

Wednesday 29th August 2018 “The Otter Head Classic” with Jon Roseway

I decided to do the walk clockwise from White Bridge as it was supposed to be sunnier in the late morning, when we'd be on the coast path. However the skies were blue as eleven of us (including two dogs) set off and it was pleasantly warm as we walked alongside the River Otter. We stopped for the obligatory group photo on Clamour Bridge.



The next section was along Park Lane to the outskirts of Otterton and across to Stantyway Farm. I was surprised to find that some enterprising person (presumably the farmer's wife) has opened an honesty café in front of the farm and called it - The Honesty Café...



To describe the café as unpretentious would be an understatement. A motley assortment of plastic chairs, a wooden picnic bench, and a low table with a box of coloured chalk sticks for scribbling plus some kiddies chairs are arranged around what looks like an oversized packing case with wooden doors. But it does the business perfectly, as the 'box' contains everything you need to make coffee, tea, hot chocolate, etc. There was hot water waiting for us in the urn, real milk in a mini-fridge, proper china mugs and even some pieces of flapjack and brownie to tempt us.



It was hard to leave such a comfortable coffee stop, but we eventually moved on past Monk's Wall to stop and wonder at the sea stacks of Ladram Bay and views eastwards of the colourful cliffs round past Sidmouth to Beer Head.



We turned for home at that point and followed the coast path to Otter Head and along the estuary back to the starting point.

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