

“The cities” legal walks - September 2009

Hastings 14 September • **Manchester** 24 September
Birmingham 24 September • **Nottingham** 24 September
Cardiff 24 September • **Leeds** 30 September • **Newcastle** 30 September

Raising funds for access to justice in your area

The walks will be led by senior members of the judiciary, local law societies, the Bar Council and ILEX, as well as national legal leaders.

Please book your team with your regional organiser

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At this stage all you need to send is a team organiser's contact name. You can recruit walkers subsequently.

These are all "after work" walks. Start times vary between 4.30 and 6.00. Please check with your local organiser for details.



Brighton walkers in June raised £5000

News

Legal walks are now providing really significant extra funds for hard pressed legal advice and help agencies. The London walk is well established as an annual event raising hundreds of thousands of pounds each year. Last year, for the first time, there were five regional walks and they raised over £50,000 between them.

This year a total of 10 walks have been planned. They started with "Walk the Thames", a 40 mile walk in February which raised £8,000 and will culminate with the Leeds and Newcastle walks on 30 September.

If everyone does the best, the legal walks this year will have brought over £1/2 million to bear on the need for free legal help to the poorest and most disadvantaged people in England and Wales.

Already the preparations for the September walks are looking very good:-

In Birmingham

The Hon. Mr. Justice Treacy has become President of the Midland Legal Support Trust and will be a walk leader on 24 September. It's a 10km walk and the College of Law have agreed to buy everyone a drink at the end.

This walk raised £13,000 last year and is aiming to smash that record.

In Cardiff

Lord Justice Pill is already among the walk leaders for this shorter walk. The walk raised £10,000 last year walking between each of the three Courts in the City- that's why they call it the three Court walk.

In Hastings

This is the first Hastings walk and the local County Court Judges have agreed to turn out in force. This walk is just under 10km but with a wicked hill up to a beauty spot overlooking the sea at the far end. So it'll feel like 10km!

In Leeds

This is the second year for Leeds. Last year's walk was organised by a local Tribunal Judge at very short notice but still raised a few thousand pounds. This year the Judges from the County Court are joining the Tribunal Judges to lead the walk and Leeds should show its true potential for supporting the legal voluntary sector.

In Manchester

Last year this was the biggest walk outside London raising over £30,000. This year an array of legal stars is already building up to walk the 10km including the Rt. Hon Lord Justice Carnwath (Senior President of Tribunals) Mike Mackey (President of Manchester Law Society), H.H. Judge Holman (the designated Civil Judge for Manchester) as well as the High Sherriff of Greater Manchester, Christian Wewer.

"The organisations and agencies that will benefit from the event perform a vital role in facilitating access to justice for many litigants. In these difficult times, their need for funds is all the more acute."

His Honour Judge Holman

In Nottingham

They are holding their first 10km walk with local Judges and Tribunal Judges already lined up to lead off the walkers.

In Newcastle

They are holding their first legal walk in Newcastle and are just starting to attract senior walkers.



Walk leaders at the London walk in May - the walk raised £380,000

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