

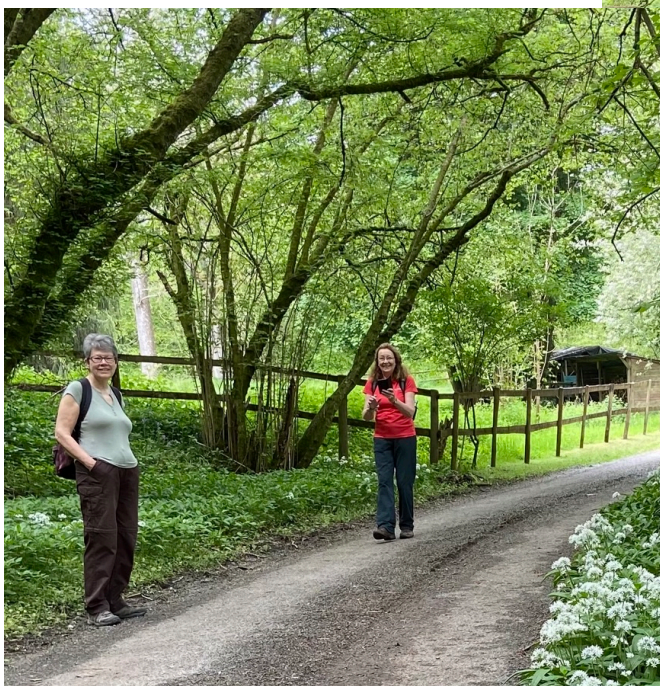
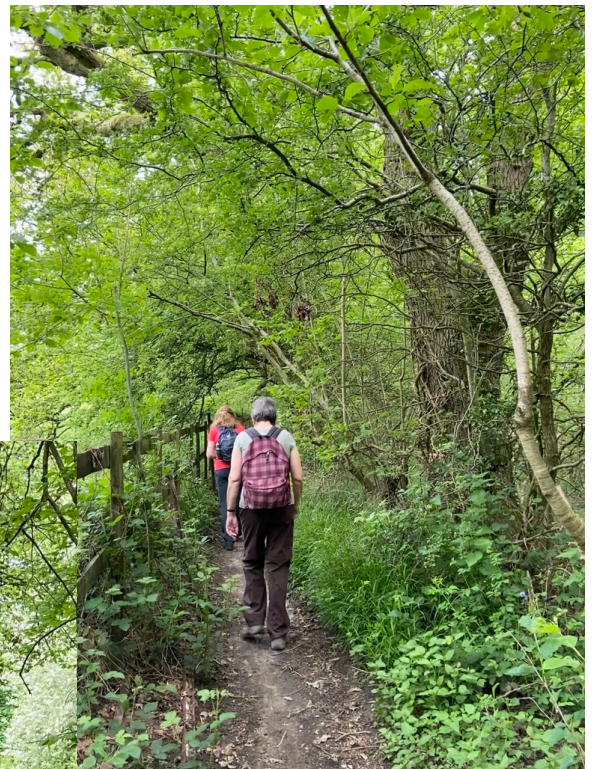
Walk Report Oakley Ramblers Friday 28th May 2021

A small select group of walkers today, Chris, Carolyn & Pat met in the Bank carpark in Alton on a warm, although not too sunny morning. We set off up Amery Hill into St Lawrence churchyard and had a short stop reading some of the 17th century history, when the Royalists and Parliamentarians fought a battle in the and around the church, checking out bullet and musket holes in the main church door.



A short walk through part of old Alton, passing the Quaker Meeting House with 1672 set in the wall and the cemetery where Fanny Adams is buried, took us to Anstey Park where we started to walk uphill towards Row Wood, with beautiful views across to Holybourne and beyond.

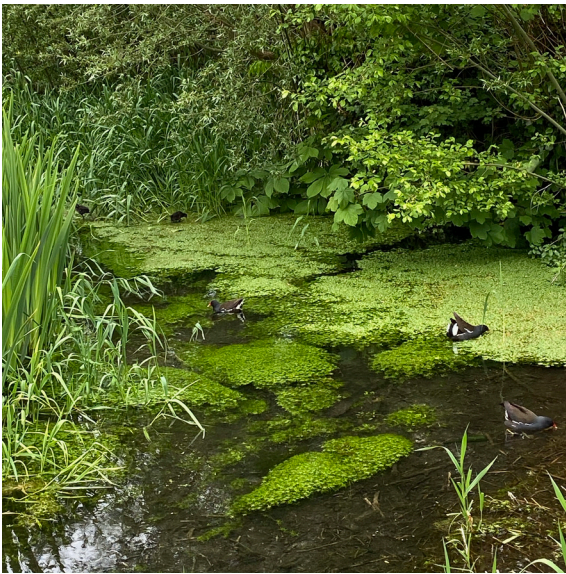
Then we were uphill through Row Wood and on in the direction of Alton Golf Club, skirting the outside edge off the course and on towards New Odiham Road, which we crossed into Stancombe Lane, with patches of wild Garlic and a photo opportunity.



Through Shalden village and onto an estate with some beautiful views and trees, walking through a wild flower meadow



Then on to walk downhill across a field of tiny corn shoots, before crossing the New Odiham Road again and an uphill walk along an enclosed path to finally walk back down into Alton through Flood Meadow, near to the source of the River Wey, and our last stopping point before the end of the walk.



The moorhens were being territorial to protect their young and the flag irises will soon put on a wonderful display



Finally evidence of some great stump carving skills, then on to The Swan for a welcome and tasty lunch and chat