

A review of “The Cities” legal walks held in 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 region

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

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The seven September walks all managed to take place on dry evenings and over 1,300 walkers have raised a combined total so far exceeding £60,000. Thank you so much to everyone who walked and especially to those who organised teams.

A big thank you is also due to the Courts who hosted the start of the walks free of charge, and to all the sponsors who bought walkers a drink at the end of each walk.



Walkers gather in Nottingham County Court

Lord Goldsmith QC, Chair of the Access to Justice Foundation and former Attorney General, has written to the walkers of all of the walks congratulating them on the superb effort. He reminded everyone that additional funds can be generated if lawyers undertaking pro bono cases seek a "pro bono costs order" when they win. Further information can be found at <http://www.accesstojusticefoundation.org.uk/funds-in/section-194>.

A few notes for team organisers and walkers:

1. If you are still collecting funds using paper sponsorship forms please try to get the HOME address for each sponsor. That is needed to claim gift aid which increases a donation by 28.2% and that soon adds up.
2. If you organised a team for a law firm **please do ask your firm if they will match your walkers' efforts.**



In Birmingham Midland Legal Support Trust

Nearly 300 walkers tramped the Streets of Birmingham led by The Hon. Mr Justice Treacy. The walkers magnificently raised over £10,000 and the College of Law bought everyone a drink at the end.



In Cardiff

A strong team of Cardiff's senior Judges led 170 walkers on the Cardiff Three Courts walk. The walkers were greeted by Des Hudson, Chief Executive of the Law Society and Bob Musgrove, Chief executive of the Civil Justice Council joined in. Walk organisers project that the walk raised £4,000 but that looks like an underestimate! See the latest and photos at www.reachingjusticewales.org.uk



Judges and Cardiff Law School preparing to walk



In Hastings

The local Law Society President, Bryan Sagar and Judges from Hastings County Court led 50 walkers on a very testing 10km seafront and countryside walk. On a pleasant evening the walk raised over £2,000 for three local legal advice agencies. There was a sighting of Access to Justice Foundation Trustee Robert Gill and local press covered the walk with a wonderful post walk write up.



Hastings walkers leaving the Court



In Leeds

Over 130 walkers were led out by a host of senior Judges and the President of the local Law Society. So far the walk has raised over £3,000 and offline funds are yet to come in.



In Manchester

400 walkers raised the substantial sum of £25,000 in Manchester. They too had a dry and pleasant evening for walkers led by Lord Justice Carnwath and HH Judge Holman. They had a stack of sponsors including the Law Society as well as local firms and once again were the biggest walk outside London.



In Nottingham

Midland Legal Support Trust

The inaugural Nottingham walk attracted 130 walkers which is a great effort first time out and they have raised over £3,000. HH Judge Stokes, the Recorder of Nottingham set off the walkers and made no comment about HH Judge Mitchell's knees which were on full display. After 10kms all the walkers were grateful for the drinks bought by Eversheds.



In Newcastle

Walk leaders including Judge Hodson, the Recorder of Newcastle and Amjad Malik, President of Newcastle Law Society led about 150 walkers on this inaugural walk and sponsors including Sovereign Chambers, North Eastern Circuit, Northumbria Law School, Irwin Mitchell and Dickinson Dees helped the walk to raise well over £3,000.

**On behalf of the people in need
who will benefit from the walks
Well Done and Thank You Everyone**

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