

WALK 3 – MODERATE: 7 ¼ miles and 1,349 feet of climbing (approx)

Starting point: Litton

Litton – Firth Fell – Arncliffe

Refreshments: Falcon Inn, Arncliffe; Queens Arms, Litton

Directions: Take the bridleway just passed the Queens Arms signposted Buckden 3 ½ miles. Follow the bridleway through the farmyard and up to the right, take the right hand path through the gate and between the 2 walls.



Go through a further gate and head over Crystal Beck, using the wooden bridge if walking after heavy rainfall. Head through the gate and up the grassy hill towards a further gate. The path then starts to get a little stony as it continues upwards. Continue through another gate and then through the gap in the wall



Once through the gap in the wall the path starts to bend to the left, follow this and head towards the wall. The path then starts to head upwards, parallel with the wall. The path is mainly grassy but can be boggy in places. Remember to look back down to see views of Litton and Littondale. Continue upwards through a further gate and continue climbing. Once through the gate after about ¼ mile the path starts to level out as the path becomes paving slabs. Once at the gate you have reached the top and done most of the climbing for this walk!!



Once through the gate turn immediately right and walk along by the side of the wall, keeping the trig point to your left. The path can be boggy in places. Stick by the wall for around a mile until it reaches a t-junction of walls. Here to the left you should see a ladder stile, head towards this stile.



Here you should be able to see great views of Buckden and Buckden Pike, Great and Little Whernside and Starbotton. Go over the stile and immediately turn right and follow the path along the side of the wall. Do not leave the wall until you reach a bridleway coming up from the left (Starbotton) after just over a mile. At this path turn right and head down towards Arncliffe – the path starts off rocky and can be boggy but soon becomes grassy as views of Arncliffe and Littondale appear.



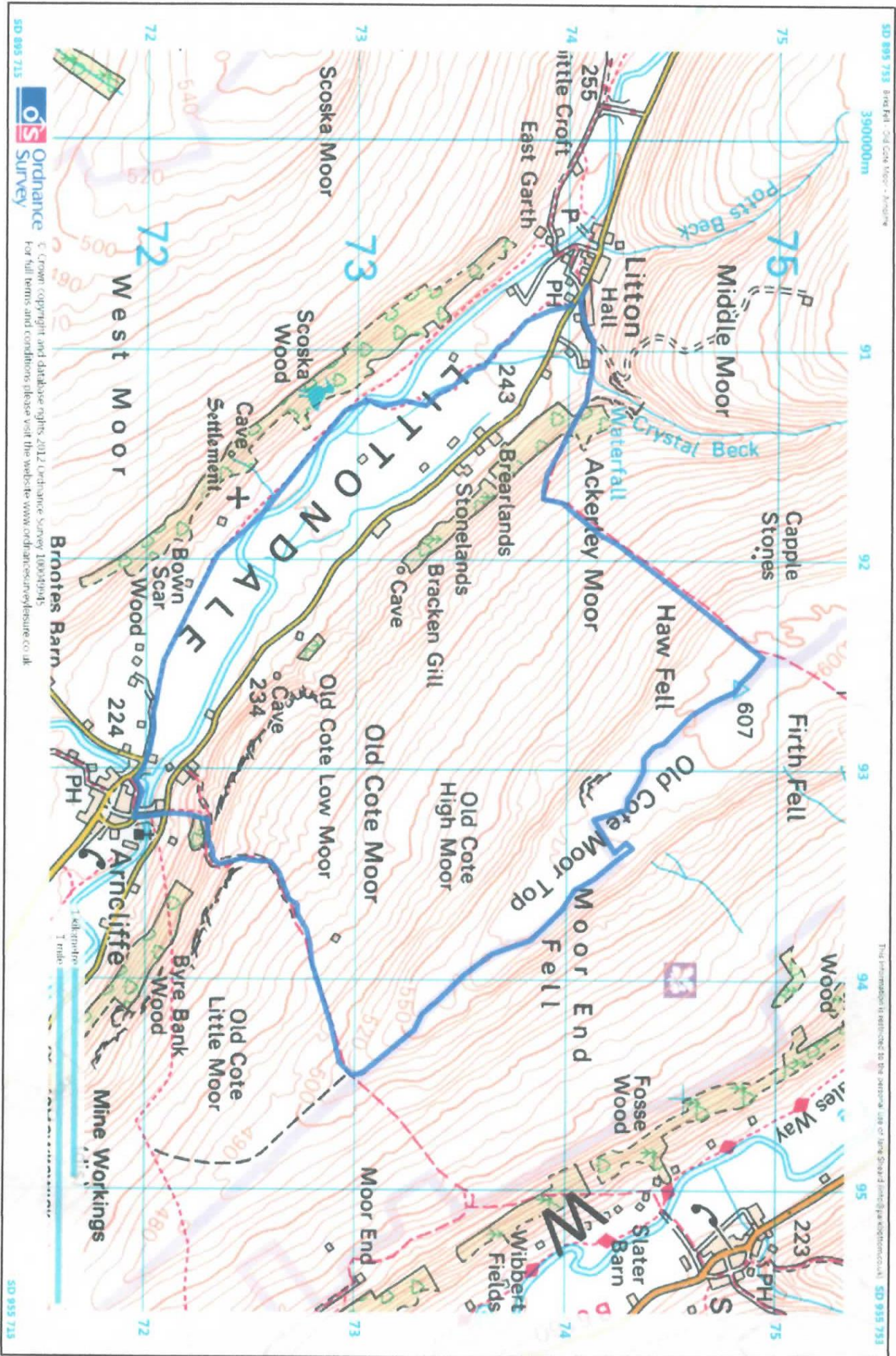
Continue to descend the path through a gate and towards Arncliffe, go through a further gate and the path now becomes concrete, heading down towards Old Cote Farm. Before reaching the farm take the footpath on the left hand side by the signpost and head down the steep grassy bank to the road. On reaching the road go straight ahead over the river and take the track in front of the houses on the right, sign posted Litton. Follow this track along the side of the river as it bends around and heads to the road.



On reaching the road go over the small hump-back bridge, passing the footpath sign Litton 2 miles & Halton Gill 5 miles and follow the wide track between the fields to the wooden gate. Go through the gate and now the path crosses fields for just over a mile until meeting the river again at the wooden gate at Scoska Woods. Turn right over the stepping stones (if the river is too high to cross please see the alternative route turning left after the wooden gate)



Follow the public footpath signs back to Litton; along the river at first then moving away from the river, crossing fields and going through many gates; soon the Queens Arms will come into sight.



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