

Friday 5th April 2019, “A Town and Country Walk” with Vivien Insull

Given the poor weather forecast a surprising number of us met up in the Parke carpark for today's walk around the outskirts of Dartmoor. The morning was fairly dry as we walked out along the River Bovey through Bovey Tracey with views of the hills of Dartmoor.



We climbed up into Shaptor Woods where it was delightful walking through very green mossy woods with a light scent in the air from the very first bluebells appearing, we even spotted a few early purple orchids beginning to flower. At several points the Shaptor Rocks were visible peaking through half obscured by tree branches.



We walked across hills and through woods to eventually climb down into the picturesque village of Lustleigh for lunch.



By this time however, the rain had set in, fortunately the church porch is very long and we managed to shelter there munching our sandwiches. We walked back through Hisley Woods alongside the river and the picturesque Hisley bridge.



It was still raining as we headed up onto the old railway track back to Parke and the welcome tearoom. A lovely day out with a great variety of scenery, thank you Vivien for organising such an enjoyable walk.

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