

**Sun 11th Feb • 1pm-2.30pm**

## Writing from Love

As Valentine's Day approaches, why not come and cook up a recipe for love? This free creative writing workshop will inspire you words to share with friends, loved ones and the cheerful cynics in your life!

**Sun 10th Mar • 1pm-2.30pm**

## Writing from Music

Think of a song or a piece of music that you can't live without or perhaps something that reminds you of a certain time, place or moment. Let's share it, talk about it and then write a poem or story inspired by it, in this free creative writing workshop.

*Suitable for complete beginners and more experienced writers.*

## WELLIES & WORDS OPEN MIC

Wellies & Words is our regular poetry event featuring performances from published poets, from across the UK. The event includes a live literature open mic, held on the 2nd Sunday of every month. Everyone is welcome to come, listen and enjoy a glorious medley of stories and poems. Wellies & Words takes place upstairs in the Stables Courtyard.

**Sun 14th Jan • 3pm-4.30pm**

January's guest poet is Jonathon Kinsmen. Jon is a slam winning poet. His beautiful debut collection 'The Fireman's Daughter' is out now with Broken Sleep Books.

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February's guest poet is Carla Mellor. Carla writes 'poetry for the people'; accessible, down to earth, and relatable poems for the everyday. She'll be reading from her collection, 'Scraps' published by Wrecking Ball Press.

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March's guest poet is Ralph Dartford. Ralph is the poetry editor for 'Northern Gravy.' He'll be reading from 'House Music' - a poignant soundtrack to the winter and a call back 1980's youth.

**Walks** - Booking is essential for the walks. Wheeley Easy walks are suitable for wheelchairs, pushchairs with babies, and mobility scooters. If you have any access needs or queries, please email us to discuss. The other walks may include slight inclines and rough ground underfoot. Please wear sensible footwear and suitable clothing for the weather.

**History talks and creative writing workshops** - Booking is high recommended for talks and workshops.

**Poetry Performance** - No need to book for Wellies & Words - just turn up.

To book contact: **Haigh Visitor Centre.**  
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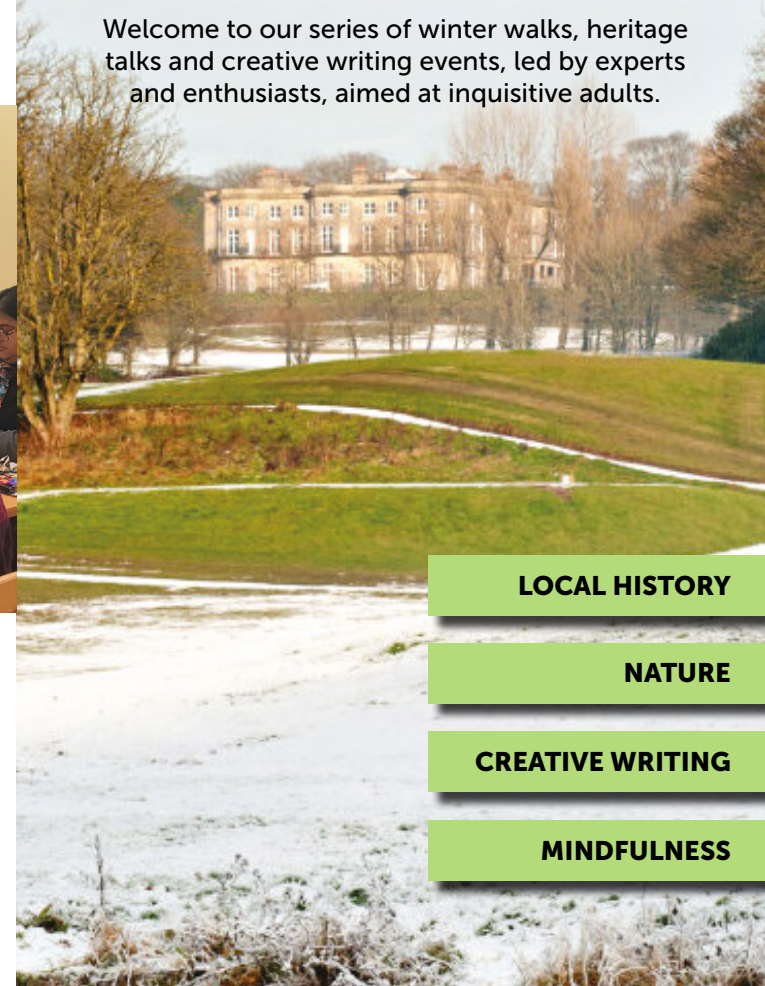
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January - March 2024

