

Walking the Wolds with Bill & Mrs M - 7th June 2026 – Huggate Round – 4.7 miles

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you already doing to control the risks?	What further action do you need to take to control the risks?	Who needs to carry out the action?	When is the action needed by?
Any potential risks that result in walkers being unable to carry on and / or needing hospital treatment	All	Devise emergency plan with access routes for vehicles, what3words locations, share emergency plan with all volunteer helpers	Ensure that there is a qualified first aider with the party. Remain in contact with helpers via walkie-talkies at all times. Keep group together	SM & volunteer helpers	Emergency plan completed in advance of the walk.
First aid requirements	Caused by walking in the countryside	SM to carry first aid kit/. Walkers to carry own first aid kits. Advice given along the way if paths uneven or new hazard identified. Steady walking pace.	None	SM	On the day
Emergency Contacts	May be required if accidents occur	SM to gather emergency contacts before setting off	Also carry GPS signalling unit if no phone signal	SM	On the day
People and dogs may become unwell on the walk due to pre-diagnosed conditions	Walking may increase symptoms or exacerbate pre-existing conditions	All walkers to complete a Health Declaration for themselves and their dogs prior to walking and agree that they are fit and able to walk the route. SM to hold all health declarations and to refuse participation if it is felt that the risk is too great.	Make sure all forms are signed and handed in before a walk	SM & all Walkers	Prior to the walk and on the day.

		(or that forms are not completed)			
Walkers / Dogs become unwell	People fall ill and cannot continue or fall behind	Advise on difficulty of walk, for people to decide if they are able to undertake it (and if their dogs can do the same). See Emergency plan to get unwell walkers to hospital etc	Post a back-marker & mid-walker (with high vis-vests and walkie-talkies) to ensure no one is left. SM to keep in contact with back and mid-markers and walk at a pace that all walkers can do.	SM / Back marker	Prior to the walk and on the day.
Other dogs	Dogs may react to other dogs arriving to take part	Dogs kept on leads and under supervised control by owners	Owners to read risk assessment	Owners	On the day
Biting Insects if hot etc	People might react badly or be uncomfortable	Advise to carry bug-repellent	SM to carry bug repellent	Walkers / SM	Prior to the walk and on the day
Heat / Sun	People / Dogs get over heated / suffer from sunstroke	Advise to wear high factor sun screen and to carry sufficient water for them and their dogs. People also advised to wear protective clothing and hats.	Take regular walking breaks and allow dogs time to cool off in the streams along the route	Walkers / SM	Prior to the walk and on the day
Newly sown crops – dogs running into them	Crops / Farmers	Advise on responsible dog ownership prior to setting off	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site	Walkers / SM	On the day
Ground Nesting Birds – dogs chasing them	Birds / nests	Advise on responsible dog ownership prior to setting off	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site and keep dogs on lead when necessary	Walkers / SM	On the day

Dog mess created along the route	Wild animals and crops	Advise on responsible dog ownership prior to setting off	SM to carry spare doggy bags	Walkers / SM	On the day
Horses or cyclists on bridleways	People may be hit, dogs may be frightened, horses may be frightened	Advise to keep a watch out for other users and keep dogs on leads if horses / cyclists seen	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site	Dog Owners / Walkers	On the day
Trapped fingers in gate latches	Trapped fingers	Walkers to read risk assessment and SM to unlatch gates	Reinforce messages on the day	Walkers and Owners	On the day
No toilets along route	People might need to go	Advise at start to use facilities in Wold Inn and that toilets are available at the Tea rooms at the end	Repeat on the day	Walkers	On the day
Car Park – open gateway onto road	Dogs may run out onto the road if not controlled and hit / be hit by cars	Dogs kept on leads and under supervised control by owners	Owners to read risk assessment	Owners	On the day
Possible cows in first field near car park	Walkers and dogs harmed by cows	Pre-checked 4 days previous and cows / bull in field	If on the day the cows are in evidence we can choose to bypass this part of the route	SM	Prior test run / On the day
Open gate / gap underneath gate at end of first field	Dogs may run out onto quiet road and hit / be hit by vehicles	Dogs kept on leads and under supervised control by owners	Restate on the day as we approach the gate to put dogs back on leads if they are off-lead	Owners and SM	On the day
Walk along road in Huggate	Potential of cars and other traffic and dogs may hit / be hit by cars	Keep dogs on leads and to the footpaths if required.	Bypass road by taking route around the pond and church. to Advise on the day	Owner and SM	On the day

Dogs in gardens in houses in Huggate	Dogs might be scared or surprised	Keep dogs on leads	Owners to read risk assessment	Owners	On the day
Farm traffic on Northfield Farm Track	Potential of cars and other traffic and dogs may hit / be hit by cars	Keep dogs on leads when required	Owners to read risk assessment	Owners	On the day
Farm machinery on fields	Dogs, if not on leads may get injured	Advise to keep a watch out for other users and keep dogs on leads if farm machinery seen	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site	Dog Owners / Walkers	On the day
Electric fence at entrance to Horse Dale	Unsupervised dogs may run into it	Keep dogs under close control	Owners to read risk assessment	Owners	On the day
Livestock in Horse Dale	Livestock worried- Cows not in evidence 06.08.24	Pre-checked and cows not in evidence	If on the day the cows are in evidence dogs will be put on leads, kept under close control and the group will walk slowly in single file past them	Dog Owners and SM	Pre-check on test walk and on the day
Steep downward slope to Poetry Bench and beyond	People may slip and fall	Advise to wear suitable footwear and bring walking poles before hand	Advise to take care on the day and lead the group slowly	Owners and SM	Prior to the walk and on the day
Uneven surfaces for walking	People may slip, trip and fall	Advise to wear suitable footwear and bring walking poles before hand	Advise to take care on the day and lead the group slowly	Owners and SM	Prior to the walk and on the day
Dogs may run off if not kept under control	May unexpectedly come across livestock or ground nesting birds	Keep dogs under close supervision	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site	Dog owners	On the day
Fenced off area on left as travelling through Harper	Dogs may run off and try and enter the compound –	Advise owners to put dogs back on leads whilst passing by	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site	Dog Owners	Prior to the walk and on the day

Dale with pheasant breeding within	Dogs and birds may be injured				
Machinery and vehicles moving around at top of Harper Dale	Dogs and people may get hit	Keep dogs on leads	Owners to be advised on the day to put dogs on leads on approach	SM	On the day
Deep pit at top of Harper Dale – with very steep and hidden sides	Dogs may run and fall in – could cause severe injury or even death	Prior to reaching this pit (before the cattle grid) take a break with the whole group and advise to put dogs on leads until past the hazard	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site. SM to advise on the day (Volunteer helpers to also advise walkers)	Dog owners	On the day
Cattle Grid	Dogs may try to cross and fall in injuring themselves	Advise owners to have dogs on leads and lead along the side of the cattle grid (see entry of deep pit, just after cattle grid – dogs to remain on leads until past)	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site. SM to advise on the day (Volunteer helpers to also advise walkers)	Dog owners	On the day
Overground path / stubble field down to Rabbit Dale	People may slip, trip and fall. Dogs may get spiked on paws by stubble	Advise to wear suitable footwear and bring walking poles before hand	Advise to take care on the day and lead the group slowly	Owners and SM	Prior to the walk and on the day
Sheep in Cow Dale	Dogs worry sheep / dogs and sheep injured	Pre-checked Dale sheep not in evidence on 06.08.24, but are fairly likely to be there on the day	If on the day the sheep are in evidence dogs will be put on leads, kept under close control and the group will walk slowly past them	Owners and SM	Pre-check on test walk and on the day

