

**NEWS RELEASE**

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**Walks from Brierley Forest Park Visitor Centre Re-launched**

The five walks starting from Brierley Forest Park Visitor Centre have been updated and relaunched to include the newly installed footpath numbers.

Geoff Housley a local volunteer walk leader and trustee of the Brierley Forest Park Trust developed the walks in partnership with officers at Ashfield District Council.

The five walks are all of different levels with varying distances, so there is something suitable for everyone. The shortest and easiest of the walks is the 1 mile long “Mother and Toddler Walk” that is suitable for all abilities including wheelchair users.

Other walks include the more challenging “Testing for Gas Route” at a distance of almost 5½ miles from Brierley Forest Park to Silverhill Wood and the medium length “Hardwick View Walk” at 2½ miles, which, unsurprisingly, has stunning views across Derbyshire to Hardwick Hall.

The final two walks are the short distance fully accessible “Low Level Wheelchair Friendly Walk” at 1¼ miles and the 3-mile “Boundary Walk” that takes walkers around the perimeter of the park.

There are plenty of seats along the routes to allow walkers to take a well-earned rest whilst enjoying the spectacular views, the beautiful woodland, parkland, meadows, the local flora and fauna and the peace and tranquillity of Brierley Forest Park.

Laminated maps of the walks are available to borrow from the Visitor Centre and will be available to download from the Brierley Forest Park Trust and Ashfield District Council websites.

This work is part of Ashfield District Council's continuing commitment to partnership working and to improving the local environment whilst also encouraging people to be healthy and more active in their local communities.

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