

## O'Kells Garden Centre, Duddon - 13<sup>th</sup> November 2011

Barbara's popular ride to O'Kells on a beautiful morning attracted 15 or so members, who set off at a brisk pace towards Chester.

It was good to see Rodney again after an absence of several months.

This year, Barbara chose the narrow lane at the rear of The Bike Factory, to stop for a while to observe the two minutes silence for Remembrance Day.

### Stopping to remember the fallen at 11am



Several of us displayed our Poppies on breast or bikes.



Our noon arrival at O'Kells was a good idea because the café soon filled up towards lunchtime with other visitors who had come to view, and hopefully buy, some of the many **Xmas Offers**.



The 'real' Xmas trees had not yet arrived, but a **small queue** had already formed at their obvious display point.





Our keen gardeners tried out for size, the small, but expensive, **potting shed**.

The ride home through the **Cheshire lanes** was beautiful but once again delayed at one point to allow a, fortunately small, **herd of cows**, to run up the road for milking.

### **Homeward bound**

Crossing the **M56 bridge** afforded a distant view of the **Stanlow refinery**. Even that looked reasonable in the late autumn sunshine.



A final pause on the cycleway to look at the **commemorative plaque** for its opening.

It reminded us of how very lucky we are to have so many safe cycle ways in our area.

**Great ride Barbara.** Thank you.

No Garmin route this week. Janet was on holiday, but I am sure Barbara would be pleased to email a copy of her route to those interested.

**Bob Witton**