

Walk No 15.2: Clifton Estate, Part 2

Walk/Photos taken 28th October – 4th November 2020

This is the second part of Walk 15. The full walk (15.1 + 15.2) is just under 14km (or 12.5km if you choose route B).

A shorter walk of a 7km (or 5.5km for B) loop in and around Clifton Estate can be done by:

- either taking a NET tram to Clifton Centre, joining the walk route where it crosses Southchurch Drive and 15.1 becomes 15.2,
- or taking a NCT No1 bus to Nottingham Trent Clifton Campus, joining the route at the A453/Glapton Lane junction
- or drive and park.

Once again, I have split the walk into two documents (to manage file size) – 15.1 goes from W.B. to Southchurch Drive, in the centre of Clifton, and 15.2 continues back to W.B. The map below does not include the section from Musters Road to Compton Acres and back – the full map is in 15.1.



15.2 starts on Southchurch Drive, at the red arrow.

On the east side of Southchurch Drive go to the left of the Leisure Centre....



....and to the left of the childrens play area



Continue along with, on your left, the Nethergate Stream which goes under about 6 more bridges.



This part is known as the Clifton Central Flower Park. No flowers in October.....but plenty of autumn colour from the leaves.



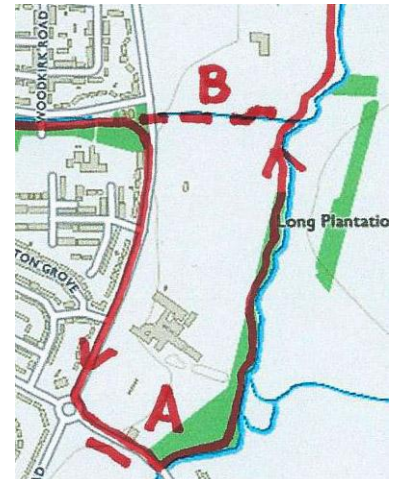
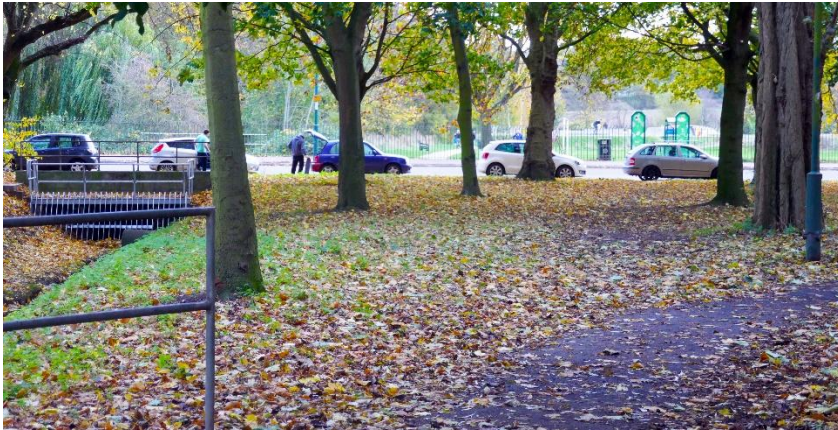
More squirrels....



....and even an egret – in the middle of Clifton Estate!



As you approach Farnborough Road, there is a choice of routes: for the longer route (A) follow the path as it bends away to the right; for the shorter route (B) go ahead towards the green gateway to the right of the photo.



For **route A**, turn right along Farnborough Road – watch for interesting gardens – and continue to the roundabout junction with Green Lane.



On the corner is the Fairham pub



This is one of only 3 pubs in the whole of Clifton – the others are The Peacock on Southchurch Drive and The Crusader on Hartness Road by the A453. (Four other pubs – Grey Mare, Man of Trent, Winning Post and Clifton Bridge Inn – all closed in recent years.)

This means there is 1 pub per 8,900 population in Clifton – compared to 1 pub per 1,000 in Ruddington, i.e. in proportion to population, Ruddington has nearly nine times as many pubs for its residents as has Clifton!

Not that this is particularly relevant at the moment – as I am writing this, Johnson has just announced Lockdown No 2; so no stopping for a refreshing pint on the walk until December at least.

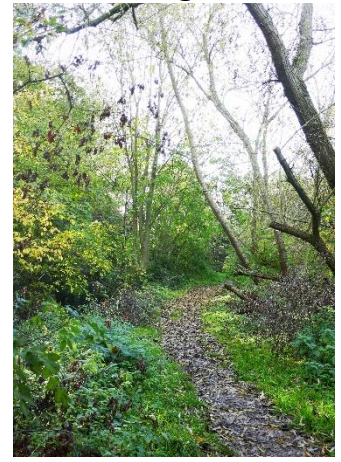
Turn left towards Ruddington and where the road crosses Fairham Brook bridge, the boundary between Clifton and Ruddington, there is a footpath to the left (signed *Fairham Brook, Clifton (north), Silverdale, Wilford*). The path is rather muddy after recent rainy days. It winds along beside the Brook, with nice views.....



