

## Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, Victorian pier and black swans with Heather Fereday

A group of five turned up to catch the train to Teignmouth on this coastal walk to Starcross. Today the weather was thankfully a lot cooler than the previous very hot days and a good walking temperature. We started by taking a look at Teignmouth Harbour, then strolling back past the pier, before heading east along the top of the narrow sea wall, with the rail line on one side and the sea the other.



As we approached the cliff at Holcombe we wondered how we would be getting across the railway line surely not walking across it right in front of the tunnel. Our fears were allayed as steps down onto the beach came into view and we walked under a bridge with the railway overhead.

Then it was uphill to Holcombe with fine views of Dawlish and beyond.



As we approached Dawlish, the area where the coastal path and train track had collapsed into the sea in 2014, came into view. Now repaired hopefully it will be sound for a good few years to come.

We had lunch in Dawlish, catching sight of the black swans in the nearby stream.



Refreshed we headed back along the coastal path to Starcross, managing to catch the train back to Exmouth with a few minutes to spare.



Many thanks to Heather for organising an enjoyable day out.

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