

## 7-9 Mile Walking Group April Report by Alan Kenwright

A group of 11 met at the parking site at Bollihope and walked up the shooting track to the south, heading for Pawlaw Pike. Although the weather was fresh at the start the steady climb soon warmed us all up and by the time we reached the moor top it had turned into a beautiful spring day with blue skies and lovely sunshine.



We followed gently descending tracks across the moors until we came to the top of the road that runs down past Allotment House (not actually a house but apparently a very large barn – see pic) where we paused for lunch before leaving the moor to begin our descent.

After a short stretch on metalled road we turned off to cross some more open country (quite boggy in places!) as we headed downhill to the footbridge over Bollihope Burn next to the farm at Pye Close, and from there followed the Burn

back to our starting point.

We were treated to sunshine, blue skies, an interesting variety of bird life, some very young lambs, primroses, and even some bluebells, so we really felt as though spring had finally arrived!

Many thanks to Alan for leading a varied walk in an area new to several of us. The next walk on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May will be led by Phil from Reeth. The next walk will be led by Phil from Reeth . The walk of about 8.5miles will encompass Reeth -Grinton -Marrick Priory -Marrick - Fremington Edge and back to Reeth.

The walk on Wednesday 15 June will be led by Lynda . A walk of 8.5 miles from Wolsingham to Tunstall Reservoir and back. 8.5 miles.

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