

INTRODUCTION

My wife and I have lived here for over 35 years but we are still discovering new things about the area, I am 76 and my wife has two replacement hips and dodgy knees. The walks I am suggesting all start in Uncombe Close but you could start in any part of the village. Most paths are quite good. Mud levels are OK at the moment. Some paths are stony and have tree roots to avoid. Some stiles are involved. Some footpaths are narrow but we have met few people. The 2 metre separation distance is not a problem for the vast majority of the walks. Good strong shoes, walking trainers or boots are recommended together with a walking pole. We walk quite slowly - time is something we have plenty of at the moment. We always take a flask for tea/ coffee (and a biscuit) for a break at the half way point or suitable seat., Copies of the BET leaflet/map are available at the information board at the start of Badgers Wood. Numbers refer to footpath numbers on some markers on the route and on the official footpath map. The OS map may also be useful.

WALK 1. BACKWELL CAVE

Walk up Church Lane. Right into Linemere Close. Left up footpath (Narrow). Cross field (B4) to kissing gate near church grave yard. Straight on. Left in Church Lane. Right over stone stile at side of school playing field. Up narrow path and over stone stile. Cross Church Town (road). Up drive and left into Badgers Wood Nature Reserve. S/O to BET (Backwell Environment Trust) hut. Bear right to short wooden fence on right (Cycle lock attached) go through gap on left or right and go down to wire fence on edge of quarry land. Follow fence up to Backwell cave. There is information on the internet about the cave. Reverse your steps to come home. Less than 2 miles.

Best Wishes. Stay Safe and Good Walking

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