

### **Leyburn to Bellerby circular walk of 5 miles**

THE walk starts from Leyburn Market Place. From here head towards the Zebra Crossing on High Street and continue north on High Street towards the King's Head pub. Turn left into Grove Square opposite the pub and cross the road walking towards Grove House bed and breakfast. About 50 metres further, turn right into the grounds of Thornborough Hall, which houses the town council offices and library.

Pass in front of the library towards a grassy area and then head for the steps in front of a OAP development to your left. The steps take you to Thornborough Wood. Continue through the small wood to steps up to a narrow path which takes you onto Woodburn Drive.

Just before number 6 Woodburn Drive, turn left and walk through a stile and carry on forwards over two more stiles. After a barn conversion, go over a stile and turn right and then over another stile and turn left, and go straight ahead with the wall on your left. Carry on over several fields, keeping to the left of a large mound and looking for stiles in the walls and bearing slightly right after a while.

Then walk through an alley to arrive in Bellerby. Turn right onto Moor Road and walk down until you come to the main road. The Cross Keys pub is straight ahead. Walk past the front of the pub and go to the road junction just before Hill Top House. Turn right and follow the lane to the T junction of Church Street. Turn left and then almost immediately right, onto a footpath which guides you around farm buildings.

After the last barn, which is on your right, turn left and go forward over several fields through stiles and gates until you come to a lane which is called South Moore Lane. Cross the land go through a stile. Again, go forward on a good way-marked path which leads you past Cow Close Farm.

Coming out onto a lane past the farm, turn right and walk as far as Park Grange. Opposite is a footpath sign. Turn right and follow the footpath with the wall on your left until you come to a stile. Go through the stile and walk forward towards a farmhouse and to the right you will see a wooden gate by some big trees. Go through this and then forward diagonally right. Through a gate and forward to a stile. You are now in the Dale Grove housing estate. Go forward to the main Leyburn Road and walk down the hill and back into the Market Place.