

U3A Walking Group

June Report by Kate Keen

Seven hardy types set off on the June walk, a figure of eight around the Hudeshope Valley. The weather forecast was heavy rain later in the day. We followed a lovely path by the church in Middleton in Teesdale then on to the Kings Walk through woodland up to the lime kilns. We crossed over the beck on an old stone bridge and followed the path through more woodland and into the fields which were bursting with meadow flowers including red clover and yellow rattle. At the head of the valley we were surprised to see an HGV with a double trailer reversing over a tiny bridge, after many forward and backward manoeuvres the HGV driver managed to turn his vehicle and we were able to continue on our way over the ford. We enjoyed a stop by a beck and then continued our walk along the beck and old lime workings. We arrived safely back in MIT early afternoon and not a drop of rain had fallen.