

## Blackdown – Lurgashall - Fernhurst

19<sup>th</sup> September 2023

### Walk Details

The walk descends towards Lurgashall with good views of Aldworth which was Alfred Lord Tennyson's Summer House where he died in 1892. Aldworth has been owned since 2009 by Timur Artemev who made his fortune in the Russian Mobile Phone market. Coffee is at the Lurgashall village green. The walk then proceeds to Fernhurst passing an impressive building Lower House Farm. This section of the walk is flat. Lunch is at Fernhurst Rec where the pavilion has been rebuilt recently. The Red Lion is close by if walkers want a quick drink. After lunch we start the ascent to the Temple of the Winds on Blackdown. Just below this point was the site of a 1967 plane crash that killed 37 people. On a clear day you can see the coast at Shoreham and the Rampion wind farm. The route then takes in the Tennyson stone sculpture which has lines from his Sussex poem before returning to the car park.

### Distance

12 miles

### Meeting Point

Tennyson's Lane NT car park – second car park on the right from the Haslemere direction, near the entrance to Aldworth.

GR: SU 922 307; post code: GU27 3BJ (314 m west of car park); w3w: transfers vesting shade.

### Walking Conditions

The paths are in good condition.

### Terrain

The walk is almost completely downhill in the morning and uphill after lunch. Morning descents and afternoon ascents are steep but not as severe as Windmill Hill which U3A members climbed on the August walk.

### Facilities

Village shop at Lurgashall for the coffee break.

Red Lion Pub at Fernhurst for a lunch time drink but bring a picnic.

### REMINDER:

All walks start from the meeting point at 10.00 a.m.

All walks are based on a picnic lunch except for the November walk, where we arrange a Pub Lunch at the end of the walk.