

Torrige Walk and Talk Programme Jan - Jun 2026

The Torrige Walk and Talk initiative is aimed at helping you to enjoy the benefits of walking and enable you to become fitter for life. Walking is the best form of exercise available to everyone, young and old and for all abilities. It has the benefit of being safe, free and low impact. It is also a great way to meet people, make new friends and enjoy the open air.

Well behaved dogs are welcomed but must be kept on short leads for theirs and our walker's safety.

Walk levels

Torrige Walk and Talk is offering a varied range of walks in and around your local area. All walks are led by trained volunteer Walk Leaders and are graded from level 1 to level 3. Our aim is to cater for all ages and abilities and we hope that you will discover a walk suited to you.

Level 1: Approximately 15 to 30 minutes up to 1 mile. Suitable for those that do little or no physical activity at present and people restricted by mobility problems who may walk slowly. The walk uses flat, level, hard surfaced paths and pavements with no steep hills or steps and is suitable for wheelchairs and buggies.

Level 2: Approximately 30 to 60 minutes up to 2+ miles. Suitable for those that do a small amount of physical activity but need to increase their activity level and those people with minor mobility problems but who are able to walk at a moderate pace. The walk uses footpaths and pavements with some gradients, steps and uneven pathways.

Level 3: Approximately 60 to 90 minutes up to 3+ miles. Suitable for those that do a certain amount of physical activity but who wish to improve their general fitness and heart rate. The walk uses a variety of footpaths, roads, tracks and pathways some of which may be uneven, muddy and slippery when wet. These walks may involve steps, inclines, stiles and narrow pathways.

Inclement weather: We walk in all weathers so if you want to walk there will always be someone there to lead (some walks may be cancelled at the discretion of the Walk Leader, but they will always be there to share a coffee whatever the weather!) In hot weather it is advisable to bring something to drink and sun protection

Spread a little health. We try to encourage walking in your local area without the need to travel far first but for some travelling may not be an option. Before jumping in the car why not consider using public transport or car sharing to help reduce traffic on our roads.

Torrige Walk and Talk Programme of Walks January - June 2026



Walking - the way to Health

The Torrige Walk and Talk scheme is provided by very enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers, without whom, we would be unable to promote and deliver walks for health within your local community. We want the community to take ownership of this project and with the scheme growing we are always keen to hear from anyone who is interested in joining our friendly team of volunteers, as a walk leader or in any other way that you think would help us develop. We provide **FREE WALK LEADER TRAINING** and ongoing support.

For the latest walking programme and more information see our

Website at:- <http://torridgewalkandtalk.co.uk>

or Facebook – [Walking for Health \(Torrige Walk & Talk\)](#)

or please contact any of the Walk Leaders shown overleaf

We are supported by:-



Torrige Walk & Talk Trustees are:-

John Lavington - Chair/Admin. Steve Dickinson – Coordinator.

Louis Bach – Treasurer. Elizabeth Fowler – Publicity.

Torridge Walk & Talk - Jan - Jun 2026
Please arrive 10 mins. early for Registration

Tues 10.30 start

Torrington DC	23 Dec	3 Feb	17 Mar	28 Apr	9 Jun
Northam	30 Dec	10 Feb	24 Mar	5 May	16 Jun
Torrington C P	6 Jan	17 Feb	31 Mar	12 May	23 Jun
Instow	13 Jan	24 Feb	7 Apr	19 May	30 Jun
Torrington PB	20 Jan	3 Mar	14 Apr	26 May	7 Jul
Westward Ho!	27 Jan	10 Mar	21 Apr	2 Jun	14 Jul

Weds 11.00 Start

Fremington	10 Dec	14 Jan	4 Feb	25 Feb	18 Mar	15 Apr
	6 May	27 May	17 Jun			
Instow	17 Dec	21 Jan	11 Feb	4 Mar	25 Mar	22 Apr
	13 May	3 Jun	24 Jun			
Westleigh	31 Dec	28 Jan	18 Feb	11 Mar	1 Apr	29 Apr
	20 May	10 Jun	1 Jul			
Bideford	7 Jan	8 Apr				

Weds 10.30 Start

<u>Bideford, Victoria Park</u>	<u>Every Week – 10.30a.m. Start</u>
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Walk Leaders:-

TUES: Steve 01237 421528

John L 07554708679

Louis 07837322673

**WEDS: – Fremington, Instow
Yelland & Bideford E-t-W**

Elizabeth 01271 860780

John W 07913303884

Victoria Park: Steve 01237 421528

Torridge Walk & Talk

All Tuesday & Wednesday @ Victoria Park walks START AT 10.30

Wednesday – Fremington, Instow, Westleigh & Bideford E-t-W – START at 11.00

please arrive early for registration

Unless otherwise stated in the walk description there is:-

Parking nearby Toilets nearby Refreshments Bus stop nearby

Tuesdays <<< see calendar for dates

Walk Leaders SD, JL,

Torrington Dartington Crystal Meet at Car Park Level 3 3+ miles

Round walk on tarmac/gravel paths via woodland, Tarka Trail and Commons.

Woodland and countryside views. Some steep gradients.

Northam Meet at St Margarets Church, Northam Square Level 3. 3+ miles

Round walk on lanes and paths, views. Some gradients.

Torrington Meet at Sydney House Car Park. Level 3 3+ miles.

Round walk on tarmac/gravel paths via the Commons.

Countryside views. Some steep gradients.

Instow Meet at Entrance to Sandhills Car Park. Level 3 3+ miles

Round walk incorporating Tarka Trail and Coast Path. Estuary views.

Mostly level but Coast Path cuts through sand dunes.

Torrington Puffing Billy Meet at Puffing Billy Level 2/3 3 miles

Linear walk on Tarka Trail to Watergate or towards Bideford then return to Puffing Billy. Woodland/countryside views.

no public toilets

Westward Ho! Meet at The Green below bus stop Nelson Road Level 3 3 miles

Linear walk on Coast Path to viewpoint overlooking Abbotsham Cliffs then return to Westward Ho! Sea/coastal views.

Tarmac/gravel. Slight gradients.

Wednesdays <<< see calendar for dates at 11.00 am

Walk Leader EF (Instow, Fremington, Westleigh, Bideford East-the-Water)

Fremington meet at New Inn Car Park walk description as below – no toilets

Instow meet at Entrance to Sandhills Car Park walk description as below

Bideford, East-the Water, Tarka Trail Level 2/3 2.5 miles

Meet at bus shelter by Clarence Wharf Car Park, East-the-Water, Bideford

Linear walk along Tarka Trail, approximately a one hour walk alongside the River Torridge. Woodland and estuary views. Tarmac throughout. no public toilets

Westleigh – meet at the Westleigh Inn Car Park walk description as below

Variety of walks of differing levels between levels 2&3 but all about 2.5 miles.

Paths, lanes, Tarka Trail and Coast Path. Estuary and countryside views.

Some gradients on some of the walks. public toilets at Instow

Victoria Park, Every Week Meet at Café du Park Start 10.30 Level 1 <1 mile

Round walk within park. All on footpaths and only slight gradients.