

## **Acknowledgements**

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Plasmor Ltd.

Mr Stephen Bramley

(Access to permissive pathways)

## **Useful numbers**

**Bird Hide-** 01757-638579

Open hours 8am-8pm

(Can be open longer with 24hours notice)

**St Mary's Church-**01757-638471

07793205233

(The Church can be accessed by contacting the above numbers)

**Hagg Lane Conservation Group**

[www.hagglanegreen.co.uk](http://www.hagglanegreen.co.uk)

## **Countryside Code:**

- Keep to public footpaths across farmland
- Use gates and stiles to cross fences, hedges and walls
- Fasten all gates
- Keep your dog under control
- Guard against all risk of fire
- Leave livestock, crops and machinery alone
- Protect wildlife, plants and trees
- Take special care on country roads
- Make no unnecessary noise
- Help to keep all water clean
- Most of all enjoy the countryside and respect its life and works and PLEASE take your litter home

## **Hemingbrough Parish Circular Walk**



**4.5 Miles easy walking**

The walk is approximately 4.5 miles on flat ground. Please be aware that the busy A63 trunk road has to be crossed twice, there may be clay extraction taking place through Northfield Lane, and long stretches of the walk follow the banks of the rivers Ouse and Derwent. Cattle and Sheep graze on the river banks, so please keep control of pets.

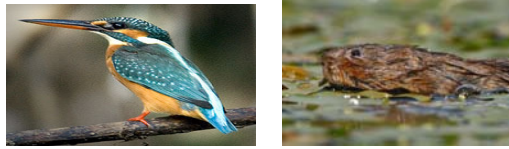
Street parking is available close to the Church, with a shop, bakery, post office and two public houses, all within 200metres of the Church.

The walk starts at the centrepiece of the village, the magnificent church of St Mary. With its 191ft spire, the church is always in view on the walk. There has been a church on this site for over 800 years, but nothing remains of the church mentioned in the 1068 doomsday Survey. Access is available to the church, and details of where to get the key are on the notice board.



From the church, follow the path that runs west between the church and the churchyard, down to the dyke. Cross over the footbridge, and turn right in to Oldways. This track was once the route of the River Ouse, and was used to transport materials on barges, to build the church. Once the

Ouse forced its present route, this channel was allowed to silt up, and eventually renamed Oldways.



Over the last few years, a variety of wildlife has been spotted in this lane, including grass snakes, water voles, kingfishers, rabbits and squirrels.

Follow the track down to the junction with Main Street and the A63, cross over the road and enter Northfield Lane. This section of the walk from the car breakers yard to Hagg Lane rail crossing is a permissible track. After 30 metres, there is a telephone exchange on the right. If work is in progress in Northfield Lane, please turn right here and use The Heartstone Flat Rd to access Hagg Lane. Continue north past the industrial units, and the water tower on the right hand side, until you come to a right hand dogleg. There may be wagons moving about here due to clay extraction activities, so please take care in this section. Clay extraction has been exhausted on the right hand side, and this area is planned to be developed as a community facility over the next 10years. Continue right and then left at the dogleg and enter the field on the right hand side of the hedge. Continue up Hawes Lane to the Hull to Leeds railway line. This area is

agricultural and was being worked before the Doomsday survey was carried out. Turn right at the railway track, and follow the field edge, until you reach Hagg Lane. Turn right and follow the road until you arrive at Hagg Lane Ponds. Over the last 4 years, the Hagg Lane Conservation Group, with support from public funding and the Parish Council have transformed this area from overgrown neglected ponds, into an award winning community facility. The site won the prestigious Village Ventures Award, in 2007. Allow yourselves time to explore this area, with guidance from the information boards. All manner of wildlife frequent this area, including a colony of protected great crested newts, and an abundance of bird species, butterflies, frogs and toads.



The area is fully board walked, to allow access to for all ages and abilities, please keep pets on a lead through this section of the walk. Leave this area by crossing the wooden foot bridge, and accessing Inner Moor Lane. This lane, along with Oldways was awarded to the residents by the 1840 Enclosures Act, for the purpose of grazing animals. Every year an auction was held to determine who would have the grazing rights.



Follow this track east, until you get to the T junction, then turn right and follow the track back to the A63. Cross over the road, turn right, and enter the village via School Lane. After 150 metres you will arrive in front of Hemingbrough Hall. This aspect was the rear of the hall when it was built. The hall was built in 1842 for John Ion, the local vicar. The Hall has gone through many changes over the years, but still retains its beauty. Turn left at the post box, along the farm track, and after 200 metres, there is a good view of the rear of the Hall. Follow the track, over the tarmac road and continue to the junction with the track leading to Barmby on the Marsh.



On the left you will see the twin wind turbines, of Yorkshire Water's preparation plant. A competition held by Yorkshire Water for the local school children to name the turbines resulted in Windy Miller and Turby being adopted. They provide enough power to run the plant, and any surplus is sold to

the National Grid. Continue on this track, cross the stile and mount the river bank, and turn right to arrive at Barmby Barrage.



Here the Rivers Derwent and Ouse meet. This area has held 'Site of Specific Scientific Interest' status since 1975; 1000 hectares of the Lower Derwent Valley are afforded a 'special protection' area for wild birds and the wetlands are of international importance due to the variety of wild plants and wildlife.

Across the barrage there are information boards, take time to read them as they offer a brief history of the project.

The barrier is also used to alleviate the risks of flooding to Selby and York, by feeding the water into the Derwent as the incoming tide meets the outgoing flood water; the barrage also allows pleasure craft to navigate the river as far as Sutton upon Derwent. There is a picnic area, with tables and benches, and a Hide for spotting some of the migratory birds that frequent this area.



Arrangements can be made to access this facility out of normal hours, by contacting the numbers on the information boards. Keeping to the North side of the River Ouse, you now join the Trans-Pennine trail, a long distance path for cyclists and walkers alike. This path runs from Liverpool to Hull, and has many diversions along the way. It also links from the Hull- Zebbrugger ferry with Euro-rout 1, all the way to Istanbul. Continue along the footpath, passing the massive towers of Drax Power Station, the largest coal fired power station in Europe. The station has been a frequent focus for environmental campaigners. Continue along the river bank until you arrive back in the Village, at the bottom of Landing Lane. Turn right off the river bank, and follow the road until you reach the housing at the Village edge. On the left of the last house and straight in front of you, you will see the entrance to the south end of Oldways. Follow the track back to the rear of the Church, cross the bridge and on up to the gate where the walk started.