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Holes Bay Walk
to move to April for 2027

The view looking back across Holes Bay towards central Poole.

On 11th July 2026, 14 intrepid walkers tackled the full 7 miles around Poole Harbour's Holes Bay, while a further 8 opted for the 3-mile route around Upton Country Park. Everyone made it back to St Dunstan's Church by 1 pm for the customary pizza and ice cream. Several more did the walk at a different time that week.

The 7-milers were greeted by the lights flashing and the barriers coming down as they approached Poole Bridge. The 15-minute wait for the lifting bridge to reopen was frustrating, despite a welcome breeze, and the refreshments kindly provided by St James's Church were much appreciated. The diversion because of flood defence work beside the Holes Bay Road was successfully negotiated, but temperatures approached 30° as walkers were on the return leg towards Upton Country Park.

All were safely back to St Dunstan's Church before 1 pm, but climate change is likely to make such hot weather the norm for July in future years. The suggestion that we move the date of the walk to a cooler time of the year was greeted with general agreement, and the PWP Trustees and Committee have set **Saturday 24th April 2027** as the date for next year's fundraising walk – put it in your diary now!

Many thanks to all who took part or who sponsored walkers. It will be a few weeks before we know the full amount raised, but we will publish the total on our website when it is known.

Photos, right, top to bottom: the view towards Poole Quay as we waited for the bridge to open; the diversion because of flood defence work.

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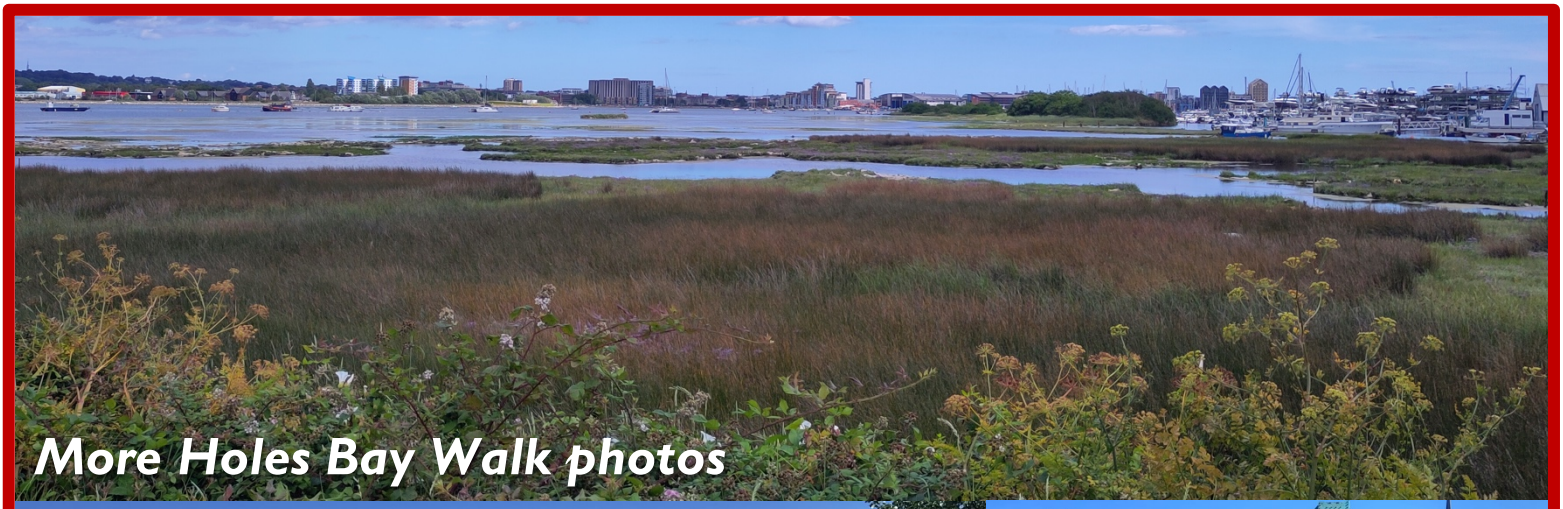

More Holes Bay Walk photos

Top: Central Poole from Hamworthy shoreline.
Left: The return leg on the Holes Bay Road footpath.
Right: Waiting for Poole Bridge to be lowered.

Visitor from South Sudan

From 4th to 10th September 2026, we will be hosting a visitor from South Sudan, Rev. Daniel Lual Kuot.

Introduced to us by our friend Joseph Mamot, Bishop of Wanyjok, Rev. Daniel works for a Christian international charity. He is coming to the UK to take part in a retreat in London and will be spending this time with us in Poole after the retreat finishes.

It will be good to meet a visitor who will bring us up-to-date news from South Sudan and, as Bishop Joseph writes, share with us *"some of the needs for St John's College, particularly the issue of registration and bursaries support for Theology students"*.

Rev. Daniel will be able to attend our regular monthly **Prayer Meeting** at 1230 on **Monday 7th September**, which will be at **St John's Church, Broadstone**. More details of Rev Daniel's visit will be published nearer the time.

Regular giving to PWP

Have you thought about donating to the Poole-Wau Partnership regularly by means of a monthly standing order, as a number of our supporters do?

Occasional gifts from deanery churches and individual supporters are always welcome of course, but having regular sums reaching us each month helps PWP to budget ahead with an accurate idea of how much money we will have available to support projects in Wau and Northern Bahr el-Ghazal internal province.

Alternatively, have you thought of leaving a fixed sum legacy for PWP in your will?

If you would like to discuss either of these ways of helping PWP (without obligation), please email our Treasurer, Andrew Holt: 1andrewholt@gmail.com (please note: the first character of this email address is the number **1**, not the lower-case letter l).

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer. Acts 2:42

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