**Around Ashdown, Saturday 22nd August 2020**

6 walkers, 25 miles – leader Gavin Fuller

Whilst most previous walks in this area seemed to traverse the medieval hunting ground of Ashdown Forest, this took the different approach of a circuit loosely around or near to the edges of the area, and take in some less-trodden parts as well. The outer reaches of Storm Ellen thankfully had little impact on a generally fine day, with the forest at its heathery finest. Plenty of livestock to see en route, including flocks of black sheep, cows, one of which took quite an interest in one member’s lunch, and goats. Other sights took in a bridge in a vachery, a windmill and a memorial to author A. A. Milne who the leader could boast a distant family connection to. Two of the party sloped off at Forest Row to get a bus (although a drink first appeared to be a priority) while the rest charged back on the Forest Way to ensure the whole day went at an average of over 3 miles an hour; not bad considering there was nearly 2,000ft of ascent!

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