

Town trail booklet for walkers is published

A new free booklet describing and illustrating Sandbach Town Trail is available from the library and other outlets in Sandbach.

Sandbach Walking Festival, running for nine days from 29th June to 7th July, has already created plenty of interest with healthy bookings, organiser say.

One of the walk events at the festival is the Sandbach Town Trail.

Devised by Sandbach Footpath Group as an introduction to walking and to create local interest, the Town Trail is a handy booklet with illustrated walk directions and a map.

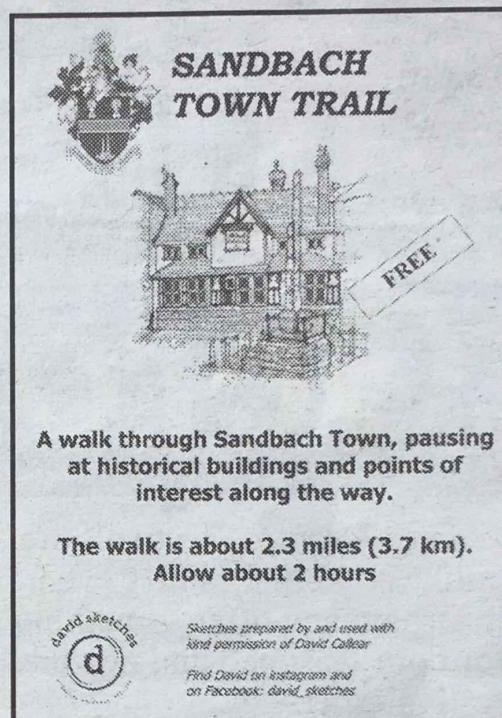
The map and beautiful illustrations of the historic buildings and points of interest have been exclusively drawn by the talented local artist, David Callear.

The trail leaflet is available free at various local outlets such as Sandbach Library, The Real Thing, WOW, Demeter's, Sandbach Town Council at the Literary Institute, the town hall foyer and at Cheshire East Offices, Westfields.

Graham Whitehouse, who devised the trail, explained: "There is an amazing amount of history to be found in Sandbach and the Town Trail is designed to delve into our surroundings and highlight the points of interest.

"The walking route is written in a non-technical way for easy understanding and at various points the walker is encouraged to pause and read the notes explaining the historical, architectural and interesting aspects of the surroundings."

In the Sandbach Walking Festival, the Town Trail will be walked, this time with a leader, at 7pm on Tuesday, 2nd July, as a



The front cover.

"pie and a pint/wine walk" starting at and returning to the Lower Chequer, by Sandbach Market Square.

This will be one of the 37 walks in the festival. Some have a theme such as geology, Nordic walking, birding at sunrise and at sunset, pub walks, tree identification, nature reserve ranger-led walks, stroller's walks, extending to cross-country short, medium and long walks.

The last day, 7th July, has a grand finale with three walks, all ending at the Market Tavern on Sandbach Market Square, at 5pm for a buffet.

Leaflets giving full details of all walks and where to meet are available at the following outlets: Godfrey C Williams and Son, Sandbach Library, The Real Thing, WOW, Demeter's, Sandbach Town Council at the Literary Institute, the town hall foyer and at Cheshire East Offices at Westfields.

(Submitted photograph).