

Wednesday 12th April 2017, Ladram Bay, High Peak and Windgate with Mike Paddison

*Reflections on "Coast and Country"*

- Ideal walking weather; a high pressure center not too far away, warm with light cloud cover and an ideal walking group of 12 with one new walker who was very familiar with the area and was able to fill in the missing details in the walk leader's blather.
- The group set off at a cracking pace; target was Ladram Bay for coffee and an expected comfort stop. Suitably refueled, High Peak was climbed by 2/3 of the group. Magnificent views all the way around the coast to Portland Island



*Obviously all were well pleased with their accomplishment.*

- The sea was unusually quite and calm!



*The view from the seat at the very end of Bar's Lane towards Jacobs Ladder and beyond.*

- After crossing Windgate and circumnavigating the foot of Peak Hill we climbed 'Glass Hill' and walked around the edge of Mutters Moor to the lunch stop by a pile of logs. Where much to my surprise, walkers ignored the logs and sat down in a long line by the side of the track to catch the sun's warming rays.
- Lunch over, the walk down Passaford Lane contained no surprises and we stopped for a group photo at the Colaton Raleigh footbridge.



*Not far to go !*

- The walk alongside the Otter was uneventful, no beavers or otters were to be seen. The remainder of the walk from Otterton to East Budleigh via Bicton was a well trod and loved path.
- Altogether another enjoyable walk with good companions, ideal weather and glorious Devon countryside.

*Mike Paddison*

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