

# HORNSEA DISTRICT WALKING CLUB REPORT

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## HDWC Sunday Walks

On Nov 12th seven Walking Club members gathered in North Grimston for an 8½ mile walk led by Carron York. Members of the Ramblers were also setting off on their walk and they were encountered again at several points along the way. From North Grimston the walkers headed north following part of the Centenary Way across fields, parallel with Settrington Beck. By the old railway station, now Station House, they joined the road down into Settrington. The weather was cold but clear. It being Remembrance Sunday, they paused near Settrington Church for a two minute silence. After admiring the cyclamen under the trees, they continued past the entrance to Settrington House and half a mile up the hill turned right, along a farm road. They continued via field paths through Wardale climbing past Wold House Farm to meet the road on top of a ridge at about 550ft above sea level. From here there were views south, back over North Grimston and as they continued over the ridge, a view north over the Vale of Pickering. Their route took them down the north facing side of the ridge known as Basset Brow. After a break it was time to continue and this involved climbing back over the ridge through the woods on Beacon Wold to re-cross the road near Settrington Beacon. It was now all downhill following firstly the Wolds Way then a farm track past Wood House Farm to the road on the edge of North Grimston village. The most hazardous part of the walk was probably the 100yds along the B1248 to reach the pavement through the village so completing a lovely walk, in good weather and in good company.

So to Nov 19th and a good walk for the 'Sunday Five' from Cropton Cabins through 8½ miles of the North Yorkshire forest and countryside. The weather forecast was 75% dry and 25% heavy drizzle and thankfully that drizzle was in the last quarter of the walk. After a short coffee stop on Muffles Rigg they headed up to High Muffles where they met a group of people preparing to start a hunt. Thankfully the target for the bloodhounds were some human runners. The dogs were in turn followed by horse-riders keeping an eye on the proceedings. For the walkers, lunch was taken sat on tree stumps in a clearing close to St James's Farm. Unfortunately after lunch the drizzle became heavier and more persistent as they headed back. Down at the bottom of the hill they crossed a bridge over the high and fast flowing Hartoft Beck which was well above its normal level. From there they headed past Low Muffles and back into the forest for the last stretch back to Cropton Cabins and a well deserved 'cuppa' in the cafe.

On the chilly overcast morning of 26th Nov, ten Club Members

gathered in the large lay-by at Bainton for an 8½ mile walk led by Sue Copeland. From the lay-by the walkers set off along Church Street soon turning left onto Applegarth Lane, a quiet country lane leading to Neswick through a parkland landscape with open Wolds views. Alas, today was overcast and the views hazy. The group took the field side path that led up to Burnbutts Lane then turned off to head south at Burn Butts Farm. They took a coffee stop here before continuing down to Cawkeld. Through the woods there were glimpses of the lake at Cawkeld. A path across waterlogged pastures brought them into Kilwick for a lunch break in The Park - an extensive children's playground with plenty of seating. After lunch the walkers joined the Minster Way for the return to Bainton. The Minster Way is a 40 mile way-marked route across East Yorkshire linking the Minster Churches at Beverley and York. After passing the hamlet of Bracken their route followed a farm track dead straight for nearly a mile, climbing 100ft, to meet Oldfield Lane at the top. This 'green lane' is classed as a by-way and as such is a favourite route for 'off-roaders' using 4x4s and trails motorbikes. As a result the lane does get deeply rutted, making it difficult for other users - walkers, horse-riders & cyclists. However today a large red 'road closed' sign barred the way for vehicles. Back down in Bainton, near the end of a very enjoyable walk, the walkers diverted to visit the historic St Andrew's Parish Church but unfortunately it was locked. On their drive home, most of the group stopped off at the café at Hutton Cranswick Garden Centre for refreshments.

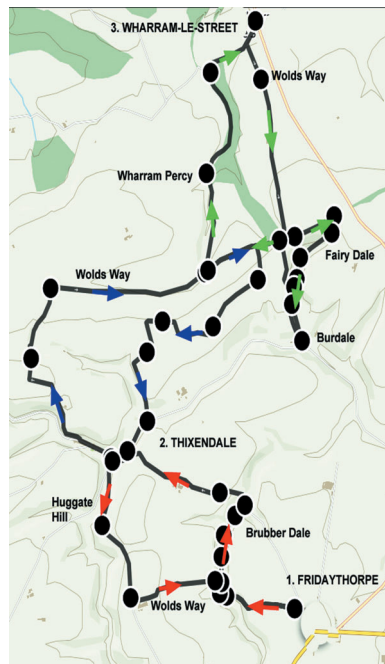
Finally, due to the wintry weather, the walk planned for Dec 3rd was cancelled. This was to have been from Winterringham in North Lincolnshire, and will now be rescheduled for next spring.

