

**4-6 Mile Walking Group
Barnard Castle Circular
14th February**

Thirteen members of the walking group (an unlucky number?) met outside the gates to Barnard Castle on a beautiful, sunny February morning. We headed down to the river, crossed over Percy Beck and took the Teesdale Way into the woods. An upward track lead us through the woods, under Deepdale Viaduct and along the side the golf course. After crossing the B6278 into the fields and stopping briefly at the Red Well the walk was due to turn back towards Barnie. However we were just getting into our stride and enjoying the sunshine, what a treat in February, so Carol suggested lengthing the walk via Stainton.

As Peter knew a circular route back to Barnie he lead us across the fields into and through Stainton until we reached the main road. Turning left and left again we spied the entrance to the railway line that would return us to our destination. Arriving at the Sports Centre we took the original route back over the B6278, into the woods and to our cars.

Many thanks to Carol and Peter for saving the day and allowing us to make the most of the February weather

Gillian Barnes-Morris