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Sixteen members in nine cars took part in the August run organised by Gill & Chris taking in some hidden corners and roads less travelled on the Black Isle. For those not familiar with the area, the Black Isle is a peninsula, not an island, lying just to the North of Inverness. There are also various theories about why it's called "black", one being that seen from a distance its heavily-wooded aspect made it seem black. At approximately 100 square miles in size, it reputedly contains nearly 1,000 miles of roads so there is plenty to explore. The former Burghs of Cromarty and Fortrose & Rosemarkie have much of interest to visit while Chanonry Point is one of the best vantage points in the UK at which to observe dolphins. After coffee and cakes at Conon Bridge, the group made their way along quiet minor roads to the lunch stop at Cromarty. The glorious summer weather afforded some fantastic views over the Cromarty Firth to the hills beyond. After lunch, the group split up to explore the various attractions in the town, including Hugh Miller's House, the Courthouse and the ancient East Church (as well as indulging in some retail therapy) before heading off home. David and Elaine Hitchmough are planning the September run to the West Coast.