



Consett Hiking Group Newsletter - March 2020

February fell victim to some dodgy weather with only 2 out of 5 walks taking place. We will try and make up for that with a full timetable in March before (hopefully) the better weather and longer days kick in.

Still there is lots going on. ST20 and Consett Walking Festival preparations continue and we're very close to finalising the first of the Heritage 100 walks at Beamish.

Steel Town 20 and Consett Walking Festival

As I mentioned preparations continue for the ST20 and Walking Festival. I will produce a flyer with a full list of walks and other events happening during the week leading up to the ST20. I will be asking all members to share the flyer on their social media platforms.

I met with our wildlife photographers last week to organise an exhibition for the evening of the ST20.

We should also have a little bit of merchandise on the evening as well as the band, The Rumoured.

If you wish to apply for yourself and others you can follow the link below.

https://www.sientries.co.uk/event.php?event_id=6696

Sponsorship

We welcome sponsors for the Walking Festival and the ST20. We Have already had a few local businesses sponsor the ST20. As sponsors you can expect

Promotion of your business on the Consett Hiking Group Facebook page

Your banners at the ST20 and Walking Festival events

Two free places into the ST20

Heritage 100

The first of the Heritage 100 walks is almost complete. The walk at Beamish is an extended version of a one we have done with the group. It's a lovely walk and I look forward to guiding the group along it in the near future. We are having the posts and way markers made and then we will install them having been given permission to do so from Beamish Museum.

Aside from the walk itself, we are preparing a story, route directions, map and video to engage walkers with the industrial and environmental heritage of the area. I hope to be standing by the first Heritage 100 starting post before the next newsletter.

Walks Timetable

Saturday February 29th Lakes Walk Ullock Pike -Dood Loop (REARRANGED) meet at 8.30 Tesco or Old Sawmill Tearoom at 10.30am CA12 4QE

A great walk of around three and a half hours scaling Ullock Pike, Carl Side and Long Side before returning and summing Dodd for good measure. First hour of good fell walking but much easier after that.

Sunday March 1st - Muggleswick Loop 9.30am - Outside Muggleswick Village Hall

Over the moors and then through a wood and up into Edmondbyers, returning the same way after a cup of tea in the Baa. Approx 5 miles

Saturday March 7th - Lakes Walk - Fairfield Horseshoe meet at 8am Tesco Consett or 10am at main car park in Ambleside.

An absolute classic Lake District walk of around 12 miles. It will be a long day and very much weather dependent, but the first real challenge for the Lakes group this year.

Sunday March 8th - Wakerley to Parkhead 9.30am Wakerley Picnic area

We'll try again with the picturesque moorland walk, stopping in Parkhead station for a cup of tea. Around 6 miles.

Sunday March 15th - Malton - Lanchester 9.30am Malton Picnic Area

A gentle 4 miles winding around Malton Picnic area, Dora's wood and the outskirts of Lanchester.

Sunday March 22nd - Gill Caves loop 9.30am at the Telescopes

Keeping things local, a 5 miles trot under the Hownsgill viaduct and the old steel works site, down to the ponds and back up to the Telescopes.

March 29th - Ebchester Loop - 9.30am meet at Ebchester Village Store.

A lovely loop around Ebchester led by Brenda Beveridge. Always a nice trot out. Approx 6 miles.