

Okells Garden Centre Café - Sunday 22nd November 2015

What a difference a week makes - last week there were only six members who turned up for the ride. This week it looked like twenty-six but it was at least twenty - too many for the road - so **Janet** divided the group into two, with **Sonia** leading the second group with fewer members.

So off we went, both groups keeping much the same speed forming a long line of cyclists along the cycle path beside the **A5117** to **Dunkirk**, then just before the motorway bridge on the way to **Stoak** a rider in the rear group had a problem with a mudguard and in



stopping to fix it they lost sight of the first group which by this time had divided into two making three groups! However, they all found their way through the **Cheshire Lanes** to **Okells Garden Centre**.



As you can see from the photographs, it was a partly-sunny morning's ride but with a very cold temperature starting at 3.5C and climbing to the dizzy height of 5C. It was good to be joined by **Bob** and **Jill Witton** who had made their own way.

Okells has had a makeover since I was last there and the café is much improved as a result - and the food was good too, the soup in particular.

The garden centre its self is worth a wander through and is very well displayed and set out making this an interesting stop for lunch, we had enjoyed a good mornings ride as you can see from these smiling faces.



The ride back home went as expected via **Christleton** and then along the **Greenway**, at **Blacon** we had a choice to ride to the **Blue Dragon Bridge** and then up **Woodbank**, or to follow **Janet** back across the **Dee Marsh** route.

Andy kindly led those returning to **Eureka** and we all enjoyed a good cup of tea before going on our own way home. So we can score a very well attended ride and a good day out for all, with our thanks to all the leaders.

Just a thought - there are two **Blue Bridges**, one across the **Dee** going to **Queensferry**, and the other across the **A550** which carries the **Greenway**. This has a Dragon on it - to save confusion could we call this the **Dragon Bridge**?



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Text and photos