

Sevenoaks Ramblers

Shipbourne to Godden Green Circular Walk - 11.9 miles

Wednesday, 1st July

Fourteen ramblers, including one welcome guest from Maidstone group, enjoyed a warm summer's day for our circular walk from Shipbourne.

Setting off from The Common in Shipbourne, we headed north past the picturesque St Giles Church before skirting beneath the grounds of Ightham Mote. From there, we followed the Greensand Way west through Shingle Hill and Rooks Hill before making our way through the beautiful landscapes of Knole Park en route to Godden Green.

Our morning break at Mote Farm proved popular, with several walkers treating themselves to well-earned ice creams from the farm shop to help keep cool in the warm weather.

Lunch was taken on the green at Godden Green, with some choosing to enjoy refreshments at The Bucks Head before we continued our walk. Fortified for the afternoon, we crossed Wildernesse Golf Club and Seal Chart before heading south-east towards Ivy Hatch. The final section took us through the Fairlawne Estate.

The warm conditions also prompted some of our more adventurous members to wear shorts, despite the ever-present challenge of brambles and nettles along parts of the route. Fortunately, everyone survived with only the usual reminders of summer walking!

To round off another enjoyable day in good company, several walkers retired to The Chaser Inn for a well-earned beer in Shipbourne, before heading home to "enjoy" the football.

A big thank you to Annette for going above and beyond on the recce, and for finding my lost glasses in the woods!



