

July 2025 - Dumb Bell.

We had a group of 11 set out on a cloudy day from the Dumb Bell pub to walk about 6 miles along a fairly easy route. From the pub we went to the Teapot house and entered a big field. This took us to a few other fields and then into some woods which took us to the entrance of the Newlands Park estate. Crossing more fields then into the edge of Philipshill wood. This is known locally as Bluebell wood but we were a bit late to see the blue carpet that appears every spring. Passing along the edge of Heronsgate we had to make a small detour due to a large herd of cows, some with calves ! Through No Dragon wood and on to Nathans farm. Shire lane had been closed for a week or so to fix a water lead so we took another small detour across a field and back to the Teapot house. A few more steps and we were in the Dumb Bell for a refreshing drink and good lunch.