

Dumbleton Hall 2021



Another very successful NHRG walking holiday. In the past sixteen years or so, I've been with NHRG to Malmesbury, Swanage (twice), Isle of Wight, Knaresborough, Lulworth, Llandrindod Wells, Sidmouth, Buxton, Malham and, most recently, Dumbleton;; and never been disappointed. This year, as ever, the walks (Burford, Bourton, Broadway, Winchcombe and Dumbleton) were excellent with much hill and dale, magnificent views, forest and stream, and the odd castle, abbey and folly. A great egret posed for some of us by the side of the River Windrush in Bourton. Whilst the sun only very occasionally shone, we never encountered rain and the temperature was fine for walking.



Dumbleton Hall Hotel proved a winner, a Grade II Victorian mansion with grand interiors, spacious rooms and good food. The house has a delightful location with wooded hills, a lake, well-tended gardens and many truly splendid trees. The cedars were something to behold, and the sheep added to the rural idyll.

Many thanks are due to Chris Young and Sally Cannon. The organisation was as meticulous and as thorough as usual; and must have taken days. We are truly grateful to them for all that effort and to the various walk leaders.

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