

## **Ramblers walk report 11<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

### **East Meon, circular walk Up to the Downs**

There were 7 walkers including Lynn and Carolyn who set off on a beautiful spring day. We began our walk using permitted footpaths through farmers' fields to Drayton before crossing the River Meon. We then walked past woods to a crossroad of paths before meeting the South Downs Way which led up a stony path to the crest of the Downs.

We stopped halfway at the Sustainability Centre for a welcome drink and a snack before setting off again past more woods and through farms to reach the source of the River Meon. We eventually returned to East Meon to the sound of church bells. We all enjoyed a long drink at The Izaak Walton pub before driving back to Oakley.

We saw llamas, lambs, and horses, cowslips, bluebells and verdant fields, walkers, dogs and cyclists, even paragliders. The views over the Downs were stunning, it was an excellent day's walking.

Leaders: Lynn Martin, Carolyn Currie

Distance: 8 miles (12.8 km)