

Watts Gallery and Artist's Village 19 May 2022

On 19 May four of us made the trip to Watts and artists village. Unfortunately we were unable to have the guided tour because there were not enough of us, but we still had an enjoyable time.

We began by looking around the grade 1 listed chapel designed by Mary Watts and decorated with terracotta tiles created by the villagers. Every inch of the chapel is decorated. It is still used as the parish chapel today.

Next we looked at the around the Watts gallery which was purpose built to house George Frederic Watts paintings and sculptures.

Finally we walked through the woodland and garden to the Watts' home and workshop, Limmerslease, which reflects their tastes and personalities as artists. In the upstairs studio G.F. Watts' last work still fills the whole of one wall. It is so large that a slit was made in the floor and a mechanism installed so that the painting could be lowered enabling Watts to work on the top portion of the painting.

The tea shop also was visited a couple of time. Sitting out in the garden area was very pleasant.

