

## The 7-9 Mile Walk Wednesday 18th October , Bleabeck Falls, 8 miles report by Lynda Bares

There were 18 of us starting out from Holwick as we had to change the start point due to road closures in Middleton, but we all managed to get there ok. Initially we walked down to cross the river at Wynch Bridge and then up to Bowless and onto the old carriage road past Dirt Pit Farm and up, turning left just before Ettersgill. Through the fields to Hanging Shaw car park where we stopped for a bite to eat and coffee. It had been a bit windy up to then but the wind had been on our backs, now we would be changing direction, into the wind.

Next we walked down to Cronkley bridge, passing some delightful cows, and joined the Pennine Way all the way to the Quarry, with views of Bleabeck falls on the way. Climbing up the side of the Falls was exhilarating and we had to be careful in places as we were quite close to the edge.



Getting to the top we joined the footpath over some wet ground but soon joined the shooters track which, after a second stop, took us back to Holwick and a chance to have a good natter on the track back to the cars.

We were lucky with the weather on the walk, no rain, though quite strong winds, so we could enjoy the views.

Thanks to Lynda for leading the walk and Alan for the photograph.

Our next walk on Wednesday November 18 will be led by David from Wolsingham to the Elephant trees . It is a 8.8 mile walk returning via White Kirkley and the River Wear footpath. Please let Nicky Grace know if you are interested [nickygrace729@gmail.com](mailto:nickygrace729@gmail.com)

We will join the 4 -6 mile walking group for Christmas fare on Tuesday 12 December.

Wishing all the group members the compliments of the season and some happy walking over the holiday.

Our walk on January 17th will be led by Margaret and likely to be in Richmond/Swaledale area – contact Nicky for further information.