

Cheshire WI Ladies Walk Around Mottram St Andrew and Prestbury

The September walk had been arranged for Three Shires Head, where the three counties of Cheshire, Derbyshire and Staffordshire meet. However, due to the very wet weather we decided to do the “back-up” walk around Mottram St Andrew and Prestbury, a walk which would not be affected so much by the wet weather.

There were four WI members and a guest on the 5 mile walk, which was part of the highly popular Bollin Valley Way; a 25 mile route starting in Macclesfield Riverside Park and finishing in Partington.

We set off from Mottram Hall Hotel initially walking through Bluebell Woods. We stopped to look at a headstone of Ben, the retriever, who was laid to rest in the woods in 1893. Unfortunately, no record exists as to who Ben belonged to. We continued across the 14th Fairway Mottram Hall championship golf course and then onwards through farmland;



After passing the 16th century Old Legh Hall and then through a gate, the view should have opened up to towards the Peak District but due to low clouds we could not see Kinder Scout Stone Plateau, Lyme Hall or the White Nancy landmark at Kerridge.

Not too disheartened, we continued walking down into the valley and dropped into the pretty village of Prestbury.

We passed a fascinating carving of herons sitting on a chestnut tree

The rain started to pour down and having sheltered near the church, we decided to take refuge in a lovely café.



After drying out and enjoying a hot drink we continued on our walk out of Prestbury picking up the path by the River Bollin. The river is 49km in length, rises in nearby Macclesfield Forest and flows through towns and villages including Macclesfield and Wilmslow. It joins the River Mersey just north of the village of Lymm.



Heading back to Mottram Hall the sun came out, it was smiles all round. A perfect end to a very enjoyable walk!

Interested in joining us? Check out the [WI Over Peover village website](#). Our walks are fully inclusive and we work hard to ensure that the walk is suitable for all levels of fitness. Our walk leaders always do a recce so we understand the timings and terrain. Please note that individuals partake in the walks at their own risk.