...looking back – the bridge over the Brook



.... through trees



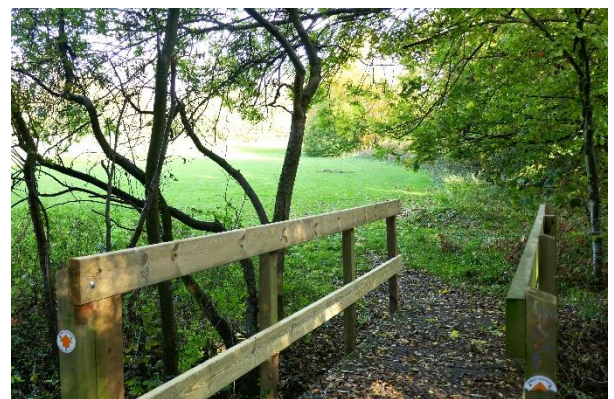
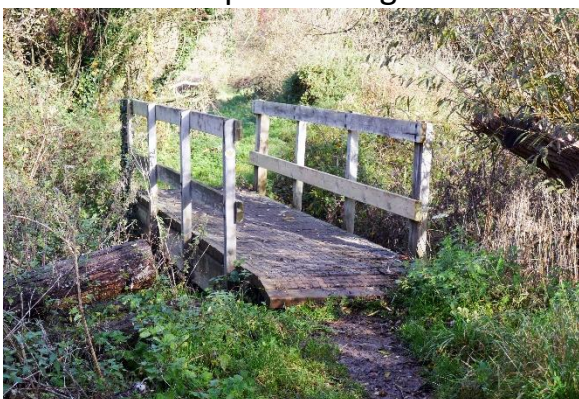
...and across fields to Ruddington Grange on the right



...and back towards Clifton across the playing fields on the left,



....across a couple of bridges



...and the third bridge, which is over the Nethergate Stream



This is where route A meets route B....

.....so, I must go back into the Estate, to the path alongside Nethergate Stream where it meets Farnborough Road, and describe route B.

Route B goes over Farnborough Road, through the green gateway....



.....alongside a skate park



...left, over the Nethergate Stream



.....and immediately right, through the trees



...to join up with route A, just before the point where the Nethergate Stream flows into Fairham Brook.



With routes A & B together, go to the left, following the Fairham Brook.....

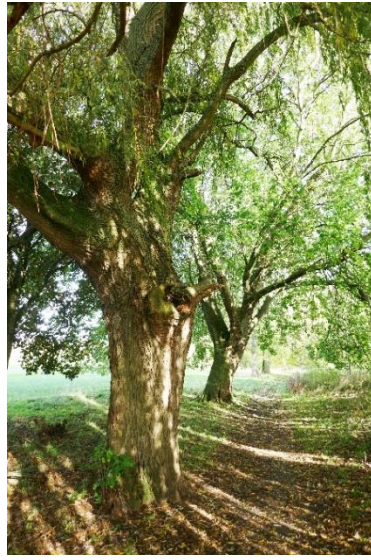
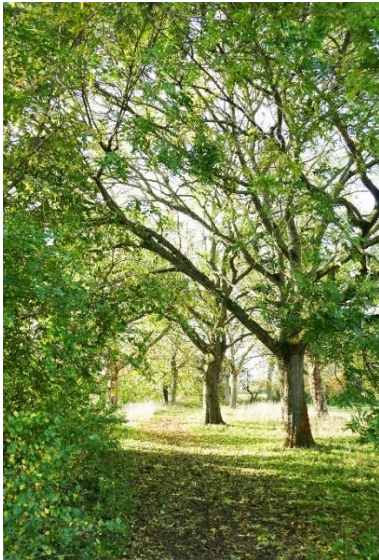


...noting that Clifton is still close



(In this photo you could almost imagine the Southchurch Court tower block is a smaller building up on a hill)

...while, admiring the trees



Continue around the right side of the playing fields until you reach the tram bridge crossing the Fairham Brook.

Take the path through the trees....



....under the bridge, with its colourful graffiti



....and turn up and back to cross the bridge

....and return, via the Compton Acres tramstop, into West Bridgford and the end of Walk 15.