**The Annual General Meeting** of the Hornsea District Walking Club was held on the 21st November at the New Inn, Leven. Chair, Joyce Davidson, firstly thanked the Committee, for their work in providing a varied programme of walks, weekends away and other activities, and included the Members, for their continued support. Throughout the year there had been a Club walk planned for almost every Sunday, together with days away in Askrigg (Wensleydale), Patterdale (Lake District), and Appleby (Westmorland). The draft of the walks programme for the first half of 2024 was presented to the meeting and ideas for weekends away were also discussed. Final details of these will be announced in due course and will be added to the Walking Club Calendar on the Dales Trails website ([www.dalestrails.co.uk](http://www.dalestrails.co.uk)). The Walking Club Committee remains unchanged for 2024, although Joyce

Davidson did announce that she would be standing down as Chair at the next AGM, following several years 'at the helm'.

## Other walks by HDWC Members

On three consecutive Sundays, Arnold and Caroline completed walks on the Yorkshire Wolds, each of about 7 miles, that interconnected and each included a section of the Yorkshire Wolds Way - SEE MAP.



The first, on Nov 12th was from Fridaythorpe and went via Brubber Dale (access land) to Thixendale. Their return was via Huggate Hill to Gill's Farm then the Wolds Way to Fridaythorpe.

The following Sunday they met in Thixendale to follow the Wolds way via Vessey Pasture Dale towards Wharram Percy. After lunch in the shelter of North Plantation they returned by way of Raisthorpe Wold and Court Dale.

On 26th Nov their walk started from Wharram-le-Street, heading up the road towards Burdale but turning left at the top to descend through the delightful Fairy Dale (access land). It was in Fairy Dale that Arnold and Caroline bumped into Amy-Jane Beer, who was researching a walk in the area for the Guardian newspaper! Amy-Jane is quite famous - a Botanist, Ecologist, Author, and currently President of 'Friends of the Yorkshire Dales National Park'. From Burdale she headed towards Thixendale whilst the duo set off back up the hill. At the top they turned left to join the Wolds Way down to the site of the Medieval 'lost' Village of Wharram Percy for a short break, after which they followed the disused railway to the site of Wharram station and back up the road to Wharram-le-Street.

In the days prior to the Club walk from Cropton Cabins, David and Margaret did two other walks in the forests on the southern edge of the North York Moors. On Friday they

started from Givendale Head and headed into Dalby Forest, passing the dry-stone wall maze under construction, to the Adderstone, above Staindale. On their return through the 'Deep, Dark Wood' they came upon a Gruffalo and other woodland creatures. Fortunately, despite these encounters, they arrived safely back at their car! Whereas Friday had been a fine autumn day, Saturday was murky and overcast for their walk on the edge of Cropton Forest from Mauley Cross to the edge of Newton Dale. Sadly, because of the mist, there was no view from their lunch stop on Killing Nab Scar! After lunch David and Margaret headed back through the drizzle to their car and returned to their B&B to ready themselves for leading the Club walk the next day.

## HDWC WALKS COMING UP

New Years Day, Monday, 1st Jan 2024: Short walk from The Black Horse, Atwick (Details to be Confirmed).

Sunday 7th Jan: Short walk (7½ miles) from Goodmanham (Village car park 10 am) via Kiplingcotes and Arras.

Sunday 14th Jan: Longer walk (10 miles) from Driffield (Eastgate car park 10 am) via Long Lane, Driffield Wold, and Little Driffield.

Sunday 21st Jan: Medium walk (up to 9½ miles) from Stone Creek (10 am) via Sunk Island & Humber River Bank  
Sunday 28th Jan: Medium walk (8 miles) from South Cave (10 am) via Mount Airy and Brantingham.

**More details of the Hornsea District Walking Club Calendar online at:**  
[www.dalestrails.co.uk/calendar](http://www.dalestrails.co.uk/calendar)

1. North Grimston walk - Near Wardale heading towards Bassett Wold (taken by Julie England)
2. North Grimston walk -view east from Bassett Brow (Paul James)
3. Cropton Cabins walk - Autumn colours in Cropton Forest (Sylvia Caygill)
4. Cropton Cabins walk - Forest road in Cropton Forest (David Holtby)
5. Bainton walk - taking a coffee break near Burnbutts (Julie England)
6. Bainton walk - the Lake at Cawkeld (Julie England)
7. Other walks - Thixendale; view from Beamer Hill (Arnold Underwood)
8. Other walks - Wharram; in Fairy Dale, Amy-Jane and Caroline approach Burdale Tunnel (Arnold Underwood)
9. Other walks - Dalby Forest, Margaret by the Adderstone (David Holtby)
10. Wolds Walks Map (Arnold Underwood)

