

Walking the Wolds – Thixendale Spring Stroll – 17.05.26

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?
Parking in Thixendale - cars moving around – people & dogs	Dogs may run onto the road, in front of or behind cars if not controlled and hit / be hit by cars.	Dogs kept on leads and under supervised control by owners. Car owners to park so as not to restrict access and good visibility.	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site	Dog Owners	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 posted on WTW web site	Dog Owners	On the day
Wet weather	People may become cold and uncomfortable.	People to dress appropriately for the weather, bringing waterproof clothing, gloves and hats if required, plus waterproof footwear.	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site	Walkers / SM	Prior to the walk and on the day
Uneven ground, slippery, muddy and wet underfoot	People may slip, trip and fall.	Advise to wear suitable footwear and bring walking poles if required.	Advise to take care on the day and lead the group slowly if ground becomes slippery	Walkers / SM	Prior to the walk and 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
Game birds and other wildlife	Dogs may run off and chase them	Keep dogs on leads if they are likely to chase wildlife, maintain good recall and close contact with your dogs at all times	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site	Dog Owners	On the day
Horses or cyclists on Bridleways and roads	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

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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
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. (or that forms are not completed)	Make sure all forms are signed and handed in before a walk	SM & all Walkers	Prior to the walk and on the day.
Emergency Contacts	May be required if accidents occur	SM to gather emergency contacts before setting off	None	SM	On the day
Arrival at walk	Dogs get excited and may lunge or be afraid of other dogs	Keep dogs on leads until advised that they can be let off	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site	Dog Owners	On the day
Sheep in Water Dale	Sheep may become frightened, dogs may chase sheep and lambs causing distress or death of the livestock	All dogs to be kept on a lead or walk along the road instead	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site	Dog Owners	On the day
Road walk instead of Water Dale	Cars may hit people or dogs	Keep dogs on leads, stop when cars approach and to the edge of road (especially as we are going to be a large group)	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site	Dog Owners	On the day
Field along Paradise Cottage	Dogs may run off into nearly sown field to chase hares or other wildlife	Keep dogs on leads if they are prone to do this	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site	Dog Owners	On the day

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Thixendale Road	Although quiet road cars may hit people and dogs	Keep dogs on leads, stop when cars approach and to the edge of road (especially as we are going to be a large group)	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site	Dog Owners	On the day
Brubberdale (Open Access Land)	Dogs may disturb ground nesting birds or livestock	Dogs to be kept on a short lead (as it is between 1 st March & 31 st July) to protect ground nesting birds. Also sheep and lambs may be present	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site	Dog Owners	On the day
Small road at Gill's Farm	Cars may hit people or dogs	Keep dogs on leads, stop when cars approach and cross safely	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site	Dog Owners	On the day
Thixen Dale	Dogs may attack or chase livestock if they are present	Watch for sheep and put dogs onto leads if they are present.	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site	Dog Owners	On the day
Road back to ThixenDale	Cars may hit people or dogs	Keep dogs on leads, stop when cars approach and cross safely	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site	Dog Owners	On the day