

## **Sponsored Walk 2016**

November 12<sup>th</sup> was the day of our annual Walk the Line sponsored walk. Attendance was up to about 330, although part of this increase was a more accurate count of the numbers in groups.

The weather was also better than last year but it still rained. Most annoyingly the days either side of the walk were warm and sunny.

Some of you came from such far-away places as Rugeley, Cardiff and Chesterfield so especial thanks to you and thank you everyone who took part.

The final amount raised is likely to be £5700 - £6000 after all sponsored monies have been sent in and after we have claimed Gift Aid back from Inland Revenue. This will help in the continuing efforts to raise funds for the restoration of the Society's Standard 4 locomotive 75079.

Again, we would also like to thank all our volunteers for their hard work in setting up the walk, supervising on the day and providing the necessary refreshment, safety and support.

If you have received a nice new calendar or diary for Christmas. please note the date of the 2017 walk which will be Saturday November 11<sup>th</sup>. So please put it in your diaries and we look forward to seeing you again.

With thanks to you all again from us.

Robin Higgs OBE

David Brace