# Wellies Walks & Talks

Welcome to our series of winter walks, heritage talks and creative writing events, led by experts and enthusiasts, aimed at inquisitive adults.



LOCAL HISTORY

NATURE

CREATIVE WRITING

MINDFULNESS

## HISTORY WALKS

**Thurs 15th Feb • 1pm**

### **Washpad Walk**

A heritage walk with Julie McKiernan from Healthy Arts

**Sat 17th Feb • 2pm**

### **Great Haigh Sough Walk**

A heritage walk with Phil Livesey from FAWNS  
£3 per person

**Thurs 22nd Feb • 10.30am**

### **Boathouse Walk**

A heritage walk with Haigh Woodland Park Volunteers

**Mon 4th Mar • 1pm**

### **Hall Lane Walk**

A heritage walk with Julie McKiernan from Healthy Arts

**Sat 16th Mar • 2pm**

### **The Victorians at Haigh**

A heritage walk with Julie McKiernan from Healthy Arts  
£3 per person

## HISTORY TALKS

**Talks will take place in the Stables Courtyard.**

**Sun 28th Jan • 2pm-3.30pm**

### **The Price of Coal**

**with Ken Scally - folk singer and local historian**

A talk with live folk music. Dedicated to the people of the Wigan area who worked in the mines.

**Sun 25th Feb • 2pm-3.30pm**

### **The Rise of Cotton**

**with Ken Scally - folk singer and local historian**

A talk with live folk music. Exploring how the canal system, quality engineering companies and a damp climate, would make Wigan the perfect base for a cotton industry that would thrive until the mid-20th century.

**Sat 9th Mar • 2pm-4pm**

### **International Woman's Day**

Series of short talks and performances about pit brow lasses, role of women in WW1 and more!

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## NATURE WALKS

**A series of nature walks with Dave from Discover The Wild.**

**Thurs 4th Jan • 10.30am**

### **Winter Tree Walk**

**Thurs 1st Feb • 10.30am**

### **Crown Canal Walk**

Start point - The Crown Hotel Carpark WN2 1DP

**Thurs 7th Mar • 10.30am**

### **Lower Plantations Walk**

Start point - Plantation Gates

**Thurs 28th Mar • 10.30am**

### **Flora and Fauna for Beginners**



## MINDFUL WALKS

**Thurs 11th Jan • 10.30am**

### **Mindful Photography Walk**

with Charlotte from Mindful Events

**Thurs 8th Feb • 1pm**

### **Whelley Loophole Wellbeing Walk**

Start point - Tesco Express WN1 3UP  
Mindful Walk with One Together

**Mon 26th Feb • 1pm**

### **Mindful Monday**

Start point - Plantation Gates  
Mindful Walk with Cath from Healthy Arts

**Thurs 14th Mar • 1pm**

### **Mowpin Mindful Walk**

Start point - Aspull Clinic WN2 1XH  
Mindful Walk with One Together

## WHEELEY EASY WALKS & WHEELS

Wheeley Easy Walks are short walks suitable for everyone in our community, including wheelchair users, slow walkers and including prams.

**Thurs 25th Jan • 10.30am**

### **Mindful Walk and Wheel**

with Imelda from Mindful By Nature

**Thurs 29th Feb • 1pm**

### **Lily Pond Nature Walk and Wheel**

with Dave from Discover The Wild

**Thurs 21st Mar • 1pm**

### **Walled Gardens Heritage Walk and Wheel**

with Julie from Healthy Arts

