

Carham Parish Footpaths Walk 21st March 2026



17 of us met outside the Cornhill Shop on a sunny spring day for a walk in the parish – the first since the last one over a year ago!

Please refer to previous reports of walks on this route (Walk 1) on the Carham Community Website <https://carhamparish.org/walks/>

Much of the route is on land belonging to West Learmouth Farm, and we were pleased to be joined by the farmer, Jasmin Moore, who gave us updates on the development and diversification of the farm, which has organic status.

All the fields on the farm have been fenced, allowing for safe grazing as part of rotational use, for example there is a new fence beside the footpath (210/003 on the definitive map) from the Cornhill to Wark road following the Duddo Burn to the footbridge. To make access easier, steps have even been added down from the road! Since my previous reports on this route the signage and accessibility of the rights of way are much improved due to regular maintenance by the farm.





The byway (210/019) from West Learmouth to Wark is, in theory, a 'Byway Open to All Traffic' and covers varying terrains from hard track, pasture and rough vegetation. On the edge of the sheep pasture we stopped by a huge badger sett which has a tunnel into the field – a conundrum – should it be blocked as it could cause problems for livestock, especially young lambs?

Tongueridge Burn forms the boundary between West Learmouth and Wark Farms, and the area is a mess. A large tree has been uprooted and fallen over the stream, destroying the stile and fence. The fence has been used as an aid to cross the water, which is difficult in flood. I reported this on 'Fix My Street' a year ago and have just reported it again.



Note – If any of you happen to come across an obstruction, missing signage or other problems on Rights of Way you can report it on <https://fix.northumberland.gov.uk/>

We retraced our steps through the rough vegetation and across the field to the railway line; the group then split up and walkers made their own way back to Cornhill.