

BUMS BBQ Walk – Saturday 14th August 2021

Location: Bunbury

Route: Bunbury Local

Weather: Dryish

Party: Mike A (leader), Lesley (co-leader), Heather, Steve & Sarah, Chrissie, Debbie (+Spot)
Andrea, Lindsey,

Distance: 10.2 miles **Total Ascent:** 200ft **Time:** 4.5 hrs

As we were at last able to go ahead with our summer BBQ, so we were able to arrange the pre BBQ walk. The idea was to keep it simple and it could hardly be more simple than a 10am start, walking from Bunbury Pavillion.

We passed by the Dysart to the A49 via College Lane which was actually a diversion. (The planned route over Brosters potato fields had been previously reccied and found to be impenetrable!). We crossed over to the path taking us to Brook Lane opposite the Lancaster's house. En route we picked up Sue and Della who joined us for a short section as we picked up the Sandstone Trail to Wharton's lock. We took a coffee beak there, and said farewell to the 2 interlopers who actually managed to get on the official photograph.

We walked westwards along the canal for a couple of miles to the aqueduct where we then headed south on The Eddisbury Way to the Bishop Bennett Bridleway where we found a not very suitable damp lunch spot at a field entrance. Continuing on to Hedgehog Corner and lower Rock Farm, we then took the anti clockwise route around the castle to Beeston across the fields. From Beeston, Moss Lane took us back to Bunbury in plenty of time for some R&R before the main event of the day.

The walk had covered very familiar ground but hopefully some of the paths were new to some of the walkers!

The BBQ turned out to be a great success with more than 40 attending. A huge thanks to Tony and Lynn for hosting a superb BBQ along with some half decent weather.

Mike A.