

Hill of Alyth Walk Report

11 members of our walking group met up in Alyth town centre for the walk to the Hill of Alyth and return. The weather was warm-ish as we set off on what would probably



be the hardest part of the walk – the long walk up from the town to the top of the hill. A few brief stops to catch breath and within less than an hour we were taking our drinks stop at the top.

The brass plaque at the top showed the various points of interest etc and we were afforded fine views all around – west and north over Strathmore, south and east over Alyth and towards the Sidlaws. The ground underfoot was mostly soft and velvety grass – akin to walking on thick carpeting.

The way down was undulating and scenic, passing a small lochan that someone thought might be good for a spot of wild swimming – but not by any of today's walkers.

On joining a minor road, that thankfully was relatively traffic free, we continued our way until turning left just before a T-junction and up onto another grassy track. It



was here we were met by several hounds of all shapes and sizes, some friendly, others not so judging by the noise, out for a walk with their 'dog walker'.

Back down to the road and the lunch stop was taken shortly afterwards, alongside the Alyth Burn. Unfortunately, due to the heavy floods in 2015, our path beside the burn on the northern 'leg' was now deemed unsafe and unpassable and, as we had found out on the recce, was fenced off, and we had to continue to the southern end of the



Alyth Den via the road.

Through the picturesque den, we could see various birds such as dippers and grey wagtails and the odd trout swimming through the burn. A bridge over the burn gave us a lovely photo opportunity where the group had gathered.

A short walk, past the Alyth Church and to the car park, completed the walk before we all headed to a favourite café for teas, cakes etc before the journey home.

A lovely walk, said many, with a great variety of environs - taking in a hill, moorland, woodland and riverside, and enjoyed in good humour and bonhomie by all the walkers, grateful that we had done the hard part near the start.