**Darent Valley Circular – Again!, Saturday 6th November 2021**

9 walkers, 14.9 miles – leader Lonica Vanclay

9 of us in total set off from Otford on a fine autumn morning… straight up the steepest hill of the day on the North Downs Way. We soon turned north to skirt the eastern slopes of the Darent Valley, then down to Lullingstone with a loop of the castle and Roman villa and golf course before lunching at the Country Park. Lovely leaves and views. Then along the river to Shoreham before ascending our third hill of the day to follow the western ridge and back down through farmland to Otford. The miles melted away – literally as somehow we ended up doing just under 15 rather than 17. Hence, we had a quick look at the remains of the Bishops Palace in Otford and were back at the station well before dark.

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