**Downs and Greensands, Saturday 1st August 2020**

6 walkers, 22 miles – leader Jerome Ripp

Thankfully a cooler day after the intense heat and humidity of yesterday. From Chipstead station we headed up to Banstead Woods with the aim of finding lots of shady woodland paths even it involved some "loops". Porters Wood, Gatwick Wood, Upper Gatton Wood lead to the North Downs Way above Merstham which was followed to Gravelly Hill for lunch with a great view to the Greensand Ridge to the south which will be the target of a later walk. Another series of woodland paths got us through Caterham with minimal roads and into Happy Valley with several climbs to loop round to Hooley and finishing with another section of Banstead Woods. The group insisted on hills so at any opportunity, so to keep everyone happy, we did several ups and downs.

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