

## **Stanwick – March 2019**

On a bright spring morning we left our gathering spot in the car park of the Stanwick Hotel. After a hundred yards of footpath we left the road and for the next 3/4 mile we strolled along a bridleway running parallel to the A43.

We then passed under the road and strolled through farmland with nice views of the Nene and Stanwick Lakes. Over to our left we could see unfarmed land where the deserted village of Mallows Cotton once stood.

Our path rose towards an old farmyard and here we joined a track which led us down to Station Road near Ringstead, here was road, trainline and canalised river all in close proximity.

After a pause for refreshments, we turned along the railway line, now a popular byway for joggers, cyclists as well as walkers, and we had an easy stroll into Stanwick Country Park - always a popular walking area. After strolling through the park we were back to the A43 where there is a useful crossing point for pedestrians. A few hundred yards of footpath and we were back at our starting point.

After changing our footwear a good number of our group enjoyed the excellent food on offer in the Hotel.