

## **The Hare Festival Way Official Launch**

**March 19<sup>th</sup> 2016 11:00 to 12:30**

Join us for the opening and inaugural walk of the Hare Festival Way - the new nature trail for Cirencester. This fantastic new walking route has been created by Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust in partnership with Cirencester Town Council and Gloucestershire County Council. The project was funded by the Cirencester Hare Festival, which was promoted by the Cirencester Community Development Trust, and leaves a lasting legacy for the town.

Be one of the first people to walk the route, guided by wildlife experts from GWT. Explore the newly opened City bank glade, sit on the wildlife bench and spot the seven decorated hares and learn about the wildlife of Cirencester. The walk will finish at the Corinium museum where there will be refreshments and a chance to see future plans for Cirencester's green spaces, the Hare Festival and join the new local wildlife group.

### **Walk information**

All ages and abilities welcome. The full walk takes around 1.5 hours, but there will be an option to do a shorter 30 minute route. The route is mainly flat but has some short inclines. It is quite muddy in places so please wear suitable clothing and footwear. Please call Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust on 01452 383333 if you are unsure if the walk will be suitable for your ability.

### **Meeting point**

The walk begins at Watermoor corner, which is where Watermoor Way joins Watermoor Road. The corner has some trees in the middle of it and is the location of the first decorated hare. It is next to the Hong Kong Fish Bar and opposite ATS Euromaster. The nearest post code is GL7 1LT and the grid reference is SP 0290 0113.

### **Parking**

Parking in this area is difficult on a Saturday so we strongly advise that you walk or use public transport if possible. Please do not try to park in the Queen Street car park as this will be in use for the launch. If you are coming from outside of Cirencester the closest are Trinty Road - GL7 1PX, Forum – GL7 1EA and Beeches green – GL7 1 BW. A map of these car parks can be found at <http://www.cirencester.co.uk/car-parks-in-cirencester/>. Please allow plenty of time for parking as the walk will leave Watermoor Corner at 11am.

**Please see walk map overleaf. We will be walking as a group so please stay within the group to ensure you don't get lost. The shorter walk will end by the Beeches Road car park.**



