

The Ramblers - St Andrews & N.E. Fife Group



On a somewhat grey and murky day, seven members set off from the Moriston-Duncan Hall in Gauldry to walk to Kilmany and back. Although not exactly promising weather, the rain held off and it wasn't long before we were walking along the edge of Dandies Wood. As we made our way cautiously down the farm track towards Kilmany, still only just in the trees, the walk leader heard what he thought was a washing machine on a slow spin

cycle.

All became clear when, on exiting the trees, the source of the noise turned out to be a very prominent wind turbine... By now the weather had brightened (though not enough to encourage removal of layers) and we safely crossed the busy A92 and into Kilmany. The village contains old and quaint cottages, one with a date plaque of 1762. The snowdrops and aconites were just coming into their late-winter best. A brief stop at the Jim Clark statue was followed by a snack break at the play park bench.



Then we followed the old railway line as far as the minor road to Gauldry (closed from the A92 as it looked like part of it had been washed away at Fincaigs). We took this road past Fincaigs before climbing a track towards Shambleton Hill. From there it was a short walk back to the car park, and by now the weather, especially to the north, had improved considerably. Overall, this was a lovely walk enjoyed by all, some of whom had not ventured this way before and were pleasantly surprised by the views it afforded.

Our next walk is tomorrow (Saturday), a 7.5-mile walk at Methven Wood. This is a moderate route following woodland tracks, riverside path and minor roads. All of our walks are open to guests who would like to try out The Ramblers, and full details can be found on our website www.standrewsnefiferamblers.com