

## 7 to 9 Mile Walks Group

### Walk report

On November 21, nine of us met up in the fog at the car park by the old racecourse in Richmond. As the fog cleared Margaret Lowery led us off through the golf course and through the pleasant undulating landscape park at Aske Hall. We had an interesting diversion to look at the impressive stable block with office units and clocked that the chocolate factory sold coffee, for a future occasion. We had our coffee stop just before reaching the immaculate farmhouse of Gillingwood Hall. We enjoyed looking at the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> century garden features and bastion walls which belonged to an earlier mansion. Our walk continued along the edge of Gilling Wood and Black plantation with its outdoor challenge activities. Margaret had found an excellent spot for lunch with long benches to seat us all. However no sooner had we arrived than the mist was seen rolling rapidly towards us. So after a quick break we continued towards High Coalsgarth . In the dank fog we passed the appropriately atmospheric remote house which was the scene of a poisoning in a Peter Robinson detective story. We headed back towards the car park where the first spots of rain fell as we said our good-byes. With many thanks to Margaret for leading an interesting and varied walk.



Aske hall



Gillingwood hall gardens

The first walk of 2023 is on Wednesday 18 January. The walk of 7-8 miles will be led by Phil from Barningham. The route will be up on to Barningham Moor, Badgers way to High Tallon down into The Stang , Haythwaithe Farm , Low Lane and back through the village

In February the walk on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> will be led by Jim and Judith from Middleton in Teesdale.

Please contact Nicky Grace [nickygrace729@gmail.com](mailto:nickygrace729@gmail.com) if you would like to come along.