The Cotswold Way
Dot Patton and Jane Mottram

This long distance path was so different from the Lake District or Scottish routes we'd done but really picturesque, interesting and runnable.

From 'picture box' cottages and lush gardens we ran through bright green beech woods, varied crop fields, up and down gentle slopes and over golf courses. On route we visited monument towers, historic burial grounds and battle fields. We even ran over a hill left by the devil because he didn't like all the churches the folk were building! (or so Jane told me, probably to keep me going!). The countryside provided wide open views and the most gorgeous flower meadows along with birdsong and bleating lambs.

For me the running was hard, my knees suffered the distance so we skipped a few road miles by hitching a lift along some road sections from Jim and Mike our trusty support. Still 102 miles in 4 days was perhaps a big ask.

The support from Jim, Mike was amazing. They drove miles shuttling us to and from the route, popping up at unexpected places to provide sustenance on route and were quick with the Tea, cake and Gin and Tonics at the end of each day. Ella of course helped navigate!

Not sure what next year's plan will be but there will certainly be something!









Chipping Camden to Bath

along the Cotswold escarpment







