

# Hornsea District Walking Club

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Betty Lusby, and Arnold Underwood.*



The weather forecast for 1st Dec wasn't looking good - rain and moderate winds. Nevertheless, walk leader Arnold Underwood was joined in Huggate by three others - Sylvia Caygill, Sue Copeland, and Caroline Gowthorpe, for a shorter walk on the Yorkshire Wolds.



The 7 mile route took them along Driffield Road from the village car park as far as Foxcovert Farm. Here they turned to take the path down into the shelter of Shortlands Dale, followed by Oxlands Dale and Rabbit Dale. After walking up and over exposed North Field they found shelter in Harper Dale for a coffee break. From there they arrived in Horse Dale and opted to keep along the bottom, but the dale was acting like a wind tunnel and they faced a strong headwind for about a mile! At last

near the end of the dale, they found a suitable spot for a lunch break. After lunch the group faced a short climb up to Glebe Farm then cut across fields into Huggate to pass the church and pond to finish their walk at about two o'clock.

2025 began with the traditional New Year's Day walk. On another grey, overcast day, fortunately without any rain, ten club members met in Beverley for a short walk led by Neil Patrick. At 11.00am they set off from the Rose & Crown by North Bar and headed along New Walk. They passed the former Session's House then crossed over to visit St Mary's Church Cemetery. Here there are War Graves and the graves of Fred and Mary Elwell, prolific local artists in the early 20th Century. Copies of Fred Elwell's paintings are displayed around Beverley on the 'Elwell Trail'. After cutting through Gallow's Lane they came out on The Hurn and Beverley Racecourse. They were exposed to a strong wind as they crossed The Hurn to reach the York Road and Burton Bushes. Skirting round the woodland they headed across Beverley Westwood towards Black Mill and Newbegin Pits and so back to North Bar. Most adjourned to the Rose & Crown for Soup & Sandwiches to conclude their first walk of 2025.



On January 12th, eleven walkers gathered in the car park at the village hall in North Newbald. Earlier that week the weather had been very cold with snow on top of the Wolds, but with some good sunshine at times. Alas on this Sunday there was no sun - in fact it was quite foggy, particularly on top of the Wolds! Led by Arnold Underwood, the group set off along Eastgate and Beverley Road to meet the Yorkshire Wolds Way. They then followed the Wolds Way through Swin Dale, heading up towards the mist on High Hunsley. A short steep climb brought them out of the dale, and out of the shelter - there was a chilly wind at 500ft! Trees at Long Plantation emerged out of the mist and provided shelter for a coffee stop. Continuing along Whin Lane, where there was evidence of last week's snowfall, they began the descent towards

South Newbald. Past Wold House Farm, the walkers turned off the lane into Wye Dale, an area of Access Land where they found shelter in a disused quarry for a lunch break. On a clear day there are fine views west from here over the Vale of York, but not today! After lunch they continued down through South Newbald and into North Newbald where outside the Parish Church of St Nicholas was the welcoming sign "Church open for Coffee". A few opted for this and went in, to find not just coffee on offer but tea, biscuits, and chocolates. It was all DIY, with honesty donations by cash or contactless credit card! After their tea and biscuits, they continued back to their cars at the village hall by way of Galegate.

On 26th January, nine Club members set off from Leven on a linear walk of 8 miles to Hornsea led by Betty Lusby, made possible by using the East Yorkshire 24 or 25 bus in the opposite direction. The walkers headed out of Leven past the fishing ponds, pausing on the newly repaired 'Double Bridge'. All safely across the bypass, the group continued past the sand and gravel excavation works into Catwick where they took a coffee break. From Catwick they took to footpaths across rather muddy fields to Siggleshorne reaching there a bit taller and heavier, due to the accumulated mud on their boots! They stopped for lunch in the graveyard of the 12th Century St Lawrence's Church. From Siggleshorne they headed along the road towards the West Lodge of Wassand Hall. There is no public access here, so after following a footpath through fields they joined the main access along the avenue towards Wassand Hall. The walkers then continued on past the Hall and across fields to Hornsea Mere. The path was not as wet as they had feared. They were met by Sylvia, who is unable to walk long distances following a 'procedure' on her foot, and had driven to Hornsea. Upon recommendation by Stuart Kemp, they all headed to Mondo's on Newbegin where they enjoyed hot drinks.

Afterwards some were given a lift back to Leven by Sylvia, whilst the others caught the bus.



2nd February was a brighter day for the fourteen Club members on the 7 mile walk from Goodmanham to Londesborough following sections of the Wolds Way, led by Arnold Underwood. Alas they were a week too early to access the 'Wilderness' to see the snowdrops at the site of the original Londesborough Hall. The 16th Century Hall was demolished in 1819 by the then owner, the Duke of Devonshire (of Chatsworth House). After lunch by the West Gate of

the old hall, the walkers headed back to Goodmanham through the Park. Once again they had been joined by Sylvia, with Betty and Mavis this time, who did a short walk through the Park. Back in Goodmanham on this fine afternoon, the cafe and pub were both very busy, so they were given a miss, and everyone headed home.

### **SUNDAY WALKS COMING UP :**

April 3rd - 6th : Weekend Away in Swaledale

April 6th: Weaverthorpe 10am, Short walk in the Great Wold Valley (7 miles)

April 13th: Lincolnshire (TBC), Medium walk 9 miles)

April 20th: Fridaythorpe (10am) Medium walk on the Wolds (10miles)

For more details, see the Walks Calendar on: [www.dalestrails.co.uk/calendar](http://www.dalestrails.co.uk/calendar)