

Despite it raining heavily during the day, it was fine when we set off down Church Street, towards the Water Tower.



For most of us, it was the first time we had been close to the tower - before this we had only seen it from the road. The tower once stored the water for the village, replacing a storage near Barrock Fold. But now a new unit, up on the hill at Bentley Hall, is used. There is no evidence of a pump, suggesting that the tower was gravity fed - with the tower being lower than the source of the water (possibly on the lake district) The tower is no longer used to store water, but now supports a number of arials/ transmitters



On leaving the Water Tower, we went down a nearby footpath and walked along to the bottom lodge at Lowercroft



It was here that the prisoner of war camp held Italians who had been living in the surrounding areas and who were interned during the war



With the light fading, we walked back along the middle lodge



and back up Knowsley Road, ending with some of the group going to the Duke William on Well Street