

Rampion Wind Farm Trip

27th July 2022

What a wonderful time we had on our long awaited trip to the Wind Farm.

Unfortunately Yvonne was unwell and unable to join us and after asking around the buddy groups Nigel Schmidt, Pam's husband joined us.

We met in the Laughing Dog cafe at the marina for a fortifying hot beverage before walking round to embark on our wonderful journey.

The catamaran was a powerful steed that took us the 7.5 miles out to the wind farm. The windmills grew and grew as we got closer and closer.

The 116 turbines cover another 7.5 miles of sea bed, they are momentous as they rise from the sea. Even on a moderate wind day they can generate as much power as two traditional power stations.

Rampion is currently owned by a German company who have a 50 year contract from the Crown to site the wind farm and IF they decide to finish the project they have to clear the site completely to its original clear sea area.

As a result of the installation the marine life has blossomed and there is a whole new ecosystem as there cannot be any trawler fishing, line fishing or lobster pots in the area.

There are plans to build another wind farm towards Bognor and although the new turbines are likely to be larger they will be 6 times more effective than the ones that are currently there.

We were given lots more facts and figures that I'm afraid I've already forgotten.

We all had a wonderful day the boat was full of very happy smiling sailors!

