

## Walking Group Report - March

Was it me? Was it Yorkshire? or was it the weather? but only 5 walkers came over to Richmond for the March walk.

We started at Hurgill Road car park at the far side of the old racecourse and walked through the town heading down to the The Green and over The Swale into Hudswell Woods.

Then up a wooded muddy steep path with amazing views of Culloden Tower, the castle and the town and then an open stretch for a mile past a horse jumping course and lots of styles and gates.



Was it a style record? Probably!!! After a food stop a safer path took us into the linear village of Hudswell.

Back into the woods and the the fun started walking DOWN the Hudswell steps or staircase of 211 steps or 300. Nobody counted. The walk took us very close to the River Swale in full spate, very exciting. We crossed the Leyburn road and up and up to the Coast to Coast path and finally up again to our starting point just off the Hurgill road. Just 5.8 miles.

The weather was fine, Storm Gareth did not appear.

What's the difference between Barnard Castle and Richmond? Richmond is steep steep!!!

Phil Clarke

