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Holmfirth Walk – 3rd November 2019

Today we have a coach from Nelson and a coach from Clitheroe. The coaches will rendezvous at our comfort stop at Birch Services on the M62 and then continue on to Holmfirth in Pennine Yorkshire.

Walks Information

B walk Leader Tony Culverhouse 10 miles Quite Strenuous

We head north from Holmfirth to Netherthong and then follow the Holme Firth Valley walking across fields to Upperthong. From the village we carry on south-west to Hogley Green and then field paths lead us to Digley Reservoir where we join the Kirklees Way taking us to the village of Holme. The Kirklees Way crosses the embankment between Brownhill and Ramsden reservoirs, shortly after which we leave the Kirklees Way to head across fields to Dobb. We then follow the river Holme back to Holmfirth. Quite strenuous in sections, boggy sections and a few stiles.

C Walk Leader Michael Bates 8 miles Moderate

We leave the town climbing steeply at first including steps turning left where the track levels out towards Upperthong. We then proceed in a south westerly direction through pleasant pastures with lovely views to be enjoyed. Eventually we reach Digley reservoir where we cross the dam making our way up the lane to the village of Holme. From here we are back on paths passing a lovely waterfall through a wooded area. We reach Brownhill reservoir and then on to a country lane descending into the Holme valley. The final section is along a pleasant riverside path bringing us to the outskirts of Holmfirth. Paths, lanes and fields facilitate easy walking. There are however several stiles and steps to be negotiated.

D Walk Leader Michael Counter 5.5 miles Moderate

We alight the coach at Holmfirth and soon reach a hill climb out of the valley at Under Hill. The route now follows Back Lane into Upperthong (no sniggering please). Field paths are now travelled, passing Newlands and onto the hamlet of Hogley Green (another hill) and then to Carr Green. The route now drops down to the river Holme at Upper Stubbin before a final diagonal climb to New Dunsley. The final descent into Holmfirth passes Nora Batty's and Compo's houses before arriving at Sid's Café.

Three hill climbs and plenty of mud and stiles but the views over Holmfirth are well worth the extra effort.

Drop-off, Pick-up Times and the Return Journey

Everyone will be dropped off at the bus station in Holmfirth. Please take everything with you that you need for the day. There is a coach park for four coaches only at the swimming baths Sand Recreational Grounds Huddersfield Rd A6024. This is 0.66 mile heading north out from the centre of Holmfirth with no café or toilets close by. People who wish to sit on the coach after looking around Holmfirth could still do so, by following the riverside path which goes to the park. **Coaches leave here at 1645 PROMPT.**

1700 – Holmfirth – Assemble at the Bus Station 1650 please. Towngate, Holmfirth, West Yorkshire HD7 1HA. There is a maximum waiting time, for coaches, of ten minutes at the bus station so please do not be late. **Drop off Darwen first Blackburn coach and Clayton-le-Moors first for the Nelson/Burnley coach.**

Our next 2019 Destination and 2020 Destination - Leaders Needed

Kirby Lonsdale – 1st December 2019 – A walk leader needed please. 2020 Leaders are needed for all destinations and walks. Previous routes can be supplied to potential leaders. Please contact Barbara by email.

BOOK TODAY during the outward journey please. In future, if you are paying on coaches, please can you have the correct amount of £15 in paper money or pay by cheque. After today PLEASE BOOK EARLY and pay in advance to reserve your seat and to avoid feeder coaches or disappointment. We need to reserve the next coaches within one week of the last coach ramble! Phone Christine Tormey on 01254 236068 for the Blackburn Coach or Margaret Boothman on 01282 692901 for the Burnley coach BETWEEN 6:00pm and 9:00pm PLEASE.