

Sunday 15th October 2017

National Memorial Arboretum

An invitation was put out by Paul Bradley and Dave Barrington to any members who wished to join them for an unofficial ride out to the National Memorial Arboretum in particular for those who couldn't make last weekend's Ride to the Wall event. This resulted in 9 riders and 2 pillion meeting up for what turned out to be a really enjoyable day out.

The main group met up at Decathlon taking a route via Buxton where another two members were waiting to join in. Then it was down the A515 via Ashbourne, Sudbury and Yoxhall to Alrewas arriving at the Arboretum just in time for some lunch.

Suitably refreshed we then made our way over to the Armed Forces Memorial (The Wall) for a moment of reflection and to pay our respects to all those who have fallen in service since the end of WWII and whose names are displayed on the memorial's stone tablets.





We then made our way back to the restaurant area where there was time to enjoy a relaxing coffee and a chat sat in the sunshine before preparing to make our way home. The return route was basically the reverse of that taken on the ride down riding through some brilliant countryside in the warm afternoon sunshine. Thanks to Paul and Dave for coming up with the idea and for extending the invitation to all who took part.

