



Rotary Club of Newbury's annual charity walk which started at Inkpen Village Hall

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## These boots were made for walking

**MORE** than 60 people put on their hiking boots to raise funds for several local charities as they took part in the Rotary Club of Newbury's annual charity walk on Sunday.

This year's walk offered a choice of either five or eight miles, starting from Inkpen Village Hall and taking in Coombe village and Buttermere on the long walk or Coombe Gibbet by the short route.

The event has become a significant part of the club's ongoing community programme, supporting many local charities,

and this year's event was no different – with some walkers turning out to raise money for their own charity, club or project.

Some of the local charities and community groups benefiting from this year's walk included local churches, Cubs, the Red Cross, schools and a gym.

The highest expected income was from a group of 10 walkers who were anticipating £650 for John O'Gaunt School. The Red Cross walkers expected to raise £400, St Mary's Church at Shaw £520, Greenham Cubs £400 and Newbury and Thatcham Green

Gym £150.

Living Stones Appeal, represented by four families and walking for the benefit of Woolton Hill Church Hall and St Thomas' Church, had the biggest walking group of 16.

By holding this event each year as part of its Service above Self focus, Newbury Rotary Club has given an opportunity to more than 1,300 walkers to generate some £60,000 in recent years.

For details of future events, including Boules in the Square in the Market Place on June 29, visit [www.newburyrotary.org](http://www.newburyrotary.org)