

MILEATERS WALK February 26th

After two days of dry weather we were hopeful, as we met at the village green to depart for our start point at the National Trust car park at Corfe Castle. It couldn't last and it didn't! As nineteen walkers and a dog set off on a long climb to the ridge at the top of West Hill, a wind-blown mizzle settled in, that quickly soaked any clothing not protected by a waterproof. The notable climb completed, we settled into a steady walk west towards Knowle Hill, enjoying views, north-east to Poole and south to Church Knowle and beyond. After a couple of miles we stopped for refreshments, and the customary group photo, in a dip out of the wind. Thankfully the rain had stopped. From there, the route took us north, on the road, towards the memorial to the Creech Barrow Seven, volunteer members of the local WW2 Stay Behind Auxiliary Unit. A short distance further on, beyond the turning to East Creech, we turned east onto a woodland path back towards Corfe Castle. Path? A mile and a half of sloppy mud, is a better description but we all made it without mishap, enjoying the sight of primroses, new-born lambs catkins and Emus, as we passed Norden Farm. The walk across the last field, past the castle, cleaned some of the mud off our boots. A dozen walkers then drove to The Halfway Inn, to warm-up by the fire and have a well-earned drink and a delicious lunch.

Martin and Sheree.

