

December 2021 – Summer Leys (evening walk)

It was a very cold and dark night for our planned walk around Summer Leys Nature Reserve, although it was dry and there were some stars visible in the night sky. As we waited in the car park for our fellow walkers, only three others arrived to join us to brave the cold. There is now a parking charge on this site, which could have put some people off.

However, with a total of five suitably dressed for the cold and armed with torches, we set off for the walk around the reserve. It was actually a pleasant walk once we managed to avoid the rather large and already freezing puddles.

It was very quiet apart from the odd duck and goose calling. We did see a bright light approaching us at one point, which turned out to be one other brave soul walking their dogs.

Before we had set off for our walk, we discovered that the door to the Pioneer Hide was missing. This is where we usually gather after the walk to share food and drink. However, as we were so few and it was going to be rather cold in the hide without the door, we had decided beforehand that the warmth of the Stag's Head pub in Great Doddington would be much a more appealing venue to finish the evening.

So, after returning to our cars and changing our muddy boots, we then headed off for the pub for a drink in the warm and a very pleasant end to our evening.

