

Everyone arrived at the Glegg Arms in Heswall on time and, after a quick talk from Ray, we were ready for the off. Alan G, our resident Wirralian, was again leading the ride which has become one of our favourites. We had another great turnout of 19 cyclists including two guests, Ruth and Clive, who were joining us for the first time. Upon leaving the car park we descended the one hill on the route noting that we would have to negotiate our way back up it at the end. We then entered a busy section of the Wirral Way which was well populated with walkers and cyclists. Fortunately, the numbers eased as we left the Way and headed out towards the River Dee and on to Chester. The route incorporated a range of footpaths, boardwalks, lanes and canal towpaths that were all in generally good condition making it fairly easy for cycling. We reached Chester at midday with the majority of the group settling for a drink and a bite to eat by the river and the rest nipping to a nearby pub for a beverage.

On the way back we skirted Chester racecourse and the city walls before hitting the River Dee for the return to Heswall. We had to ride into a headwind for a few miles but as we passed Broughton we were cheered up by the sight of an Airbus Beluga super transporter plane passing overhead to land at the airfield. It was a very big plane – though it doesn't look it on the distant camera shot we obtained!

The ride ended with the climb up the hill back to our start point. Credit goes to Tracy for insisting on cycling up the hill despite the offer of a lift after getting a puncture at the bottom of the hill. Thanks to Alan G for again leading a Deelightful ride which covered 35 miles.