

## Notes on the CEC Kent Walk 10<sup>th</sup> May 2025

The third walk of the season started on a bright, sunny morning from Elmbridge Canoe Club, Weybridge. The route followed the path alongside the River Thames, leading to the Wey Navigation at the Thames Lock.

The group of fourteen walkers then headed along the towpath passing Town Lock and Coxes Lock by Coxes Mill (with a large mill pond). This was an important corn mill before it was replaced in the late 1960s by the grain terminal at Tilbury. The walk continued along the towpath to New Haw Lock, before heading east to join the path by the River Wey, leading back to the towpath and the Old Crown Pub, Weybridge for lunch.

After lunch the walkers followed the Thames path and crossed a bridge leading to the path around Desborough Island (which had been created when the Desborough Cut had been formed in the 1930s to improve navigation and reduce the risk of flooding) before heading back to the car park. This completed the 8 mile walk.

Thanks to Mike Packer for leading the walk, providing an excellent commentary and booking lunch and also to everyone who joined us.

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