

Sandyden Wood

This month's Mayfield Footpath Walk took us to Sandyden Wood, probably somewhere that many people have not visited much since it is a few miles north of the Mayfield. We met a large group of walkers from Crowborough as well as some from Mark Cross so it seems to attract those from other areas.

It turned out to be slightly longer than expected since we spend half an hour looking for a lost dog, then retraced our steps and found that the dog was ahead of us, obviously making for the spot where we had left the cars at the top of Little Trodgers Lane.



Naturally there were carpets of bluebells in the woods that we passed through – Rocks Wood as well as Sandyden Wood. But Brian and I, strolling at the back of the group were struck by how a single orchid was visible among all the thousands of bluebells. It would take better naturalists than we are to explain why one flower springs up in such profusion and another is in solitary splendour.

I shall try to add this route to those on the website over the next week.