

Jun 2017 Wilton Water circular

**Bedwyn Footpaths Group Monthly Walk**

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Jun, from Crofton Beam Engines car park. 2.5 miles.**

This month's walk was a great little circular walk around Wilton Water, a route that passes both a café and a pub – how convenient is that! From Crofton parking area – pay and display, currently 50p for 2 hours, long enough to do the walk and stop for a drink - 18 of us began our walk along Dark Lane before crossing fields behind Freewarren Farm with views of Crofton in the distance. Then our route took us across a small wooden bridge, over a stream that feeds into Wilton Water. We crossed the road between Wilton and Grafton, and circuit through fields of wild flowers to arrive at Wilton village centre and past The Swan pub to the duck pond. Then it was back to Crofton along the lovely path that follows along the edge of Wilton Water.

Big thanks are due to Ramblers Association volunteers, Wilts Co rights-of-way wardens and our own group's volunteers who have all been involved in helping to get this route clear and accessible. The walking is easy going although it could be wet underfoot down by the stream. There are 3 stiles and a roadside bank to climb to reach one of them. There are sheep, horses and waterfowl on route so dogs on leads please.

The Engineman's café at Crofton Beam Engines can be visited separate to the beam engines but is seasonal so check times on their website.

