

SHORTER WALKS GROUP

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THE KINGS WALK, MIDDLETON-IN-TEESDALE

Our walking group gathered outside the Teesdale Hotel in Middleton-in-Teesdale with a couple of new members joining us for a walk fit for royalty. The plan was to walk up Townhead and dip down to The Kings Walk. It was a bright autumnal day just right for enjoying a walk through the woods. the many beech trees in Hudeshope woods were looking splendid.

Our route took us onto a permissive path up through the woods to follow the Snaisgill loop. Although there was a steep section, we were rewarded with a bench to take a rest. From this high point of the walk we continued to follow the path down to Snaisgill beck, the ground underfoot was quite challenging due to the tree roots and rocky surface, but thankfully we all stayed upright. As we crossed the bridge over Snaisgill Beck we looked for the wooden fisherman but sadly he has disappeared to find better fishing.



Photo Ian Royston

As we followed the path towards Hudeshope Beck we could see Heatherbrae up on the hillside. One of our local members fondly remembered the dances and parties she had attended there in her youth. It is now a very well reviewed holiday let.



Photo Sue Overton

Reaching the path down beside the beck the impressive Parker Lime kilns can be seen just off to our left. Our walks in Teesdale often bring its industrial heritage to light. From this point the walking became easier on a flat level surface heading back to Middleton-in-Teesdale. We crossed over the beck using the green bridge and followed the track through a wood of beautiful beech trees. Then passing by a couple of cottages we descended some steps to the Hude and back to the Teesdale hotel.

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