

The hillier route to the Foresters Arms, Tarporley - 26th June 2011

The moral of this story is that there are many ways to get to Tarporley and I opted for the more demanding one. It was not perhaps the route that Barbara (our original leader) might have taken but I had rehearsed it a couple of days beforehand in the company of Andy. He wanted to try something different!

Eight of us met at the Mills. It was promising a hot day so best **apply the sun block**.



I set a brisk pace to **Mickle Trafford** using the **Greenway**. Sue managed to snap this shot of us (above) as she walked the pooch near **Newton**.



Shortly afterwards, we suffered the first and only **mechanical problem** of the day.

For the rest of the group, it was a chance to take **unofficial elevenses**.



Notice that today, **Brian and Sylvia** are wearing the **Eureka cycle sports tops** – very smart.



Then that climb sharply upwards to cross the Sandstone Trail, passed Summertrees Café and wonderfully clear views of the **Cheshire plains**.



Here are the **first arrivals** looking a bit puffed!

Tricia and Maurice soon joined us.

After wiggling through the lanes, we dropped into Cotebrook -





- and onwards to **Tarporley**, where the **bunting was out** and a **bevy of awards**.

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Roy and Dave kindly gave the pub some lunchtime business whilst the rest of us found a convenient bench outside the **Old Fire Station Chocolate and Coffee shop**



It serves take-out teas and ice-creams. There are public conveniences close by.

All-in-all, it was a perfect venue.

Maurice crept by feeling a little poorly so preferred to make his own way back.

Our route home took in

Beeston,



drink stops



and **Chester -**

which was very busy on this hot summer day. Thanks to a tailwind, we made good time along the **River Dee path** returning to the Mills for much needed refreshments.

Many thanks to the valiant six or seven members for following me today.

Words are by the ride leader, **Janet Gregory.**

Photos are from **Dave, Sue and Janet.**

Click <http://goo.gl/LVR0D> for the route.

