

Hornsea District Walking Club

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Betty Lusby, and Arnold Underwood.*



The shorter walk on 7th September was from Cayton Bay, near Scarborough, and led by Sylvia Caygill accompanied by Mavis, Arnold, Joyce, Sue, Steve, Graham, Wendy and Andy. They parked their cars on the old road up Osgodby Hill which is now by-passed and closed to through traffic. The nine walkers set off at 10am, heading for the clifftop path. Here, the



Cleveland Way is now incorporated in the King Charles III England Coast Path. Immediately the path descended the cliff towards the Bay by steep uneven steps which one or two found rather tricky. Soon they faced a steep climb back up the cliff by a series of steps by the old road at the top of Osgodby Hill. From there, they forked left up a lane to Osgodby Reservoir with a view over the rooftops to Scarborough Castle. The path then crossed the A165 by-pass by a footbridge to arrive in Osgodby village. As it was now eleven o'clock, the walkers took their eleventh stop here. Continuing out of Osgodby there was some confusion over the correct path due to a large housing development having sprung up since Sylvia was last here! They found the diverted path, skirting around the building site, and rejoined the path proper across open farmland. The group headed over Knox Hill and down across the South Cliff golf course where they held up play for a few minutes. After crossing Filey Road, they headed down to the clifftop overlooking South Bay. Here were plenty of seats for a lunch stop, next to the site of Holbeck Hall Hotel, which collapsed with a cliff fall in June 1993. After lunch, the walkers re-joined the Cleveland Way/England Coast Path and followed its twists and turns, ups and downs, along the cliff back to Cayton Bay. On the drive home they called at the Antique Centre Tea Room in Bridlington Old Town for tea and cake.

There were twelve gathered in Sancton village car park on 5th Oct - Arnold Underwood (walk leader), Sylvia, Betty, Sam, Caroline, Sue, Julie, Margaret, Trevor, Wendy, Andrew, and Steve. They set off up the road to Sancton Hill. It was warm in the sunshine but the wind got stronger as they climbed onto the Wolds. From Sancton Hill they dropped down into the shelter of the woods near Hessleskew Gare, where they took a coffee break. From there they continued to join the Wolds Way at Gare Gate on Sancton Wold and headed north towards Arras Wold. At 500ft above sea level, it was blowing a gale and were relieved to reach the track down towards Sancton. But first a surprise - the south facing slopes of Arras Wold were planted with grape vines. After a 'quality control' inspection of the grapes, they continued to Sancton for their lunch stop on benches in a sheltered spot by the church. All Saint's Church in Sancton is unusual in that it has an octagonal tower. So far the walkers had completed about 5 miles of this figure-8 walk. After lunch they set off on a loop via Houghton Hall. As they headed along a track there were shouts of "Trevor, you've stood on a snake!" Apparently a grass snake had moved quickly across in front of Trevor who had unknowingly stood on its tail! The snake was annoyed but otherwise ok, and disappeared into



the undergrowth. With no more incidents, they got back to Sancton again at about 2.15pm having completed 7½ miles in total.

It being nearing Halloween, Betty Lusby planned that her walk on Oct 12th should visit the Pumpkin Patch at Homeland Farm in Bewholme. Being close to home, there was a good turnout of sixteen walkers - with Betty were Sylvia, Arnold, Sue, Mavis, Sam, John, Neil, Stella, Carron, Jyl, Wendy, Andrew, Steve, Stuart, and Graham - plus Carron's dog Mack. It was good to see John Stocks with us again, following his recent surgery. It was a chilly misty morning as the walkers set off from Seaton, with a promise of brighter weather by lunchtime. After following a farm track, the footpath continued between a wire fence and a ditch. Walking was



slow through wet grass and brambles. However the sun made its appearance as they arrived in Bewholme where the group diverted to the Pumpkin Patch to marvel at the huge number of pumpkins of all colours and sizes. From there they continued the walk a little way and found a spot in the sunshine for a coffee break. Heading north across open farmland they came to the little village of Dunnington. In the graveyard of St Nicholas' Church they took their

lunch break in the warm sunshine. Heading back to Bewholme after lunch, the walkers followed a bridleway along field boundaries to Bewholme Lane. It was a mile along the lane to Bewholme, where they took a short break by the church of St John the Baptist. Betty offered a choice here, either to continue along the road to Seaton or retrace steps along the field paths. Eleven chose the road, five chose the field path. Back in Seaton, after a walk of just over 8 miles, they all enjoyed drinks in the pub's beer garden. By the way, no-one chose to bring a pumpkin back in their rucksack!

On 9th November Sylvia was again leading, this time on a walk from Rudston going via High Caythorpe and Boynton. After a misty start the day brightened up. They made a lunch stop at Boynton Church, then headed up onto Woldgate past the woods featured in several David Hockney paintings. Back in Rudston they visited to the Monolith in All Saints Church graveyard. The Rudston Monolith is the tallest prehistoric 'standing stone' in the country at over 25ft tall. Drinks at the Bosville Arms in Rudston rounded off a good day for the ten walkers.



WALKS COMING UP :

Sunday Walks

7th Dec - FIELD HOUSE FARM (Tibthorpe) 10.00am; 7 miles via Tibthorpe Wold

14th Dec - SPROATLEY, 11.30am; Short Walk followed by Christmas Dinner at The Constable Arms (2.00pm)

21st Dec - TICKTON (Hull Bridge) 10.00am; 7 mile Linear walk to LEVEN via River Hull and Leven Canal, using No 25 Bus one way.

1st Jan 2026 - NEW YEAR'S DAY short walk in BEVERLEY 11.00am

For more details, see the Walks Calendar on: www.dalestrails.co.uk/calendar