

## 4-6 Mile Walking Group

Walk report : Eggleston circular 11 July 2023 by Nicky Grace

Fifteen of us gathered by the green in Eggleston for a walk of just under 6 miles. The rain started just as we set off and showers continued for the first 1.5 hours! However it was sunny in between so there was much putting on and taking off of coats and jackets. We walked down Balmer lane and across the fields to Newtown (c 5 houses! ). We crossed the becks (Blackton Beck and Eggleston Burn) and emerged by the saddle store. Crossing the road we ascended to the moors known as Foggerthwaite allotment. Through the rain we heard the curlew and oystercatchers. We joined a track and passed Standing stones farm heading towards Eggesburn chapel The rain abated for a few minutes for a coffee break beside the parish marker for Eggesburn. After one more brief shower, the weather cheered up as we made our way to the Tees by the millenium bridge. We all navigated successfully the old road with its slippery stones and tree roots and emerged briefly on the Middleton road again. We then skirted the edge of Eggesburn wood on a path with brambles and nettles to catch out the wearers of shorts. Heading towards Bogg House we turned left for a straight walk past the evidence of medieval cultivation terraces or strip lynchets. We went over the fields with two stiles (and no highland cows) to reach the back lane and our destination. In a short distance we had experienced several seasons of weather plus a varied range of landscape and historic routes.

