

# Dereham Walkers are Welcome

## Ride and walk



In the run up to the formal launch of Dereham Walkers are Welcome on 25 June, the group has been busy working on its latest venture - two walks using the Mid Norfolk Railway out to Yaxham or Thuxton, walking back to the town along some fine countryside footpaths.

Our member Jean Stratford has developed the routes and prepared the leaflets: on Sunday, the group was out checking the walk from Yaxham to make sure everything was clear before it is published. Charlie Robinson, Marketing Manager for the Mid Norfolk Railway, said "The Mid Norfolk Railway is delighted to support Walkers are Welcome and looks forward to helping to develop more Ride and Walks round the Dereham area".



all photos - Left to right: Charlie Robinson (Marketing Manager MNR), then Jean Stratford, Tim Birt, Ken Hawkins all Dereham Walkers are Welcome. Top photos Catherine Hawkins/Tim Birt, bottom photos Catherine Hawkins.

This venture is a further step in the process of advertising the excellent walking opportunities in and around the town - and making sure that **Walkers are Welcome** in Dereham.



photo - Catherine Hawkins

As part of this, other members of the group - Catherine and Ken Hawkins - were out with Peter James (illustrated) of The Ramblers (Norfolk) on Friday 17 June, clearing the overgrowth from a path leading out from the Neatherd up to Northall Green. The nettles and brambles had shot up in the recent good growing conditions, making the path all but impassable. But thanks to the use of The Ramblers' cutting machine, the route is now easily walkable once more.

Further information is available from Ken Hawkins, Footpath Warden, [dtc.fpwarden@talktalk.net](mailto:dtc.fpwarden@talktalk.net), 07505 426750. Or see <http://www.DerehamWaW.org.uk>

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<sup>1</sup> Walkers are Welcome (<http://www.walkersarewelcome.org.uk/>) aims to encourage and support towns and villages to

- be attractive destinations for walkers with top quality information on local walks
- offer local people and visitors excellent walking opportunities within their areas
- ensure that footpaths and facilities for walkers are maintained, improved and well signposted
- contribute to local tourism plans and regeneration strategies
- promote the health benefits of walking and increase participation
- encourage the use of public transport

High resolution versions of all photos are available.