

Walking the Wolds with Bill & Mrs M. 14th April 2024 – Huggate Poetry Bench – 6 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?
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
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
Slippery underfoot at gate in first field	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
Possible cows in first field	Walkers and dogs harmed by cows	Pre-checked road and cows not in evidence	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	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

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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
Slippery footpaths into Horse Dale due to mud	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
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
Slippery 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
Boggy in Holm Dale	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
Slippery along top of Horse Dale (for those taking the shorter route)	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
Dogs may run up sides of Holm Dale	May unexpectedly come across livestock	Keep dogs under close supervision	Owners to read risk assessment	Owners	On the day
High step to gate at top of Holm Dale	People may trip	Use the swing gate instead	SM to use the swing gate at front of walking group	SM	On the day
Machinery and vehicles moving around in Wold House Farm Yard	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

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Slippery path down side of hedge after Wold House Farm	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
Livestock in Horse Dale	Walkers harmed by cows	Pre-checked Dale 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	SM	Pre-check on test walk and 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
Road crossing at tearooms could be busy	Collision with traffic	Advise on the day to be mindful of oncoming vehicles	Reinforce messages on the day	Walkers and Owners	On the day
Narrow roads without pavements on way back to car park	Danger from vehicles travelling along the road	Advise all that this could be a risk and to allow room for vehicles to pass or move onto grass verges	Reinforce messages on the day	Walkers and Owners	On the day
First aid requirements	Caused by walking in the countryside	SM to carry first aid kit/. Advice given along the way if paths slippery 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	None	SM	On the day