



Volunteers construct new boardwalk on Wainwright's Coast to Coast route at Falling Foss

On its way through Sneaton Forest in the North York Moors National Park, the 190-mile Coast to Coast route crosses May Beck at a ford just upstream from Falling Foss waterfall. The ford can be slippery and often floods, becoming impassable. The National Park Authority has created a second path running alongside May Beck providing an alternative to the ford crossing..

The work was done by a group of dedicated volunteers from the North York Moors National Park including Ryedale Ramblers member Clive Inman. The 65-metre boardwalk will allow ramblers an easier passage for the walk.



*Official opening of the new boardwalk on 6th February by Jack and Steph Newman of the nearby Falling Foss Tea Garden.
Photo courtesy of North York Moors National Park Authority*

Beautiful views

The volunteers have been praised for their determination to finish the project. "The recent wet weather has led to some really challenging conditions but our volunteers battled on regardless to get the job done," said Naomi Green, northern area senior ranger at the North York Moors National Park.

"The boardwalk – one of the longest in the national park – provides a clean, easy to use and enjoyable path which is also suitable for the less able and pushchairs. It meanders through the woodland above the beck and has two raised viewing areas offering beautiful views of May Beck and its stone arch bridge.

I hope those who make use of it over the coming months say a silent thanks to our hard-working volunteers for all their effort."

Fewer wet feet and muddy bottoms

Jack and Steph Newman, of the nearby Falling Foss Tea Garden officially opened the route. Jack Newman said:

"Although we keep a supply of emergency socks and trousers behind our counter, the boardwalk will certainly reduce the number of wet feet and muddy bottoms we see. Hats off to Naomi and all the volunteers who have worked so hard to make this happen."

All EYDA Ramblers members as well as representatives of affiliated organisations are invited to attend a

Special General Meeting

**on Tuesday 13th May 2014
at 7.00 pm at Fimber Village Hall**

A meeting is being held to approve revisions to the Area Constitution and Standing Orders which have been proposed by Area Council. It is envisaged that it will last about half an hour. The most significant changes include

- reducing the number of group representatives on Area Council from three to two.
- removing the opportunity for individuals other than post holders to be elected to serve on Area Council.

The full proposals are available for scrutiny on the Area website at **www.eastyorkshireramblers.org.uk**

Area AGM

At our AGM in January, all the Area Officers were re-elected apart from Ann Laing who stood down as Area Membership Secretary. This post is now vacant. Ann has kindly agreed to act as Area Communications Officer and will continue to organise our thrice-yearly mailshot stuffing evenings.

We are grateful to Andrew Brownlie who has volunteered to take on the important role of Area Publicity Officer. We still urgently require a replacement Area News Editor.

Area Council Meetings 2014

Tuesday 13th May 2014 at approx. 7.30 pm Fimber VH
Tuesday 22nd July 2014 at 7.30 pm Fimber VH
Tuesday 7th October 2014 at 7.30 pm Wetwang VH
Tuesday 2nd Dec 2014 at 7.30 pm Wetwang VH

Family Walk from Sewerby, Friday 25th July

The Ramblers and the East Riding Council are putting on a joint walk in July. The walk is aimed at children aged between 5 and 16 who must be accompanied by a responsible adult. A charge of £1.50 is made for children, but accompanying adults are free. The walk is not suitable for pushchairs.

The walk starts at Sewerby Hall and will run from 11.00 to 2.00 pm and will be less than 4 miles. It will include some beach walking and the wooded ravine of Dane's Dyke.

Booking is essential - telephone 01482 395320 for a booking form or book online at **www.eastriding.gov.uk/events**. The walk is featured along with many other events in the East Riding brochure of Countryside Events available online or at Tourist Information Centres

A world class walk

Wainwright's Coast to Coast walk passes through three national parks – the Lake District, Yorkshire Dales and North York Moors – on its route from St Bees in Cumbria to Robin Hood's Bay. Tens of thousands of people walk the route each year and in 2004 it was named the second best walk in the world, only pipped for first place by New Zealand's Milford Trail.

