

## Rushden Lakes – June 2019 (Evening Walk)

As what promised to be a lovely summer evening approached, 14 of us gathered at the Visitor Centre of Rushden Lakes for our evening walk. There was a bit of confusion early on about where to meet, but we all found each other in the end.



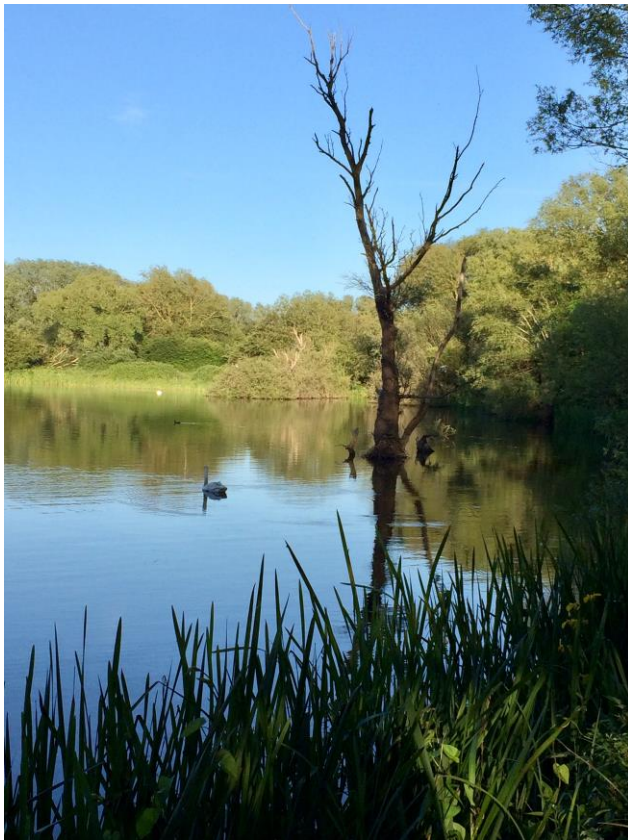
There were not too many other people around as we set off, led by Linda Hovland and Pat Goff, around the back of the shops and new cinema building to cross a couple of beautiful wild flower meadows.



After a while we came to Ditchford Lane where we walked towards the River Nene and alongside it for a while before cutting back towards the lakes. We saw quite a few wood carvings dotted around the woodland walks that were interesting. Some of them were incorporated into a children's play area and caused some amusement.



After a bit of discussion about which path to take, we found the right one and headed along the 'Muddy Boots Walk' which, fortunately for us, was not as its name suggested and we didn't finish up with muddy boots.



We had many lovely views of the lakes with numerous swans gracefully gliding through the water or searching the depths for weeds with their elegant necks.

Although most of us started off wearing jackets, as it was quite breezy at the Visitor Centre, before too long layers were being stripped off as the wind had dropped and the sun was very warm. The sky was a very clear blue and we stopped a couple of times to enjoy the weather and scenery.



Before too long, we found ourselves back on the decking behind the shops and heading back to the Visitor Centre. Some of us lingered a while for food and drink and to soak up the remaining rays of sun before heading home.