

Saturday 6th June

Birmingham City Mission's



Information & Guidelines for Participants

BCM's 60 Bridges Walk is an event marking the 60th anniversary of the Mission, with the aim of raising funds for its work across the city. It begins at Hanbury Wharf at 8am and ends at Gas Street Basin in Birmingham city centre. Depending on your walking speed and number of stops, this could take from 7 to 10 hours.

Please arrange for a friend or family member to drop you off at the starting point by 7.45am, ready for an 8am start. We will meet on the canal towpath by the Eagle and Sun pub at 4 Salt Way, Droitwich WR9 7DX. If you are having trouble arranging a lift there, let us know and we will try to sort something out for you.

Raising sponsorship

You can raise sponsorship for the walk by creating your own online fundraising page at stewardship.org.uk/fundraising-supporters. '60 Bridges Walk' is set up as a project name to support there. Please ask for a paper form if you prefer to raise sponsorship face to face.

Be prepared and take care

It is a long 21 mile walk, so try to fit in some training in preparation, and on the day wear some sturdy walking shoes or boots which you know are comfortable and will not give you blisters.

BCM will provide a map of the journey to help you find your way. There will be pubs and some toilet options marked on the map. Most of the route is on the canal towpath, but there are times when the path comes up onto a road. Please take care when walking along the towpath, which can be narrow, and when crossing any roads - especially if you are looking after children. There will be BCM checkpoints at 3 points along the route to make sure you have passed through on the right route and are feeling well.

There will be a safeguarding lead in a car on the roads around the route during the day. We will give you their telephone number to call if you have any issues. If you get tired, there are points along the route when you can come off the towpath and call the car for a lift. The halfway point is Alvechurch where there is a train station with trains into Birmingham, as well as pubs and cafés if you need refreshments and a rest. Once you hit Birmingham's suburbs there are plenty of opportunities to come off the path and make your way home - please call us to let us know if you decide to do so.

What to bring

Whilst there are a number of pubs and cafés en route, please come prepared with a packed lunch, lots of snacks and plenty of drinking water. Come equipped with suitable clothing for the weather - waterproofs and jumpers if it is cold and wet; suntan lotion, hats and sunglasses if it is hot and sunny.

Please carry with you a fully-charged mobile phone for use in an emergency, and so that we can stay in touch with you if needed. You might also like to pack a basic first aid kit in case of minor ailments and injuries.

Children and young people

Under 18s must be accompanied by an adult who will be responsible for them, and have parental or guardian consent. Youth group leaders must ensure the ratio of adults to young people in their group satisfies legal requirements and will be responsible for the behaviour and conduct of their members at all times during the walk.

To note

Those taking part in the 60 Bridges Walk do so entirely at their own risk. In taking part in the walk, the participants agree that Birmingham City Mission shall not be held responsible for any injuries or loss of whatever nature or death suffered by the participants.

If you need further information please get in touch at office@birminghamcitymission.co.uk or on 0121 766 6603. If you would like to take part in the 60 Bridges Walk, please complete the registration form and send it to the address at the bottom of the form. We will then be in touch with any further details before the day.

If you are registering a youth group, please complete a form for each individual, including parental or guardian consent for those under 18 years old. Please also make sure that all members of your group have read and understand the Information & Guidelines for Participants and the Risk Assessment.

BCM's 60 Bridges Walk Registration Form

First Name Surname

Age Email

Address Post Code

Mobile tel no.

Please fill in the number of the mobile phone you will be bringing on the walk in case we need to contact you during the day.

Name of Company/Church/Organisation (if applicable)

Emergency Contact Details for the 60 Bridges Walk:

Name Contact Tel

PARENTAL/GUARDIAN CONSENT: This section must be completed by the parent/guardian of participants under 18 years of age. Participants under 18 years must be accompanied by a responsible adult aged at least 18 years old.

I, the parent/guardian of, give consent for them to take part in BCM's 60 Bridges Walk on 6th June 2026.

Signed Name

Contact Tel No

Will you be accompanying your child on the walk? Yes/No

If you are **not** accompanying your child on the walk, please state the adult accompanying your child:

Name

Do you have any medical conditions you would like us to be aware of?

Are you happy to be included in photographs and video recordings taken at the event for use in publicity? Yes/No

Please send me regular news from BCM by: email post both

How did you hear about BCM's 60 Bridges Walk?

Your details will not be shared by BCM with other organisations or third parties unless required to do so by law. If you no longer wish to receive communications from BCM you can unsubscribe at any time by letting us know at the address below, office@birminghamcitymission.co.uk or on 0121 766 6603.

Please register me to participate in Birmingham City Mission's 60 Bridges Walk on 6th June 2026. I have read, understand and agree to the Information & Guidelines for Participants and the Risk Assessment (on the pages below), and confirm I am physically fit and able to take part in the walk.

Signed Date

Please return your completed form(s) to: Birmingham City Mission, The Clock Tower, 2 Langdon Street, Birmingham B9 4BP, or scan and email them to office@birminghamcitymission.co.uk

Thank you for taking part in BCM's 60 Bridges Walk.

Risk Assessment Matrix.



PROJECT: 60 Bridges Sponsored Walk

PROJECT ACTIVITY & LOCATION: Hanbury Wharf Droitwich to Gas Street

Basin Birmingham

ASSESSMENT NUMBER: 00001

DATE COMPLETED: 8 April 2026

DATE REVIEW DUE: 8 April 2027

ACTIVITY	LIKELY INCIDENT	ID	LoO (A)	SoI (B)	RATING	ACTION REQUIRED
Slips, Trips or falls	Injury from uneven ground, mud or mooring pins	A	4	3	12	Wear suitable footwear; stay observant of trip hazards; recce route in advance. (To be done by BCM Staff)
Shared use conflict	Collision with cyclists or aggressive dogs	B	3	3	9	Walk in single file on narrow sections; maintain awareness of "bikes behind. Be aware of dogs off lead.
Fatigue/Exhaustion	Collapse or disorientation due to 21 mile distance	C	3	3	9	Plan regular breaks; ensure adequate water and food intake; identify "exit points" every few miles.
Inclement Weather	Hypothermia or Heatstroke	D	3	3	9	Check forecast; wear appropriate layers/waterproofs; carry sunscreen and extra fluids.
Waterborne Disease	Weil's Disease	E	1	4	4	Wash hands before eating/drinking; cover cuts with waterproof plasters; avoid direct water contact.
Falling into Water	Drowning, cold shock, infection	F	2	5	10	Briefing to "Stay Away From Edge"; buddy system; avoid walking alone

LIKELIHOOD (A)	Very Likely 5	5	10	15	20	25
	Likely 4	4	8	12 A	16	20
	Feasible 3	3	6	9 B C D	12	15
	Slight 2	2	4	6	8	10 F
	Very unlikely 1	1	2	3	4 E	5
		Insignificant 1	Minor 2	Significant 3	Major 4	Critical 5
	IMPACT (B)					

Green = Low risk, Amber 9 = Medium risk, Amber 10 –12 high risk, Red = High risk

Likelihood of Occurrence (A)		Severity of Impact (B)	
1- Very unlikely	(hasn't occurred before)	1 - Insignificant	(have no effect)
2 - Slight	(rarely occurs)	2 - Minor	(little effect)
3 - Feasible	(possible, but not common)	3 - Significant	(may pose a problem)
4 - Likely	(has before, will again)	4 - Major	(Will pose a problem)
5 - Very Likely	(occurs frequently)	5 - Critical	(Immediate action required)

ASSESSMENT COMPLETED BY:

____NeilSheldon____ DATE: _____8 April 2026_____

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