<u>Run #2169</u> Monday 9th November 2026, The Benfleet Tavern, Benfleet

Hares:- Frogman & Zipper

This evening we are gathered at The Benfleet Tavern, it was a chilly night, with a bit of fog in the air! The sixteen hardy hashers stood in the car park, the stand-in GM Sooty called us to order, and Frogman & Zipper gave out the trail instructions.

We ran off down the road, and zigged about for a bit, at one point we realised that the walkers (excluding Sir Lunchbox!) had got left behind – we waited a couple of minutes for them to catch up – before realising that they had gone on a short cut!! We caught them up – and then headed off into the wilds of Benfleet, along a muddy road, over a stile and into the horse fields. Tiny Tears was in his element – we were actually running somewhere that he knew – so he was front-running, and for a change wasn't getting many of the checks wrong!

Fag After struggled a bit on the stiles – so Fourplay had to lend him a helping hand, AGO also got assistance! We then arrived at the beer stop, where the knitting circle were all waiting for us. Heapo was trying to be helpful, but had apparently spilt a number of beers before we arrived – what a waste! Once the beer stop was done – it was along the familiar route next to the railway line. At the far end – we had to check out the trail – and I think Tiny Tears actually missed this one! Finally after a few more wiggles round the houses we made it back to the pub.

As usual, there was a lovely spread of food – so much that we actually couldn't finish it! We then went outside for the down-downs, delivered by our stand-in RA Pulled Out this week. The first two went to our hares, Frogman & Zipper for a great route, then it was the run of the FRB and the 'slow' walker, Tiny Tears and Sir Lunchbox, followed by Fourplay & Fag After for the stile shenanigans, and the Heapo for his beer spilling at the beer stop.

We all had a great night!

On! On!

Fourplay