

AMBLERS WALKING GROUP

The Amblers October outing on the 27th was to the RSPB Leighton Moss Nature Reserve for a 3 mile walk. 13 of us caught the 10.30am train to Silverdale. From the station we went south 300m on the left-hand side of the road to the junction turning left 100m to the entrance of the reserve. We were met by an RSPB staff member who checked us in. After a quick coffee, we went through the lovely seating area behind the main building to the observation tower (9 m high) to look over the expanse of the reserve and get our bearings.

After returning to the main building, we walked c1300 m to the Causeway hide, where we could look over the lake at the bird life. The warm and sunny conditions meant that there were a large number of active birds to be seen e.g swans, eider ducks, coots, cormorants and many other species even a merganser.

Unfortunately, we didn't see any bearded tits or bitterns for which the reserve is renowned. One can only hope that that might be possible on a next visit.

We returned to the main building for lunch up in the café and our usual social chat. We had a photo taken of the group before we set off for the station and our return to Grange. We all had an enjoyable day out in the sun and got some exercise too.

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