

## **WALKING GROUP**

### **May 2019**

#### **Report by Sandra Duggan**

Thirteen of us set off on a hot sunny day from Newsham Village Hall, admiring the gardens as we left the village. Following the road and then a track across some fields, we noticed a plaque stating that the trees in the Deer Park were planted in 1857-1859 and that the model farm was built in 1863 by the Milbank family. We then walked into Barningham Park wood where the bluebells were still in flower. Leaving the wood, we could see the gardens and a ha-ha. We passed the main house and the Coach House and then walked up through the village admiring the old fountain (1866), the old school and the Methodist church. Leaving the village, we took a track up onto Barningham Moor which took us across a stream and allowed us wonderful views of surrounding countryside. We arrived at an old railway carriage where we stopped for a break before heading back down to Newsham. During the walk, we saw skylarks, lapwings, oyster catchers and heard a cuckoo. We also noticed the white flowered wood sorrel and some very smart Hereford cows (according to Phil!) with calves.

Next walk: Tuesday, 11th June. Meet 10 a.m. at the Fountain, Middleton-in-Teesdale for a 6 mile walk around the Hudeshope Valley. Leader Kate.

Tuesday, 9th July. Meet 10 a.m. near the shop in Woodland. Leaders Pete and Liz Harding