

CEC Walking Weekend, 9/10 July 2022

The weekend started with an excellent meal at the magnificent Tree House Restaurant, Alnwick Garden (now officially the largest treehouse in the world).

On Saturday we met at Craster outside the Jolly Fisherman and went north along the coast to Dunstanburgh Castle (English Heritage) where we stopped briefly. We continued along the dunes before going down to the beach and along as far as Embleton where we headed inland and stopped for a break at the Grey's Inn. We returned to Craster through fields and near the remains of a WW 2 radar station. We lunched outside the Jolly Fisherman before taking a short circular walk south of Craster.

We walked approx. 4½ miles in the morning and 2½ miles in the afternoon.

In the evening we met at the Cook and Barker Inn Lounge, Newton-on-the-Moor, Morpeth for a convivial dinner.

On Sunday we changed the walk to a shorter one starting from Old Bewick since traveling to Kirknewton would have taken too long. We followed a track towards Blawearie, where there are now only the remains of a farm. We went up the hill to the remains of an Iron Age Hillfort and continued along the side of a gorge called Harehope Burn leading to a boggy patch over the Stock Brook stream. The path went up Tick Law hill before changing direction and going down to return to Old Bewick passing Hanging Crag, a precarious large rock on the way.

We walked approx. 4 miles

We had lunch at The Tankerville Arms in Eglington before departing.

A total of 16 people took part in the event.

Thanks to Tim and Ros Broyd for making the arrangements for such an excellent weekend.

Thanks to everybody who joined us.

Tony Barber July 2022





