



## **Consett Hiking Group Newsletter - January 2020**

A new year, a new decade and new walking adventures for the Consett Hiking Group! I look forward to welcoming back many familiar faces and our new members who have yet to debut.

But whether you're a regular, an occasional or one-time walker, you're most welcome. As I've said to many people, the group is there for you to dip in and out of as you please.

I'd also like to say how satisfying it is to see people become friendly as a result of walking together. Long may this continue.

Alongside the walks timetable for January, we have some updates on our projects and events for 2020. Hopefully, the weather will be kind and the walks will go ahead but please keep an eye on the Facebook page in the event of bad weather.

That being said, let's look ahead.

### **Steel Town 20 registration**

The Steel Town 20 registration will be via the SI Entries website this year. I will give group members the opportunity to get a reference number which will allow them priority registration before places are offered to the general public.

I will notify people via the Facebook page when the registration opens. The event this year will be open to 250 people. We had 175 participants last year.

This year's event will start and end at Consett Rugby club and will be on Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Heritage 100**

The Heritage 100, for those who are unaware, is a project which aims to create 100 Heritage walks in County Durham. I have explained the aims and objectives of the Heritage 100 in previous newsletters but our first five walks have been chosen. They will be created in the following areas

1. Consett
2. Beamish
3. Ushaw Moor
4. Darlington/Stockton
5. Durham City

We are currently working on the design for the start/end posts and the website for the Heritage 100. I mentioned that anyone wishing to get involved with this project on a voluntary basis should get in touch with me.

After this process has been completed, we will work on the walks themselves. I will keep the group updated as we go.

## Walks Timetable

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 8.00am** Consett Tesco - **Lakes Walk - Mungrisdale Circuit**. Start at Scales by the White Horse Inn CA12 4SY at 10am.

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 9.30am** **Blanchland** - Meet at the car park at the far end of the village. Looping above the village and then down by the river. A 4 mile walk, a relatively easy start to the year.

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January 9.30am** **Allensford Loop** - Meet at the car park by the bridge over the A68. 4 mile walk by the Derwent looping around the Derwent Manor Hotel.

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January 8.00am** Consett Tesco - **Lakes Walk Gowbarrow Fell and Aira Force Loop**.

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January 9.30am** **Ushaw Moor Loop** - Meet at the car park at the bottom of Station Bank by the river on the way to New Brancepeth.

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January 9.30am** **Beamish Loop** - 3 mile loop around Beamish from Shepherd and Shepherdess skirting around the Museum.

