

## **Summary of Teesdale U3A Walk Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

Thirteen people met at the Hagg, Cotherstone on a cloudy but warm Tuesday morning for an approximate 6 mile circular walk from Cotherstone via Romaldkirk and back.

Heading off with the river on our right we walked a short distance to a path that lead to a rather muddy upward slope into a field. With the river still on our right we walked towards a gate in the corner of the field and down some rickety steps. From there we turned our backs to the river and headed towards Romaldkirk.

The next three fields were slightly undulating. Just ahead of us were the crumbling walls that had once surrounded a walled garden tended by monks; in spring time the area in front of the walls are covered in Hellebores that have grown there since medieval times. After passing the garden we walked through a working farm, guarded by a couple of barking dogs, which were thankfully kept in two cages. Then uphill again and past another historic (crumbling) building that some believe was a hearse house. At this point we had reached the steepest part of the walk, although the views at the top was worth the extra effort.

A quick coffee/lunch break was taken on the Village Green at Romaldkirk before we returned homewards, taking the direct route along the railway line. Arriving back on the Moor Road, Cotherstone we took the back way rather than walking along the high street, past the childrens play area and allotments to the Hagg and our cars.

**TUESDAY, 12th March. Meet 10 am. in car park on former racecourse, Richmond. NB near High Gingerfield Lodge, Hurgill Road, Richmond DL10 4TD.**

Not the car park on Ravensworth road which we have used on previous occasions.  
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