

Hornsea District Walking Club

Report compiled by Bogtrotter

*with contributions from Joyce Davidson,
Julie England and Arnold Underwood.*



Sunday, 14th December 2025 was the day for the Walking Club's traditional Christmas Short Walk. This was from Sproatley, followed by Christmas Dinner at the Constable Arms. Twelve members of the Club met there at 11am for a 5 mile walk led by Joyce Davidson via the



Burton Constable Park

parkland of nearby Burton Constable Hall. Back in Sproatley the walkers were joined by other club members, family and friends for the Christmas Dinner at 2pm. After the meal, Club founder member and past chairman, Stuart Kemp thanked Joyce, the Club's current Club Chair, for organising the event and leading the walk and also the staff of the Constable Arms for the excellent meal.

So into 2026, and on 1st January fourteen walkers met on Woodmansey Mile in Beverley at 11am for the New Year's Day walk. The plan was to have drinks afterwards in the Monks Walk Inn, but with it not opening until 2.00pm the walk was extended to about 6 miles by walk leader Neil Patrick. The walkers set off through the Lincoln Way estate and up Shepherds Lane to Victoria Road. They continued along the lane over the Beverley Bypass to Butt Farm. From there, field paths brought them to Broadgates. A track parallel to the bypass led to a path onto Beverley Westwood where, in the shelter of trees, the group made a short lunch stop. The walkers then headed across the Westwood past Black Mill back to their cars on Woodmansey Mile, finishing the walk at 1.30pm. Several then adjourned to the Monk's Walk Inn for drinks.



Beverley Westwood

Due to snow & ice, affecting driving more than walking, the walk on 4th of January was amended. Just five walkers and one dog walked alongside Leven Canal to Waterloo Bridge and back - in glorious sunshine! There was no snow beyond Hall Garth and several light aircraft were observed coming and going from the airfield.

Conditions were still icy on 11th Jan, together with rain and a cold easterly wind. This didn't deter a few brave ladies, Sylvia, Joyce, Sue, Stella and her dog, Daisy, from joining Julie on her 10 mile walk from Drifffield via Nafferton onto Drifffield Wold and back down Long Lane. Rain falling on frozen ground made for tricky walking in places.

On Sunday, 18th Jan, eleven Club members gathered in the car park in Warter, on another damp drizzly morning that we have been accustomed to. With everyone in waterproofs it was tricky knowing who was with who! At just after 10am, Joyce Davidson with her ten followers - Sylvia, Sue, Bobby, Simon, Mel, Ian, Neil, Margaret, Dudley and Arnold, set off and headed up the road out of Warter through the rain and mist. Then along field sides and steeply down into Lavender Dale. There they took a coffee break before continuing up the dale to Blanch Farm where they turned right along the farm road. This led the walkers to the B1246, the highest point on the walk at 400ft above sea level. Across the road, they continued along a

grassy path and eventually reached the Middleton Road near some woodland - the first shelter for miles - and a suitable spot for a lunch break. The rain had stopped, but in the woods water was dripping off the trees onto those perched on logs below! After a short break they continued along the road to Dalton Gates. The trees here feature in David Hockney's painting - 'Bigger Trees near Warter'. Half a mile further along the road brought them to the footpath into Great Dug



Dale. With the rain having stopped it was a pleasant walk down the dale with a group of Red Kites giving a flying display. Back in Warter they diverted to St James' Church, now the Wolds Heritage Centre, with displays showing the history of the village, the estate, and former priory. Then it was back to the car park to finish a good, 9 mile walk despite the horrible conditions in the morning. On their way home a few called at the refurbished Star Inn at North Dalton. On another misty, murky Sunday, 1st February, walk leader Arnold Underwood was joined in Millington by twelve other club members - Ian, Sylvia, Betty, Sue, John, Bobby, Andrew, Wendy, Steve, Joyce, Margaret, and Dudley - for a 7 mile walk via Givendale. They set off up The Balk onto Givendale Hill then down the lane past Little Givendale Farm into Whitekeld Dale. From here they followed a track by Givendale Beck climbing gradually towards woodland. Around the corner they had a first view of St Ethelburga's church at the head of the dale, overlooking the wildlife ponds created by farmer Richard Fuller 30 years ago. The church



made a good spot for a coffee break, and incredibly, the sun broke through the clouds illuminating the snowdrops and celandines in the graveyard! From Givendale they took to the path down by Brimlands Wood, and below Grimthorpe Manor into Grimthorpe Wood. It was very squelchy and muddy underfoot along the field edge and in the woods. They walked along Miller Lane to Ousethorpe Farm and climbed a stile into the fields by Pocklington Beck. Here they took a

lunch break on the bank by beck. The sun had long given up and it was now quite chilly, so they were soon on their way, crossing the beck by a footbridge. Near Mill Farm they encountered yet another muddy field! At last they reached solid ground, the road back into Millington where, after removing their muddy boots, they visited the Ramblers Rest tearoom to round off their day.

WALKS COMING UP :

Sunday Walks

15th MARCH - LOCKINGTON (Church), 10.90am; Medium Walk 8 miles

22nd MARCH - NORTH NEWBALD (Village Hall) 10.00am; Medium Walk 9 mile via Sancton

5th APRIL - WEST HESLERTON 10.00am; Short Walk 7½ miles via Heselerton Brow

19th APRIL - ROSEDALE ABBEY 10.00am; Long Walk 10 miles via Thorgill and the Lion Inn

Wednesday Evening Walks commence on 6th May

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