

Astronomy Walk 11th July 2023

Solar System Walk

Kate Earl arranged a walk from Bournemouth pier to Boscombe pier, which is a distance of 1.6 miles, showing the solar system to scale as we walked along the promenade. The weather was fine but a bit windy. 15 people attended.

The sun was represented to scale by a beach ball, and as we reached the relevant distance for each planet, Kate produced things that showed the relative size of each planet.

It showed very well how tiny the planets are, and how much empty space there is in the solar system. The walk ended up at Boscombe pier, which happens to have the Neptune pub there, which is a nice location to end the walk with the planet Neptune and a drink.

Kate had put a lot of work into preparing things to show physically or on her laptop, and at each stop Kate gave us a lot of information about each planet. The whole show was much appreciated by those attending, even if they did have to walk back to Bournemouth to pick up their cars!