

**REVIEW GENTLE WALKING GROUP ANGMERING PARK ESTATE WOODLAND WALK. TUESDAY 9TH
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It was a bright sunny morning, with just a hint of crispness awaiting being burnt off by the rising sun, as 18 members met on the Dovers Lane car park, on the edge of the Angmering Park Estate. The group set off along the bridle path past the beech woodland with local residents “wild basil” and “fleabane” hiding amongst the extensive carpets of English bluebells. No “wild basil” was found but at least one member could have been auditioning for the part!

The path took us uphill until a descent was made down a public footpath through the well-manicured lawns of the Angmering Park Riding Stables, where the group at one stage had to give way to a group of young racehorses. Despite a slight altercation between one of our members and a frisky racehorse, we passed safely through, going past the Queen’s late racehorse trainer’s house with its impressive frontage and wisteria.

Another short footpath saw us continue downhill through another bluebell laden wood, followed by a field of impressive broad beans in full flower. The bridle path was then re-joined as we arrived back in the Dovers Lane car park.

The dry weather had allowed the mud to dry off with no ruts so the walk ended quickly after about 1hr 30m as we were able to keep exactly to the suggested route.

A gentle pleasant walk finished in brilliant sunshine, was followed by half the party retiring to the Woodmans pub for sustenance.