

New Year, want to get/keep fit? What about trying one of our walks to see if it's for you? We welcome new members of all ages. Young walkers up to age 18 to be accompanied by an adult. Check out oakleyramblers.org or email oakleyramblers@gmail.com

2023 Walks Diary in progress

November Walk Reports (Full reports on website)

Wednesday 2nd Overton Ramblers walked past St Mary's Church to Overton Primary School. Then, the lane and tracks to the Harrow Way, an ancient track once running from Basingstoke to Andover and Salisbury Plain. Walking the Way, through woodland to Court Drove, then about a mile following the undulating track with a view of North Wessex Downs AONB from the railway bridge. Then back to Overton Hill car park. 4.5 miles in all. *Leaders Chris & Steve.*

Saturday 12th After heavy rain, Ramblers set off from **Micheldever** Woods expecting to encounter muddy conditions. However, the walk took us over high, well drained, chalk downland. We headed south along the Oxdrove Way, reaching Three Castles Path and crossing the disused track of Mid Hants Railway. After skirting Itchen Abbas village, where Charles Kingsley wrote much of *The Water Babies*, the path began the gradual incline back to the start. 6.5 miles of beautiful far-reaching views in glorious sunshine. *Leader Chris W.*

Friday 25th



Five members made the trip to the National Trust House and gardens at **Stourhead**. We were fortunate that much of the golden brown leaves remained on the trees and foliage. The 5.5 mile walk went from the car park to King Alfred's Tower, a folly erected in 1772 to commemorate King Alfred's victory over the Danes. After lunch members took the opportunity to visit the House and gardens on a visit which coincided with the Christmas decorations and lighting. *Leader Tim.*

Pauline Haynes