

A walk through History- Parham Airfield - 11 January 2015

It was outstanding and a real privilege to welcome ninety people to our second heritage walk at Parham Airfield on **Sunday 11th January 2015** .

The turn out for our first event of the New Year was simply remarkable and we'd like today a big thank you the team of volunteers at [Parham Airfield Museum](#) for welcoming us - and to all of you who came along and joined us on a sunny, if windy, Sunday morning.

Put simply, the construction of these airfields were the single most significant landscape change to take place in their locations. At Parham alone, twenty-three miles of hedgerow made way for the construction of the site.

The walk mixed airfield history with landscape change and explored the ancient buildings found in the area, such as the early 16th century Moat Hall, once home to a soldier of Henry VIII following his marriage to a lady-in - waiting of Catherine of Aragon.

The 3-mile walk was led by our Community Archeologist Martin Cuthbert, with great support and able assistance from Peter Kindred and John from the the 8th USAAF airfield museum at Parham, home to the 390th Bomb Group during World War Two.

The attendees, young and old, shared a really great mix of interests and motivations for getting involved. Some were interested in landscape history, others had travelled from far and wide to explore the military and airfield archaeology, whilst others still fancied the chance to have a walk in the unique landscape of their local World War Two airfield.

It was also really good to welcome along several members of the Friends of the Eighth, who contributed to our understanding of the military history of the airfield.

The walk was a great way for all to learn about the local landscape and to promote visitors to the museum, who remained open all day for walkers to discover more about the servicemen whom lived and flew from the airfield.

Following the great success of our first two heritage walks, we will be delivering more across the region in the future. If you would like to keep in touch about future events, or if you, or your museum, would like to host an event , then please [drop us a line](#).

And if you want to know what the first walk at Horham was like, then have a look at the review of our previous walk at [Horham](#).