

Coach Walks in 2024

Report: AGM 2024

WBR Coach Walks programme for 2024 was held over 5 Sundays 6 weeks apart, with each event offering 3 walks of varying length plus non-walkers accessing the final destination.

Date of walk	Location	Organiser	No. attendees / payees
7 th April	Stratford	H Sayers	54
19 th May	Christchurch	R Moore	47
30 th June	Swanage	E Futcher	50
11 th August	Petersfield	R Trimmer / D Tait	39
22 nd September	St. Albans	D Tait	41

With an average of 46 people per event, each paying £16.00 per day, the coach walks yielded a net loss to WBR of £507.95, subsidised by WBR funds throughout 2024. The cost for 2025 will therefore be £18 per head to attempt to minimise future losses.

It is also noted that there were only low single figures numbers for each Long walk. In 2025 therefore there will only be two walks per coach day on offer.

2024 witnessed Helen Sayers joining the walks leadership. It is noted however that after long and generous service Eugene Futcher, Richard Moore and Richard Trimmer are standing down as day leaders. All three are thanked for their contributions in the planning, organisation / administration and execution of many successful and enjoyable WBRs Coach days. Eugene and Richard M have offered to continue to lead a section / walk organised by a day leader.

In 2025 Richard Moore will Chair the coaches committee with Neil Lawrence standing down to assume the role of a day leader. Despite repeated requests no one has stepped forward as a day leader. There will therefore only be three coach walks in 2025, led respectively by Dawn Tait, Helen Sayers and Neil Lawrence.

These three Coach walk days will only offer two walks. There will be a shorter walk of 4 to 6miles and a longer 7 to 9 miles. Non-walkers will also be welcome to enjoy the end destination.

Proposed 2025 programme -

Date of walk	Location	Organiser	Longer walk Leader	Shorter walk Leader
27 th April	Windsor	D Tait	D Tait	S Kelly
8 th June	Chippenham	H Sayers	H Sayers	R Moore
27 th July	Cirencester	N Lawrence	N Lawrence	E Futcher