

Elie to Shell Bay Circular

Ruby Bay car park at Elie was our start point for the much altered route for our circular walk at Elie. On the original recce it was found that the coastal path was closed or under maintenance, the alternative route being via the main A road to St Monans, not too many people would enjoy walking beside a busy road.



So it was that 10 members and 2 guests set off for the Elie Estate South Lodge towards Kilconquhar. Brief glimpses of the loch were seen through the trees as the path veered westwards towards North Lodge and Shell Bay.

Once over the main road into Elie it was along the road to Shell Bay before taking the path through the woods. A snack break was taken at a very convenient point due to some 'handily' placed logs. From there the walk continued towards Ruddon Point, a brief stop allowed people to enjoy the view across Shell Bay towards Largo and Leven, various landmarks being pointed out. Among these were the wind turbine at Methil, which, at one stage, was the largest one in the world.

The route then took us through the caravan park, before taking a left at a junction towards Grangehill – the alternative being up towards Kinraig Hill and its' associated steps down towards the golf course. This route was considered too risky due to the conditions underfoot, most people not keen on walking down slippery steps.

Passing a very rusty and delapidated Triumph car (possibly a Mayflower, suitable for the TV programme Car SOS?) and then down through the golf course.

It was agreed that we would take our after walk teas and cakes at the nearby Pavilion Café (as it was on our route) before returning to the car park.



An enjoyable walk in good company, we bade our farewells, wishing each other best wishes for the forthcoming festive season.

Our next walk is on Sunday 12th January at Coronation Road, Rhynd in Perthshire, a 7-mile low level route on tracks and minor roads through farmland and along the river bank. 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