

EARLY SUMMER SHORT WALK: BOWES CIRCULAR
MONDAY 16TH JUNE 2025



START TIME: 10.45AM

MEETING POINT: Car park opposite Bowes and Gilmonby Parish Hall, Bowes, County Durham, DL12 9HU

DISTANCE: Approx. 6km

TIME: About 2.25 hours if continuous walking

CLOTHING: Stout shoes or boots recommended

A circular route around the village of Bowes, located in the Pennine hills and on the Roman road through Stainmore, with much to see en route. For example:

- St Giles Churchyard containing the grave of William Shaw, headmaster of the old school in the village known as Shaw's Academy - which became Dotheboys Hall, with its headmaster Wackford Squeers, in Dickens' "*Nicholas Nickleby*"
- the remains of Bowes Castle (1170)
- woods around the River Greta
- Scargill Low Moor with extensive scenic views over the surrounding countryside with Stang Forest and Mickle Fell (the highest point in County Durham) in the distance.

Walking time without stops will be 2.25 hours. Total time will depend on how much time we spend in St. Giles and at Bowes Castle.

At the end of the walk, a ten-minute drive to the cafe at the Bowes Museum in Barnard Castle DL12 8NP is suggested for refreshments. There is ample free parking at the museum and entry to the café is free.

Some may wish to extend their visit by exploring the museum. Details of collections and admission charges can be found at:

<https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/>

The walk will be led by Hilary and Colin Dunnighan. Please let Colin know if you intend to join the walk or if you have any questions.

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