



July 2019 Newsletter

Summer has arrived and the County Durham landscape looks truly spectacular. We are blessed with some of the most diverse countryside and wildlife as those who have been out walking lately will testify.

We have a busy programme this month with weekend and the popular mid week walks. There are two excursions to the lakes including a trip to the iconic Helvellyn.

I have mentioned our County Durham heritage hundred walks to many of you now and I hope that over the coming few months I can get more people from the group involved in what we're all hoping will be a significant legacy project for the area. I should also have news about next year's Steel Town 20 date and an exciting initiative in the week of the ST20. But that's for another newsletter.

In the meantime...

- ☐ Mid week walks
- ☐ Weekend walks timetable

Mid-Week Walks

All mid-week walks start at 6.30pm

Wednesday 10th July - Ushaw Grounds Walk

Meet at the New Board Inn above Langley Park for a walk around Ushaw College. Drinks in the NBI afterwards. Post Code DH7 9RL

Wednesday 17th July - South Moor Memorial Park Walk to Chapman's well.

Lovely walk up through the park looping around the nature reserve of Chapman's well. Working on a good pub from there! Post Code DH9 7ER

Wednesday 24th July - Durham River and Gin Walk

Meet at the car park of the Amaani Restaurant (or road leading up to it) at Houghall and walk through Bluebell woods along the river into Durham. Drinks at Court Inn. Post Code DH1 3PJ

There is no mid week planned for July 31st.

Weekend Walks Timetable

Saturday July 6th - The Glenridding Circuit

Leave Tesco Consett at 8am. 11.5 miles 6-7 hours.

Sunday July 7th - Jim's Land of Oak and Iron Walk

Jim's second Land of Oak and Iron Walk. Approx 8 miles, taking in some of the industrial heritage of the area. Meet at Blackhill Park entrance at 9.30am

Sunday July 14th - Smiddy Shaw Loop

Meet opposite the old Moorcock pub for a familiar loop around Smiddy Shaw and Waskerley. Approx 5 miles. 9.30am start.

Saturday July 20th - Helvellyn Lake District

We will meet at 8am at Consett Tesco. More travel details to follow. We are going up Striding edge and down Swirrel edge. Beginning in Glenridding.

Sunday July 21st - No walk planned after Helvellyn trip

Sunday July 28th - Blanchland Walk

9.30 am start in the Carp Park at the far end of the village for a gentle stroll around the river in a figure of 8. About 4 miles.