

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
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
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	Walkers / SM	Prior to the walk and 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

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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 before setting off	Owners to read risk assessment on web site	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
Footpaths with nettles	People may get nettled. People may have extreme adverse reactions	Prior warn walkers to wear long trousers / shirts and to be careful. Emergency numbers to be taken on the morning before setting off	Restate on the day as we approach footpaths to take care	Walkers and SM	Prior to the walk and 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
Cut grass on footpaths obscuring holes and trip hazards	People may trip and fall. Sprained ankles or similar	Advise to wear suitable footwear and bring walking poles	Advise to take care on the day and lead the group slowly	Walkers / SM	Prior to the walk and 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	Post a back-marker & midpoint marker walker (with high vis-vest) to	SM / Back marker	Prior to the walk and on the day.

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		undertake it (and if their dogs can do the same)	ensure no one is left. Use walkie-talkies and walk at a pace that all walkers can do.		
Huggate Car Park – cars moving around – people & dogs	Dogs may run 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	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site	Dog Owners	On the day
Walk along Huggate Road	Potential of cars and other traffic and dogs may hit / be hit by cars	Keep dogs on leads and to the grass verges if required. Walk facing oncoming traffic	Advise on the day	Dog Owners and SM	On the day
Livestock in Pasture and Nettle Dale	Livestock may be worried especially if they have young animals with them	Keep dogs on leads when required	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site	Dog Owners	On the day
Dogs may run up sides of the Dales – in Open Access Land – disturbing ground nesting birds	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
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
Steep descent into Nettle Dale bottom	People and dogs could slip and fall	Walkers advised to take it slowly and steadily – watch all descend to check everyone is OK	Reinforce messages on the day	Walkers and Owners	On the day
Farm vehicles in field our of Nettle Dale	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 posted on WTW web site	Dog Owners	On the day

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Road crossing at Cobdale Cottage Farm could be busy with fast moving traffic	Collision with traffic	Advise on the day to be mindful of oncoming vehicles and put dogs on leads	Reinforce messages on the day	Walkers and Dog Owners	On the day
Fields on left along Hawold Bridle Road unfenced	Dogs could run into new sown field s and also disturb wildlife	Keep dogs under close control or on leads	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site	Dog Owners	On the day
Walk along road in Water Road	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	Dog Owners 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 posted on WTW web site	Dog Owners	On the day