

Group walk Sunday 17th October 2021

Chisbury Woods, Bedwyn Common 4.75miles

10.00am from Great Bedwyn Square (the island opposite The Stores). One stile, a few inclines

We were joined this month by a record 24 walkers. The group included several new members, a 1-year-old baby, and 3 dogs. The weather was dry and warm, which was good for walking.

We walked from the Chains through the village. We then crossed the path over the field from Brown's Lane to join Bedwyn Footpath Group Walk Route No. 3.

<http://bedwynfootpathsgroup.org.uk/index.php/sample-page/self-guided-walks-to-download/>

We walked up to Chisbury woods and then through the fields to Chisbury. Then we went over a stile and along a road to re-join the footpaths through the trees of Bedwyn common. This was a particularly beautiful part of the walk as the autumn leaves were beginning to fall. Just before we left the road for the woods some walkers spotted a pale tussock moth (see photo below). The moth is apparently a rather drab brown but as a caterpillar it is quite spectacular. We returned to Bedwyn through Stoke common and past Shawgrove Copse. We walked through some of the recently installed gates which have replaced two awkward stiles. We then walked through the village, past the Post Office, and back to the Chains.

