



The website of the Black Country Society



**Established in 1967 to Support, Record, Preserve and Celebrate the distinct
Character and Nature of the West Midlands area known since the mid nineteenth century as 'The Black Country'**



Walks 2022

All walks will start promptly at 7.30. Meet at the location indicated at 7.15.



**Wednesday 18th May. IA GROUP EVENING WALK:
EXPLORING MONMORE GREEN. Led by Keith Hodgkins and
Peter Glews.**

Meet on the car park at the junction of Lower Walsall Street and Lower Horseley Fields, Wolverhampton. 7.15pm for a prompt 7.30pm start.

This area, to the immediate south-east of Wolverhampton town centre, saw some of the earliest coal and iron ore mining and iron making, in the Black Country. It was also the point of convergence of three major transport routes: the Birmingham Canal and the main lines of the Great Western and London & North Western Railways, both of which developed interchange facilities with the canal. The walk will explore all three routes together with the sites of lost industries and the Black Country's last complete (although derelict) canal-rail interchange basin.

Wednesday 25th May. Common Ground in Upper Penn

Leader: Ian Bott

Meet on carpark opposite St. Bartholomew's church at junction of Vicarage Rd with Penwood Lane and Church Hill.

Once under the threat of the Victorian HS2, the green pastures which frame the Rev Stibbing Shaw's Over Penn are currently at risk of the overcalculating developer! Never has there been a more urgent time to embrace what remains of what the author Elihu Bennet described as the "Green Borderland of the Black Country". With history predating the Norman Conquest and associated with the iconic Lady Godiva amongst other great names, there is much to learn and still see today of the ancient village which became a noted resort of the Black Country's gambling fraternity.



Wednesday 22nd June. Moor Pool Estate - a garden village.

Leader David Grainger

On street parking near the Moor pool in Ravenhurst Road B17 9HP

Garden cities from around the turn of the 20th century are well known but there was similar movement to plan garden villages on a small scale. This walk will take us around the Moor Pool Estate in Harborne, which was initially laid out by J. S. Nettlefold (of the GKN company) in 1907.

Wednesday 29th June. A look at eastern Halesowen.

Leader Dave Galley.

Meet Leasows carpark, Mucklows Hill

A rectangular walk along the Lapal canal, Manor Way, Bromsgrove Road and Mucklows Hill. There are lots of little known and forgotten facts to explore on this walk





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