

### **“A Different Exmouth Loop”**

On Tuesday 17th June, 10 of us met Claire Read, the walk leader, at Douglas Avenue - we welcomed Anne to her first OVA Walk.

Taking the Public Footpath through two fields and across a brook - we were assaulted by the noisy strimmers work in the footpaths and the diggers working on the new drainage system in the valley of the Littleham Brook.

We joined Maer Lane to pass The Meetings Cottage opposite the Maer Farm and the Maer Barns developments - things have moved on since I last came this way two years ago. We descended Maer Lane to arrive at the seafront to admire the yarn bombers' handiwork - there was an opportunity to whiz to the portaloos in the car park as the toilets behind the cafe were being renovated.



*An interesting pillar box - not only because of the 'yarn bombers' but also because it's an Edward VII box.*

Starting up Foxholes, we took a lane off to arrive at the South West Coast Path - the tide was in so not option of the seashore route. The walk continued along the SWCP to Orcombe Point.



*Claire explaining where we were on the Jurassic coast ...*

We continued along the SWCP to find a very peaceful coffee spot ... just birdsong:



*The coffee spot - Penny inspecting the bulbous buttercups and other flowers.*

We carried on along the cliffs with uphill to West Down Beacon.





*The view from West Down - you can see the extent of Sandy Bay caravan park.*



*At the top - West Down*

We cut inland across the East Devon Golf Course ...





*A good walk spoilt!*

Along Castle Lane and picked up speed along the old railway track to Littleham and then up Donkey Hill in Plumb Park - it was interesting to get a completely different perspective of the new developments in the area ...



*At the top of Donkey Hill - disappointingly, East Budleigh was not included ...*



*From Donkey Hill, we saw the sea mists rolling in over West Down*

From Donkey Hill, we went along several footpaths before the one which came out at the starting point.

This was a very interesting walk with several new paths (for me) with excellent company and lively conversations.

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