

**Cheadle & District Animal Welfare Society (C.A.W.)**

## **Sponsored Dog Walk**

**Flexible walk options around Dimmingsdale**

**\*\*\*Sunday 14th May 2017\*\*\***

**Book in between 10.30am-11am**

Please help to raise funds by joining us on a sponsored dog walk around Oakamoor and Dimmingsdale. **Main 'Entry Point' is situated in the Ramblers Retreat car park, Red Rd, Alton, Staffs, ST10 4BU.**

***It may be that you often walk around here anyway but please use this event as an opportunity to raise funds for us!***

- ❖ **There is a standard £5 entry fee per dog.** (If you own more than one dog just pay for one, although we won't say no to any additional donation you may wish to give for your others!)
  
- ❖ **In addition if you have arranged sponsorship for your own dog that is brilliant but if not still feel free to join us**
  
- ❖ **Maybe you will consider sponsoring the C.A.W. dogs who are still looking for homes that will also be walking? Please see us at the Entry point about this.** 'Pay Pal' or 'My Donate' can also be used to sponsor them before or after the event- please identify your donation by adding 'sponsored dog walk' as a reference. (see our website for information)

**All dogs should be kept on a lead throughout the sponsored walk. If you use a muzzle for your dog please ensure that it is preferably a basket type, should it be a warm day!**

### **1. Main Dimmingsdale ponds walk 1.8 miles:**

For our main Sponsored dog walk we suggest starting from the Ramblers Retreat and then walk around the ponds and back which is a nice gentle walk of about 1.8 miles. It should take around 40/45 minutes. See Pond walk details below.

This is a 'flexible' sponsored dog walk though so there are 2 other walk options as follows which could also help to relieve the car parking at the Ramblers Retreat if necessary!

### **2. Your sponsored dog walk could be from Oakamoor to the Ramblers Retreat and back (or in reverse!) walking along the Old Churnet railway track which is about 2.4 miles.**

This takes about half an hour each way: Still sign in and meet us at the main entry point at the Ramblers Retreat between 10.30 and 11am. (You could park at the Oakamoor picnic site or the Station Car Park (which is situated a few yards along from the Picnic site car park) and walk along the Old Churnet Railway track until you get to Lords Bridge (look up to see a cup and saucer on the bridge!) Take the steps on the left to then cross over the bridge and walk the short stretch across to the Ramblers Retreat. If you walk under the bridge there is a slope on the left which winds back over the bridge if you want to avoid the steps). Retrace your steps back after signing in and maybe refreshments).

### **3. Extend your walk by walking from Oakamoor to the Ramblers Retreat along the Old Churnet Railway track and then continue on the main walk around the ponds returning back along the track to Oakamoor to make a total of about 4.2 miles- 1 & 3/4 hours approx total:**

Park and walk along the Old Churnet Railway track as in 2. Still sign in and meet us at the main entry point at the Ramblers Retreat between 10.30 and 11am and then follow the main walk route around the ponds, back to the Ramblers Retreat maybe for some refreshments and then retrace your steps along the track.

**The official Cheadle & District Animal Welfare Society Sponsored Dog Walk 'Entry Point' is situated on the green outside the Ramblers Retreat main entrance.**

- ❖ **We ask walkers to report to the Entry point between 10.30am and 11.00am** where you can hand in your walk entry fee plus any completed sponsorship forms with sponsorship money (if ready to hand in at this stage), maybe even sponsor the C.A.W. dogs that are walking and receive any information you may need about the walking route.
  
- ❖ Groups of walkers will set off around the ponds (or other walks) **via staggered starts after 10.30am** to avoid everyone walking at the same time and to give other people wanting to enjoy Dimmingsdale the chance to walk also!
  
- ❖ **On your return our members will be found near to the Entry point and also in the gardens of the Ramblers Retreat after 11.30 for you to find and talk to until around 1.30pm.**

Well behaved dogs are most welcome in the gardens, the summer houses or heated 'Potting Shed' at the Ramblers Retreat. Fresh water and drinking bowls are provided in the gardens. **Own food and drink cannot be consumed in the grounds.** The Ramblers Retreat food is to be recommended anyway! Toilets are situated at the Ramblers Retreat for people who eat food or have a drink there. Public Toilets are also situated at the Picnic Ground in Oakamoor.

## **The Ponds Walk:**

Walk up the path from the Ramblers Retreat main side Garden and keep the two houses, ponds and streams on your right. Carry on just over half a mile until you reach another pond and where there are options to follow different paths and tracks. Follow the path in between the 2 ponds and follow it as it curves back along the pond you walked up by, which is now on your right. You will soon come to a section in the path where you will look down and see a wooden bridge on your right across the stream with steps on the opposite bank side. Cross over and go up the steps to turn left to join the path you originally walked up. (You will have seen those as you walked up also) Now retrace your route back to the Ramblers Retreat. The ponds and streams are now on your left hand side.

**\*\*The paths vary from hard-core surfaced tracks to muddy paths, therefore sensible footwear is recommended. Dimmingsdale is a special place and all visitors are asked to follow the Forest Code to ensure it is protected • Leave no litter; • Protect trees, plants and wildlife; Keep dogs under control & clean up after them; Leave things as you find them, take nothing away; • Guard against risk of fire; avoid damaging fences, hedges, walls or buildings.**

