

4-6 Mile Walking Group Tuesday, 10 December

Cotherstone 6 Miles

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The 4–6-mile walking group held their annual Christmas Walk and meal on the 10th December. Meeting outside the Fox & Hounds we walked to the footpath sign on Cotherstone bridge, turning left at the sign and walking up to Doe Park then crossing all of the fields leading to the old railway line. At the bottom of the steps, we turned left and then right up to Cotherstone Moor. The day was not too cold and visibility was good so the walk was quite pleasant. Eventually we came to the Moor Road, turning left and then left again along the side of Pinnars Cottage and the fields beyond.

At this point the planned 4-mile walk was coming to an end but as the pace was good and we had plenty of time we carried on. So far, in spite of heavy rain some days before, it was surprisingly dry underfoot, until that is we walked along the lower fields where there was a particularly boggy patch. However, we crossed over the B6277 and continued on the Railway Line heading towards Barnard Castle. This too was quite boggy but it wasn't too long before we turn around to make our way into the village and headed to the pub where Nichola, at the Fox & Hounds, gave us a warm welcome.

We were pleased to be joined by two members of Nicky's 7–9-mile walking group. Both called Chris. This was the last meal and walk that I will organise as group Coordinator. In the New Year Janet Bayles and Partick Neills will become joint coordinators. I wish them all the best.

