

May 2022 – Great Billing (evening walk)

For our first summer evening walk of the year, we were very fortunate to have lovely warm and sunny weather. A good turnout of 13 people joined us for this walk starting from the Elwes Arms in the High Street.



Josie and Phil George were our walk leaders this evening, and led us a little way up the High Street to the Billing Pocket Park, where there was lots of sporting action taking place with local children. Taking the path underneath the A5076, we emerged into Ecton Brook. Following this pathway through the trees, we eventually came to a lovely lake on the edge of the estate.



From the far side of the lake we took the path over a footbridge and came out onto a field. To the right we had views of Cogenhoe and, as we walked up the hill, the village of Ecton came into view.



The next field contained a herd of rather curious and skittish cows, probably because we had Dillon the dog with us. He was very well behaved and remained calm so, apart from coming close to take a look, the cows did not bother us too much.



Leaving the cows behind, we walked through the village past The Worlds End and crossed the busy A4500 towards Ecton Lane. After a few yards we turned left across a field and headed towards Ecton West Lodge and the barking dogs.

After walking along the lane for a while, the path turned downhill through trees towards Rectory Farm. On reaching the edge of this estate, we turned left and followed the footpath with houses on one side and trees on our left.



We passed underneath the A4500 this time and came across three robots in a traffic jam. The first one seemed to have stalled and the other two were unable to pass. Someone kindly moved the first one out of the way allowing the others to pass and carry on to their destination. It was quite entertaining.



It was a lovely route and eventually we reached the lake close to where we had started our walk.

From here we retraced our steps back to The Elwes Arms, where some of us took the opportunity to sit in the garden (under cover) for a refreshing drink before heading home.