

Walkers are Welcome

Henley became a Walkers are Welcome (WaW) town in 2018. WaW is a nationwide initiative, launched in 2007 to encourage towns and villages to be 'welcoming to walkers'. The network has expanded rapidly and there are now over 100 locations across the UK.

WaW status will strengthen Henley's reputation as a place for visitors to come and enjoy the outdoors and will benefit the town's businesses.

Henley is an ideal place for walkers to visit having two long-distance paths, the Thames Path national trail and the Oxfordshire Way which pass through the town; the Chiltern Way is also nearby. It is on the edge of the Chilterns, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (ANOB) and is the hub of a rich network of well-marked paths. The town hosts many hotels, pubs and B&Bs.

WaW 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 & 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

We are planning to run a mini walking festival for Henley in October this year as part of The Chiltern Walking Festival.

We encourage all hospitality businesses in Henley and the surrounding area to join WaW in order to help promote both the town and their own business.

We also invite individuals to join our organisation .

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