

## Walk Report: Balmerino, 20 November

8 stalwarts turned up on rather dreich, but dry, day to enjoy a short walk from Balmerino. After recce by leader, the original plan to climb Coultra Hill had been abandoned as not suitable for leisurely mid-week walk. Instead we enjoyed circular walk of over 4 miles, first along easy farm track, providing nice views of the Tay, and then returning along the well marked and well maintained Coastal Path through the forest, where some of us enjoyed renewing our childhood by kicking up the falling leaves (but failed to persuade one of our number known to love swings, to try out a hanging tree swing). Previous concerns over the possibility of having to take on narrow paths and steep ravines, turned out to be of no risk but rather added to this lovely walk. On arriving back in Balmerino, we found a nice lunch spot on side of River Tay, and despite lack of decision-taking by group, leader replaced the missed climb of Coultra Hill with much easier and shorter ascent to Kirkton of Balmerino to enjoy further views down the Tay, before returning to the start. Agreement by all that missing members had missed a very nice mid-week walk.