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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	None	SM	On the day
Toilets	Walkers	Toilets at Gait Inn (they may not be open though)	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site	SM	On the day
Other dogs	Dogs may react to other dogs arriving to take part. Dog may also get excited, run and trip people up.	Dogs kept on leads and under supervised control by owners. People to remain aware of dogs in the vicinity	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site	Dog Owners	On the day
Uneven ground, slippery and wet underfoot	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 if ground becomes slippery – both up and down the dales on route	Walkers / SM	Prior to the walk and on the day

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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
Cars and other vehicles on roads and in car park	People and dogs may get hit and injured	Advise in final details	Advise on day – SM & AB to carry radios and advise of approaching cars and take care when crossing roads to ensure walker's safety	Walkers / SM	On the day
Snow / Cold / wet conditions	Could cause slippery conditions, hidden hazards underfoot and black ice	Advise in final details and walkers to wear appropriate clothing	Advise on day – assess conditions prior to walk and cancel if necessary	Walkers / SM	On the day
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)	Post a back-marker walker (with high vis-vest) to ensure no one is left. Use walkie-talkies and walk at a pace that all walkers can do.	SM / Back marker	Prior to the walk and on the day.
Slippery wooden boardwalk on way into Wan Dale	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 if ground becomes slippery	All walkers	On the day
Electric fence in Wan Dale (on left of path)	Dogs could be shocked by fence	Keep dogs on lead if they cannot be recalled easily	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site	All walkers	On the day
Horses at top of Wan Dale	Horses could be alarmed, dogs / people could be injured	Keep dogs on leads	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site	All walkers	On the day

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Electric cable sticking up from ground at gate at midpoint and top of Wan dale	Walkers / dogs could trip and fall / suffer injury	Watch out for the cable	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site	All walkers	On the day
Unrestricted access to farm along Wolds Way	Dogs may run off and get into farm yard where there are chickens and horses	Keep dogs on lead if they cannot be recalled easily	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site	All walkers	On the day
Approaching Sylvan Dale – gaps in fence	Dogs may run through and get trapped on the other side	Keep dogs on lead if they cannot be recalled easily	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site	All walkers	On the day
Pond at bottom of Sylvan Dale	Dogs might get into trouble if not used to swimming / unseen hazards below the water / overly cold water	Do not let dogs swim unless you are happy to do so	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site	All walkers	On the day
Road back to Millington	People and dogs may get hit and injured	Advise in final details	Advise on day – SM & AB to carry radios and advise of approaching cars and take care to ensure walker's safety	Walkers / SM	On the day
At the Gait Inn	People may have too much pudding and become sleepy and not want to go home	Take it as it comes	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site	All walkers	On the day (just checking if you are reading this!)