

24th July 2017, Map Reading Workshop with Iain Ure and Chris Buckland

A group of 16 walkers gathered at Otterton Village Hall to discover the delights of map reading, route planning and compass navigation skills. Most of us were either very rusty or had never been shown how to use a compass to find your way accurately when out on a walk. Iain and Chris took us through the basics of map work and route planning in a fun and informative way, with plenty of time to try out these new techniques. They showed us how to use a detailed route planner which we tested in the afternoon on Peak Hill and Mutters Moor, pacing distances and taking and following compass bearings



We all managed to navigate a tortuous route around Mutters Moor and find our way back to the car park without getting lost on this gloriously sunny day. Quite a feat!



It was a very informative and worthwhile day, enjoyed by everybody. We even asked for a follow-up day on Dartmoor, which should really test our new found skills. Very many thanks to Iain and Chris for putting on this invaluable course, explaining things so clearly, and for all the hard work involved in the planning and course preparation.

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