

## Walking Group Report – July 2019

On an overcast day in Woodland, eleven walkers met ready to be led by Liz and Pete on a 5 mile walk around the local area. After some road walking we were soon going through gates and over stiles. We came across livestock and after some instructions from a local lady, we continued in a quiet and orderly manner. We observed signs of the former Woodland colliery works and a heron was sighted in the distance. We could also see and hear a number of curlews throughout the walk.

We enjoyed a pleasant walk and a refreshment break along the Gaunless River. Onwards to Copley and a visit to the Chimney which stands so proudly amongst the trees. Then back over fields and farmland to return to Woodland, but not before an encounter with more livestock which included a large white bull and his ladies. Four members of the group joined us for tea/coffee and home-made fruit cake, in our home, at the end of the walk.

Future events:

Tuesday, 13th August. Meet 10 am outside the high stone wall of Low Startforth Hall for a 6 mile (approx.) walk to Boldron and Eggleston Abbey.  
Leaders Phil and Judith Fanner 01833 650150

Tuesday, 10th September TBA

Report written by Liz and Pete Harding (walk led on 9th July 2019)