

Enthusiasts march through countryside to highlight importance of the Battle of Naseby

Oh what a lovely war

A GROUP of Civil War re-enactors marched through the Northamptonshire countryside to raise money and awareness for a project to promote a historic county battlefield.

Dozens of members of the Sealed Knot gathered in Naseby on Saturday for a sponsored walk to Marston Trussell. The 30-odd marchers, who all wore period costume, were raising funds for the Naseby Battlefield Project.

It was set up to promote the history of the battlefield, which many historians consider to be the site of one of the most important battles in England's history.

Carrying drums and wearing colourful costumes, the fund-raisers walked to Sibbertoft, stopping off to lay a wreath at the Cromwell monument, before marching to Marston Trussell for another



■ Re-enacting a battle scene

wreath laying ceremony by the graves of Royalists soldiers.

Lesley Stinson, a member of the Sealed Knot, said: "We wanted to support the Naseby Battlefield Project and help it put Naseby back on the map.

"It's such a major battle. It swung England for the Parliamentarians and it lost England for King Charles. It was the first appearance of Sir Thomas Fairfax, and his second in command was Oliver Cromwell. It was one of the battles where Cromwell came to the front."



■ Hitting the road again

■ Taking a breather during the march