

## Newtownbreda Strollers 2018

Thursday at 7pm	Walk	Information
<u>Walk 1</u> 21 June	Bangor Sculpture Exhibition	A walk round the Walled Garden and then down to the sea-front <b>Park:</b> Outside the Walled Garden in Bangor's Castle Park, opposite the Aurora Aquatic Centre <b>Grade:</b> Good flat paths
<u>Walk 2</u> 28 June	Saintfield Estate  By special permission, a walk through the historic Saintfield Estate (not to be confused with Rowallane)	<b>Park:</b> Approaching Saintfield from Belfast, turn right up Main St. At the top of the village there is a mini-roundabout. Go straight across on the B6, but at the next Y-junction don't take the B6 (towards Temple) instead fork right on the Old Belfast Road. Follow the estate wall until you see a large entrance to the right. Turn and along the drive to the house; go straight on past the house and park to the left, just before the farm buildings. No dogs allowed this time, I'm afraid! <b>Grade:</b> Woodland trails, mostly flat, can be muddy after rain
<u>Walk 3</u> 5 July	Ligoniel Flax Dams	<b>Park:</b> Drive to the top of Ligoniel Road, and turn left into Mill Ave (last turn before reaching the countryside). You will see a large pink clothing recycling bin at a bend, park at the far end of the fence. Wonderful views from an unusual direction! <b>Grade:</b> There is a gentle but short walk around the flax dams themselves. Then there is a much more adventurous walk on Wolf Hill, including rough paths, steep gradients.
<u>Walk 4</u> 19 July 7.15 pm	Craigavon Lakes	A figure-of-eight walk round the two Balancing Lakes. <b>Park:</b> Ask Ken for detailed directions. Notice the later start to allow a bit more time to get there. <b>Grade:</b> The whole walk is on good, flat paths.
<u>Walk 5</u> 26 July	Ballymacormick Point	<b>Parking:</b> From the Bangor Ringroad, turn left down Ballymacconnell Road (between Donaghadee Rd and Groomsport Rd Roundabouts). Follow this to the bottom, then straight across to Bank's Lane. Car park at end of lane. An out-and-back walk. <b>Grade:</b> Mostly flat with reasonable paths, can be muddy.
<u>Walk 6</u> 2 August	Titanic Walkway	A brand new walkway joining the Titanic centre to the Thompson Dock, taking in the Great Light. <b>Park</b> in the (free) car park (called Station St) at the East Belfast end of the Queen's Bridge (best approached by passing the old Sirocco Works site along Bridge End and taking the second turn on the right). <b>Grade:</b> Flat, good paths. An out-and-back walk
<u>Walk 7</u> <b>Saturday</b> 11 August	Rostrevor Woods - All day outing	A variety of walks in the Rostrevor area, finishing with a meal in a local restaurant. More details closer to the time. <b>Booking essential:</b> Please book with Ken by 19 July
<u>Walk 8</u> 16 August	Monkstown Wood with a local RSPB expert.	A lovely woodland with brand new paths! <b>Park:</b> Drive to the end of the M5 motorway, then turn back towards town on the Shore Rd. Turn right at the lights onto B59 Doagh Rd. Travel 1.5 miles on Doagh Rd, including straight across a roundabout. Just past Bombardier, turn right onto Monkstown Rd, then quickly first turn right into a small car park <b>Grade:</b> Good gravel paths throughout, mostly flat
<u>Walk 9</u> 23 August	Comber Greenway at Dundonald	An out-and-back walk as far as the Billy Neill playing fields, where there is an attractive new path looping around a lake. <b>Park:</b> Park opposite Christ Church Pres Church on Millar's Lane, just off Grahamsbridge Rd, Dundonald <b>Grade:</b> Good, flat paths all the way.
<u>Walk 10</u> 30 August	Shaw's Bridge – Lagan Towpath	An old familiar out-and-back walk to finish the season! <b>Park:</b> At Shaw's Bridge <b>Grade:</b> Good, flat paths, a few sections can be muddy after heavy rain.