

Thursday 13th January. Little Bedwyn, Burr ridge Heath from Great Bedwyn Square. 4.75miles

After many grey and rainy days our group of 9 walkers, plus a baby in a carrier & two dogs, were lucky enough to be greeted by a bright calm sunny morning Frost melting in the sunshine as we set off from the village square. For the middle section of the walk we followed the route of our walks leaflet No 8 (which can be downloaded from the self-guided walks page of the website). However, the awful wet weather of the Christmas period has left many paths in a dreadful muddy state so we adjusted this route. We followed the route in an anticlockwise direction so that we were climbing uphill, rather than down, on the slippery chalk surface near Jockey Green. We avoided muddy Galley Lane and the towpath altogether and used the road to Jockey Green, and then Kelston Road and the bridleway for our return. Even on the tarmac surfaces we had to be cautious because of ice.

After a short rest at the horse gallops, where mince pies and chocolates left over from Christmas were handed round, we turned for home down through the fields above Little Bedwyn, enjoying the views. A large flock of sheep calmly parted and watched us as we walked through their field, unperturbed by the two well-behaved collies on leads.

The adjustments to the published route reduced the distance to a little over 4.5miles and most of the surfaces were . There are no stiles on this route and no steep climbs.

[Walk leaflet No 8 Little Bedwyn Burr ridge Heath](#)