Group News and Coach Rambles

GYBO Launches New Long Distance Walk

Every year in GYBO (the Area's young people's group) we complete a long distance walk over the course of the summer. This year we have set ourselves a new challenge - we've made up our own!



*Sheriff Hutton Castle on the route of the Yorkshire Castles Way
Photo courtesy of Stephen Down*

Starting in York and finishing in Scarborough, the Yorkshire Castles Way takes us past a range of the area's finest castles, from ruined turrets to stately homes. We will be walking the 95 miles from city to coast as a series of 8 day walks, kicking off with the first one from York on 29th March, and finally arriving into Scarborough on 21st September. If the route is as good as we hope then we will look to get it adopted by LDWA as an official long-distance walk!

Stephen Down GYBO Chairman

Area Mailshots

If you would prefer to receive mailshots electronically (i.e. Area News, your Group Newsletter, the Annual Report and the Rambles Programmes) please inform the Membership Secretary by emailing areamembers@hotmail.co.uk

112 SOS

Many of our walking areas have poor mobile phone coverage or you might have a low battery. Register your phone with **112 SOS** and if you ever have the need in an emergency you can send an SMS text message to 112 or 999 when you can't telephone. It will find the best available network to send the emergency message.



Is this sign spotted near the waterfront in Hull advertising a route for off-piste ramblers? Or does it mean that you are hopelessly lost?

Scarborough Group

After years of badgering North Yorkshire County Council to deal with footpath obstructions, Les Atkinson explains how he and fellow members of Scarborough Group have taken matters into their own hands.

Highway Authorities don't always see a problem from a walker's point of view and they are strapped for cash due to endless government cutbacks. The only way, I thought, is to take matters into our own hands and start to use the immense knowledge and skill which our members have. Many are retired, so also have the time.

We decided to create our own volunteer work force which is now up and running. It has been a long job getting started but we are now on our third job up at Kettleness between Whitby and Staithes. We are completely covered by insurance from the Ramblers and with a grant for tools, we are independent of Authority supervision.

That was one of the problems we came across with the National Park. They had 700 volunteers on their books but only four supervisors which clearly can't work! As I am a trained coach builder by trade that isn't a problem to us. Countryside furniture is a doddle, all you need is willingness and effort and an inbuilt desire to improve and preserve our footpath network.

Towards this end we have this year also put into operation a complete survey of all the rights of way in each parish in our group's territory which will highlight problems which we didn't know about. There is no need to sit in front of the telly or go to meetings and just talk about it. Authorities are giving up, we are just starting. The countryside is in trouble, get your boots on, get out there and join in with us and help, not just for us but for generations to come.

Les Atkinson

Scarborough Group Footpath Secretary

Monday Afternoon Area Walks

For queries regarding these walks please contact either Colin Mullender tel: **01482 869125** or Dany Wlodarczyk, tel: **01482 864124** or email danywlo@yahoo.co.uk



On a Monday walk on 6th January 2014, members Ian and Sarah found themselves passing Beverley Minster 35 years to the day since they were married there! We felt we ought to mark the occasion...
Photo DCW

York Group Coach Ramble

The next York Coach Ramble will be on

Sunday 11th May to the White Peak area of Derbyshire. The cost is £10. Details of pick-up points in York, maps of the proposed three linear routes, and a downloadable booking form are on the York website www.yorkramblers.org.uk

or the Area website www.eastyorkshirerambles.org.uk.

Alternatively, phone Vera Silberberg on **01904-628134**



Pocklington Group Coach Ramble to Whitby 8th June 2014

This year we are travelling to the North Yorkshire Moors for a choice of a 6 and a 9-mile walk from Danby around the beautiful Esk Valley, or a 13.5 mile coastal walk from Saltburn to Staithes. Pick up points will be at Beverley at 7.45, then Market Weighton and Pocklington. The coach will depart from Danby Visitor Centre at around 4 pm for Whitby to

spend about two hours there. Please send cheques for £10 per person payable to "PSW" to Martin Hill at 4 Keldgarth, Hutton Cranswick, East Yorkshire, YO25 9RJ. Please include your full contact details: name, address, home and mobile telephone number, an email address if at all possible and preferred pick up point for the coach.

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