**Sanderstead to Purley, Saturday 2nd November 2019**

11 walkers, 18 miles – leader Ian Fairweather

11 hardy souls turned up at Sanderstead Station despite a looming storm forecast and the Rugby World Cup between England and South Africa kicking off at 9.00am!

The rain started in sync with the walk and the wind at gusts of 45mph came as predicted by the Met Office.

The view from Addington Hills was somewhat restricted by the gloom and before lunch we lost four members due to lack of equipment/equipment failiures/general wetness.

The rain abated just before lunch at 12:30pm at The Bells at Chelsham and started again as we left, though not as bad as the morning.

7 people managed it to the end at Purley Station at about 4.30pm including our new member Angela whose first LDWA walk will probably be her wettest. She said she had thoroughly enjoyed it.

Even though there was excessive mud and some of the paths were raging torrents you could white water raft on we managed 17 miles.

Photographs by Ian Watson; more by Ian and Ian Fairweather are available on the group Facebook site