July 2021, Commonwood and Chipperfield

This was a walk of about 6.2 miles, starting and ending at The Cart and Horses in Commonwood, down past Commonwood House, then up to Chipperfield Common where we took the group photo.



The footpath parallel to the road back to the other side of the common was a lengthy uphill section, but otherwise the walk was fairly easy. In places, the paths were overgrown with grass and nettles; just as well we had been warned not to wear shorts! En-route there were magnificent displays of wildflowers lining the fields; first bindweed, then later on scabious, knapweed, and yarrow.

Near the common we couldn't help but stop to admire the Annabelle hydrangeas and lavender display in one of the gardens.



Then back to the pub where the beer and the meals were excellent - and servings far too generous for lunchtime. We decided to go under the cover of their gazebo as the sky looked threatening, but it remained dry until the drive home. We were very fortunate with the weather. Any other day in the past week or so would have been too hot, or very wet.