

## Islington U3A Longer Walks Group

<b>Walk Title</b>	Watton-on-Stone to Hertford	<b>Walk No.</b>	335
<b>Area</b>	Hertfordshire	<b>Type</b>	Linear
<b>Date</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> November 2021		
<b>Distance</b>	8.5 miles (13 km).		
<b>Timing</b>	4 hours walking time + travel + lunch stop. Allow 6 hours in total. Therefore expect to be back in Islington by 4.30 pm		
<b>Meeting up &amp; travel</b>	Buy off peak day return to Watton-at-Stone. Zone 6 extension from Crews Hill + S Railcard is £5.40. Catch train from Highbury 09.48, Finsbury Park 09.54. Leader joining at Ally Pally. Back of train. Train home will be from Hertford North (same line).		
<b>Route</b>	South from Watton alongside course of the River Beane. After lunch in Hertford a circular route exploring environs of Hertford - waterways and Hartham common.		
<b>Lunch</b>	Lunch is at The Millstream pub in Hertford at about 1.00 pm. Seating inside or out. Usual pub type menu and prices. Prides itself on good quality locally sourced food. Microbrewery.		
<b>Dropping out</b>	Easy drop out with short walk to Hertford North station before or after lunch.		
<b>Suitability</b>	Suitable for any reasonably fit regular walker. There are no particular difficulties. No stiles, no hills! Terrain: Woodland, parkland, canalside, some tarmac paths, Possible obstacles: none. Comfortable waterproof walking shoes/ boots. Waterproof jacket. Check weather forecast for temperature and likelihood of rain. Wear, or carry, an extra layer.		
<b>Facilities</b>	There are toilets at the pub in the middle and at the end at Hertford North station (platform 2/3)		
<b>Walk source</b>	Leader's own ( originally suggested by Maeve).		
<b>Map</b>	OS Explorer 194 Hertford and Bishop's Stortford		
<b>Leader &amp; contact details</b>	<u>Walk Leader: Berry Beaumont</u> <u>Beforehand</u> phone:07808 724694 (leave message if necessary) e-mail: berry.beaumont@gmail.com <u>On the day</u> mobile: 07808 724694		
<b>Interesting facts</b>	We pass St Leonard's church which is of Norman origin, the oldest building in Hertford. We also pass the childhood home of Capt W E Johns, the author of Biggles books. The Addis toothbrush factory was in Hertford for many years, now no longer there.		