

WALKING THERE – John Parry/Brian Windsor

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It was windy but the sky was clear and the weather fine when we met at Furrowfield Car Park for this months walk. Despite the heavy rain forecast for later that morning a small group of 7 decided to continue with the walk and drove out to Buckden Marina. Our walk was six miles and we expected to have rain for second half of it. Undaunted we donned our waterproofs and set of towards Paxton Pits. The sky had clouded over by the time we had a short break at Diddington but it was still dry so thanking our good fortune we pressed on to pass Broughton Lodge and then through the Aggregate Industries sand and gravel pit near Little Paxton to our second stop at a thoughtfully provided bench. While here the first drops of rain fell and we still had almost half the walk to go. Our walk back to Buckden Marina was down the bank of the River Great Ouse on the Ouse Valley Way. During this leg of the walk a steady light rain started so we returned to the cars damp but not soaked.. Congratulating ourselves on a successful and enjoyable walk we drove back to Chatteris. During this drive the heavens opened and it rained for the rest of the day.