

Report for Shorter Walks Group by Sue Overton

It was a misty moisty afternoon as eight hardy members of the group set off from the Rose and Crown in Romalldkirk on a four mile (approx.) circular walk. We crossed the B6277 Barnard Castle to Middleton road and began a long uphill climb on a narrow tarmacked road – great not to be walking through mud but about half a mile too long for my liking!

At the crossroads we turned right towards Mickleton (a left turn leads to Hunderthwaite) and were rewarded with great views – marred by low cloud but still great - and a long descent past the beacon erected for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee in 2022. We paused for the traditional mint break and admired the scenery – Kirkcarrion looking very different when viewed from above.

Downhill now all the way to the Tees Railway Path where we took a right turn to follow the path back to Romalldkirk (about a mile and a half). It now began to rain but this gave us a fantastic rainbow which became a double bow after a while.

There is a very steep uphill stretch at the end of this path which tired legs did not appreciate but we achieved the summit, turned left into the village and back to our starting place.

