variety. Please let us know if you'd like to give it a go. Try your favourite local walk as a starter. We're always happy to help you put a walk together and manage the group on the day.

This year's summer programme was well attended with a pretty even split between local walks and those further afield. Slightly more attended the evening walks, an average of 19 which was heavily weighted by the popular Pie and Peas (and quiz) walk from Troway which attracted 33 walkers.

Work Party Cutbacks

We've had work parties out this summer to deal with overgrown vegetation and made use of the tools we have. In addition to the section of the Dronfield Barn Rotary Walk (DBRW) which we tackle we've helped the DBRW group deal with tall thick grasses on the footpath around the fringe of the Apperknowle airfield. In addition, some members of the group helped DBRW in replacing a stile and steps.

If you'd like to help or get involved, please let Joe know – He'll be at the AGM.

Health and Safety Policy

In recent meetings your committee has been reviewing, updating and amending the Society's Health and Safety Policy. We need to review the policy each year. If you would like a copy of the finalised version, please let a committee member know.

Car Sharing

This was an item at the recent Committee Meeting following it being raised by some members over the summer and is a topic that may need some further input from members to gauge interest and need. We already do this on an informal basis but may try and introduce this more regularly, particularly where the meeting point is outside the Dronfield area or there is limited parking. Let us know your thoughts on this.

In Case of Emergency Cards (ICE)

We have some printed cards, which will be available at the AGM, for walkers to have in the top of their rucksack or a pocket of outdoor clothing which will help in the event of an emergency occurring to one of our walkers or working party members. It provides for the casualty's name, address and date of birth (which will be needed by the emergency services) and an emergency contact. Take one at the AGM or from a walk leader or be creative and make your own.

Dronfield2Gether Event Saturday 25th October 2025 10am-2pm – Dronfield Civic Hall

Our Society has a stand at this event which is limited to local groups and organisations to showcase what is on offer in the town. Make a note and pop along. There are activities on the stage too that will entertain you and get you feet tapping. There's more detail at: <https://dronfield2gether.wordpress.com/next-community-get2gether/>

Adding website shortcuts to your home screen

The beauty of having apps on your phone or tablet is that you can access them easily from your Home Screen with just a single tap. Well, you can do the same thing with your favourite websites. Here's how:

Iphone

Open your Safari browser and navigate to the exact page you want to create a shortcut to. For a listing of all the walks in our autumn/winter programme the address is <https://dronfieldfootpaths.org.uk/walks-calendar>

Once the page loads, tap on the share icon at the bottom of the screen (rectangle with up arrow)

Scroll down to see a list of options and tap on the one that says Add to Home Screen.

You will then be able to edit the name of the shortcut. I suggest something short like "DFBS Walks"

When you have finished tap on Add.

Your shortcut will then be added to your home screen. You can delete the shortcut just like you would an App.

Android

Open your browser, such as Chrome and navigate to the exact page you want to create a shortcut to. For a listing of all the walks in our autumn/winter programme the address is <https://dronfieldfootpaths.org.uk/walks-calendar>

Once the page loads, tap on the three dots icon in your browser to show more options.

From the list of options shown, tap on the one that says Add to Home screen.

You will then be able to type in a name of your choice for the shortcut. I suggest something short like "DFBS Walks"

When you have finished tap on Add. You might need to tap on Add for a second time.

Your shortcut will then be added to your home screen. You can delete the shortcut just like you would an App.

Well, that's about it for this edition of Footsteps....Hope to see you all at the AGM, and on lots of the walks...