



Walkers are Welcome Annual Get-together
25th/26th October 2025
Bingley Arts Centre, Main Street, Bingley, BD16 2LZ

A quick introduction to the four 'Welcome Way' towns and villages hosting this year's Get-together!

Baildon

Baildon is a town on the edge of Bradford between the River Aire and Rombalds Moor. There are about 16,000 residents. There is a thriving centre with a number of successful small businesses. On the edge of open country, Baildon Moor is one of the first areas of open country heading out of Bradford. For many years the Moor and Shipley Glen have been destinations for walkers.

<https://baildonwalkersarewelcome.org>

Bingley

Bingley is a small market town in the Aire Valley, with a population of just over 18,000. It is home to the famous 3 and 5 rise locks on the Leeds Liverpool Canal. Bingley has excellent rail links, buses up and down the Aire Valley every 10 minutes and is an excellent centre for walking with plentiful cafes and pubs.

<https://www.bingleywalkersarewelcome.org.uk>

Burley-in Wharfedale

Burley in Wharfedale is a community of around 7,500 people and lies on the River Wharfe mid-way between Ilkley and Otley on the edge of the Yorkshire Dales. With its associated hamlets of Burley Woodhead and Stead it covers 4.9 square miles about half of which is moorland at a height of 300 metres and above. The village is surrounded by attractive countryside and most footpaths are now stile free.

<https://www.waw-burleyinwharfedale.org>

Otley

Otley, in the Wharfedale Valley, is a thriving historic market town with a population of more than 14,000. It has a beautiful setting beside the River Wharfe, and below the wooded escarpment known as The Chevin. Otley is surrounded by spectacular countryside with an attractive riverside and many paths and rights of way leading out of the town. Otley is also a flourishing shopping location with many pubs, cafes and shops, and has been a centre for the TV and film industry for many years.

<https://www.wawotleyorg.uk>

FURTHER INFORMATION

Accommodation

Premier Inn Bradford North	Sandbeds, Bingley, BD20 5NG
Mercure Hotel	Bradford Road, Bingley, BD16 1TU
Ibis Hotel	Quayside, Shipley, BD18 3ST
Airbnb	Plenty of options
Camping/Campervans/Caravans	Contact Ann on burleywalkersarewelcome@gmail.com

Carparking

Free parking is available at Canalside Healthcare Centre (BD16 4RP) approx. 10 min walk. Other car parks in Bingley are £4 for more than 3 hours on Saturday, £1 all day Sunday.

Transport Links

Rail

Leeds to Bingley direct normally every 30 minutes at 26 mins and 56 mins past the hour. Alternative trains to Bradford from Leeds changing at Shipley also available

Carlisle to Bingley – please check visit the [Metro website](#)

Bus

For bus timetables please visit the [Metro website](#).

Local Cafes/Pubs supporting Walkers are Welcome

Please go to www.bingleywalkersarewelcome.org.uk for further details

Bradford 2025



Bradford is the UK City of Culture 2025 and there is lots going on. If you are thinking of extending your stay here are a couple of websites to visit

[Bradford on Foot](#)
bradford2025.co.uk

Information about a further 25 walks in the Bradford area that you may like to consider

[Events in Bradford](#)
itsoninbradford.co.uk

Information about all the events on in Bradford in 2025 connected with the City of Culture

Additional information about the Get-together Programme

Workshops

1 & 4 David Shaftoe, Chief Officer for the local Charity 'Open Country' will lead a session about Access for All.

2 & 5 Bingley WAW Committee Member and former Black Girls Hiking walk leader, Dr Sarah Njeri will lead a discussion about Diversifying the Countryside.

3 & 6 A representative from Bingley Camera Club will provide advice and tips on how to make the most of mobile phone photography.

Saturday Evening

A prosecco/orange juice drinks reception sponsored by PelliTec Blister Prevention with magicians providing additional entertainment will start at 18.30. There will be a hot buffet + dessert from 19.00 with background music from Bingley Music Live. After the meal Jane Earnshaw will speak briefly about 'Bradford City of Culture 2025', followed by a short recital from members of the Steeton Male Voice Choir.

Sunday Walks

Walk 1 – A gentle stroll following the River Aire towards Shipley and returning along the Leeds Liverpool Canal to the centre of Bingley. (2 miles)

Walk 2 – After a steep ascent to reach St Ives (downhill back to Bingley!), a circular walk round a very popular local beauty spot with plenty of interesting features. Committee member and 'friend of St Ives' Susan will be on hand to provide historical background about the house and grounds. Refreshment stop at The Ivy Kitchen. (4 miles)

Walk 3 – The Bingley Loop – part of the 36 mile Welcome Way devised by the local WAW Groups. This section circumnavigates Bingley, taking in the River Aire, the Leeds Liverpool Canal and the attractive village of Micklethwaite. Refreshment stop at the 5 Rise Café. (8 miles)

If you have any further questions go to:- waw.gettogether2025@gmail.com