

Group walk Thursday 24th June & Sunday 27th June 2021

Birch Copse, the Brail. 3.25 miles. 10.00 am from Great Bedwyn Village Hall

These were our first two walks of 2021. The January lockdown restrictions are slowly lifting but some are still in force. Booking was requested and walkers were limited to 15 on each walk so that members would feel comfortably distanced. The route was the same for both dates so members could choose a weekday or weekend walk.

13 walkers came on the Thursday walk, and another 8 on the Sunday one.

We walked a similar route to our Walk No 7, map and details available from the self-guided walks page of the website, but the return route was shortened, and the total distance was 3.25miles.

The weather was pleasant and dry on the Thursday. Rain threatened on the Sunday but we were lucky enough to return dry from that walk too. The common orchids were flowering extensively in the usual field in the Brail, and others are appearing dotted around in the vicinity. Including a lone pyramidal orchid right on the path just above Mirldown – an odd place for it to choose.

On Sunday afternoon the heavens opened for Bedwyn Open Gardens. We were pleased that the deluge hadn't arrived in time for our morning walk.