

## WORCESTER GROUP: MEMBERSHIP & WALKS INFORMATION: OCT 2025 – SEPT 2026

Overall, for the reporting period, Worcester group membership figures show a decrease of 6%, down from 365 in October 2025 to 343 in September 2026. We have lost 68 members and welcomed 39 new members this year. However, active membership and participation levels in our walks programme remained stable, with 65 members being kept in touch via our news emails and good attendance at walks, walking holidays in Exmoor and the Forest of Dean and at other social events.

We put on 99 walks this reporting year; 59 of these being walks of 6+ miles and 40 walks of 7+ miles distance. Walker numbers have increased, with an annual total of 1,494 people counted on the walk registers obtained from the 99 walks put on over this period. The number of walk leaders contributing to our walks programme also increased to 25.

Most of our walks (45) were of 6+ miles, on a Thursday, these generating higher levels of walker participation (averaging 21 per walk) than the longer Saturday walks. The Peopleton ramble on a wintry Thursday in January had 30 walkers and the Grimley walk in April attracted the highest number (41). 4 shorter summer evening walks, between June and August, the Worcester Christmas Tree walk, the Broad Heath Christmas Lunch walk and the Monkswood Summer Event walk also generated interest.

There were 32 Saturday walks put on this year (with a total count of 341 participants, an average of 11 per walk). The Saturday programme walks were longer (up to 11 miles) and went further afield, to the Cotswolds, Goodrich Castle and to Kinver as well as to Clifton- upon Teme and along linear Rail / Bus trail routes.

| Period                                   | Oct<br>25 | Nov<br>25 | Dec<br>25 | Jan<br>26 | Feb<br>26 | Mar<br>26<br>(E) | Apr<br>26 | May<br>26 | Jun<br>26 | July<br>26 | Aug<br>26 | Sept<br>26<br>(FD) |
|------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|--------------------|
| <b>Registered<br/>Members</b>            | 365       | 364       | 364       | 362       | 361       | 361              | 360       | 355       | 355       | 353        | 347       | 343                |
| <b>New<br/>Members</b>                   | 4         | 3         | 3         | 5         | 4         | 4                | 4         | 2         | 3         | 4          | 2         | 1                  |
| <b>Movers<br/>and<br/>Leavers*</b>       | 5         | 3         | 1         | 6         | 8         | 5                | 6         | 11        | 4         | 10         | 5         | 4                  |
| <b>Total No.<br/>Walks<br/>Completed</b> | 9         | 4         | 5         | 8         | 5         | 13               | 8         | 8         | 8         | 8          | 7         | 16                 |
| <b>Walks: up<br/>to 6 +<br/>Miles</b>    | 5         | 4         | 2         | 4         | 4         | 7                | 5         | 4         | 4         | 5          | 5         | 10                 |
| <b>Walks: 7+<br/>Miles</b>               | 4         | 0         | 3         | 4         | 1         | 6                | 3         | 4         | 4         | 3          | 2         | 6                  |
| <b>Different<br/>Walk<br/>Leaders</b>    | 8         | 4         | 4         | 8         | 5         | 5                | 7         | 8         | 6         | 8          | 6         | 10                 |

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|-------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|-------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>168</b> | <b>90</b> | <b>63</b> | <b>143</b> | <b>86</b> | <b>87</b>   | <b>167</b> | <b>97</b> | <b>74</b> | <b>126</b> | <b>98</b> | <b>102</b>  |
| <b>Number of</b>  |            |           |           |            |           | <b>+115</b> |            |           |           |            |           | <b>+ 78</b> |
| <b>Registered</b> |            |           |           |            |           |             |            |           |           |            |           |             |
| <b>Walkers</b>    |            |           |           |            |           |             |            |           |           |            |           |             |

\*Moved/Lapsed/Resigned

- (E) Exmoor Holiday walks March 26
- (FD) Forest of Dean Holiday walks Sept 26

March 26: Exmoor Walking Holiday (4 -day walks programme)

Total Number of Walks: 8: 4 Long (7+ miles), 4 Short (6.5 miles)

Walk Leaders: 13 (4 walks led by 2 walk leaders)

Total numbers on walk registers over the period: 115

September 26: Forest of Dean Walking Holiday (5 -day walks programme)

Total Number of Walks: 10: 4 Long ( 7+ miles), 6 Short (6+ miles)

Walk Leaders: 5 (2 walks led by 2 walk leaders)

Total numbers on walk registers over the period: 78