



## Alston – Kirkhaugh Route Details

**This circular walk of approx 6 miles by road and footpath to Kirkhaugh with return along the railway line**

*Start from Alston Railway Station*

**Route:** From the Railway Station return to the main road, turn left and follow the road out of Alston until you reach a track going down to the left. Follow this as far as possible then take the footpath through the fields. This runs alongside the river before a track goes up through the woods to join the road (**This track can be extremely slippery especially after wet weather so care should be taken**) Follow the road down to Randalholme. Shortly after the bridge take the track heading up to the right through the woods. On exiting the woods keep to the right hand path heading towards the Old School House. Ignore the path coming from the Old School House and continue on to the next cross-roads of paths. Here turn left and follow the path down to a gate in the wall. Go through this and follow the path as it winds its way down to the road. Turn right and follow the road past Kirkhaugh Church and on until you meet the bridleway on the left. This leads to a bridge over the river and the footpath up to Kirkhaugh Station. From here the route is back along the side of the railway line to Alston Station.

**Variations/Diversions:** Should the footpath to the Railway Station be closed it may be necessary to leave the railway path at the level crossing and cross the line and join the outward route as described above to return to the station. In this case an alternative outward route, and one which avoids the slippery track through the woods, is to continue on the main road and take the the road to the left all the way to Randalholme. The route shown on the map includes both these diversions.

