

Still time to enjoy festival walks



Coun Muldoon with walkers before the park walk on Saturday.

The first Sandbach Walking Festival was launched on Saturday at the Saxon crosses by Sandbach mayor Coun Mike Muldoon and town crier Dennis Robinson.

Organised by the Sandbach Footpath Group, the nine-day festival offers 37 guided trails around the town and the surrounding area. Distances range from four miles around Bradwall Manor to a short walk round the park while identifying trees. One takes walkers on a trip to the Merlin Micro-Brewery at Arclid.

Local historians and specialists are among the guides and participants can learn about the history of the Old Hall, the geology of

Sandbach town buildings, the Saltline and Borrow Pit Meadows, and go on dawn chorus birding walks with Cheshire Rangers.

The walks are suitable for all ages and abilities with wheelchair, mother and toddler and Nordic walking available. Some events are free.

The festival ends on Sunday with a Jacobs Ladder to Brook Wood walk at 2pm; Bradwall Manor at 3pm and a short town walk round the High Street, Dingle Lake and St Mary's Dell at 3.30pm.

For more information, call Graham Whitehouse on 07436 535 867 or pick up a leaflet in the library, town hall or around the town.

(Submitted photograph).