

REPORT OF VILLAGE WALK 43. Sept 23rd 2018

Despite the number of persons who turned up for the village walk on September 23rd I couldn't ignore the fact that up to 1 pm on that particular day non-stop rain had fallen for the previous 18 hours over the southern half of the UK. I was familiar with the route and therefore cancelled the event, parts of it would have been through ankle-high grass and muddy conditions, the risk of accidents and personal injury would have been high.

I was acutely aware that several intended persons were new walkers and they would have been most at risk. From various remarks made when announcing the cancellation, it would seem that a definite decision had been thought out. I therefore invite the established and the newer walkers to the New Year's walk on Tuesday Jan 1st 2019 at 13.30 hours

Our intended route on Sept 23rd was to park in the layby in front of Donyland Woods, to cross the Mersea Road and use the hard surface road Ball Lane up to the footpath on the left. Here it would have been through ankle-high grass downhill to the river bridge, our route was to use the ascending path through Man Wood to the Mersea Road, to walk 50 yards to the right and to the path that passes Haye Farm onto Haye Lane and finally to the layby for the cars.

This was the first regrettable time that I have had to cancel a walk.

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