

# FEELING ADVENTUROUS? GET ACTIVE AND EXPLORE HARTLEPOOL



✓ WALK ✓ DOG FRIENDLY

## ~ ROUTE 8 DETAILS ~

This is a 3.5 miles Greatham to Cowpen Bewley circular route. Covering scenic farmland, it includes one stile to cross.

## PLEASE REMEMBER TO :

### Respect Other People

Consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors, and leave gates and property as you find them. Follow paths unless wider access is available.

### Protect the Environment

Leave no trace of your visit, take your litter home, and keep dogs under effective control.

### Enjoy the Outdoors

Plan ahead and be prepared! Follow local signs and advice.



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## GREATHAM GETAWAY

### ~ ROUTE 8 ~

▶ Greatham ▶ Cowpen Bewley circular



Approx:  
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APPROX : 3.5 MILES

**1** Starting at the top of Greatham High Street, **2** head down past the 'Sheaf Thrower' sculpture on your left and the Hospital of God on your right. After the entrance into the Hospital of God, take a side road on your right into Parish Row, becoming West Row. **3** At the end of this road go through a gap in the old stone wall and follow the enclosed footpath to the right. **4** At the bottom of the hill cross a footbridge and turn sharply left following the path on top of the flood banks by the side of the beck until it reaches a sluice gate and another bridge on the left. **5** Instead of crossing this bridge, follow waymarkers and turn right, following the field edge path below the railway embankment. Walk along the base of the railway embankment till you come to a fork in the path. **6** Instead of following the rail line up and over Claxton Beck, veer right and down to the field and follow the beck upstream alongside the field edge. Continue with the beck to your left, through a gate and into another field. Keeping to the field edge you will come to a gate at the end of the field, go through the gate onto a tarmac farm track.

At this point, as an extra, you can turn left and cross over Cloff Bridge into Cowpen Bewley Woodland Park and explore Faith Wood and its surrounds. Cowpen Bewley Country Park is well worth a visit due to the variety of wildlife it holds, including over 80 species of birds and 18 species of butterfly. This abundance is due to the variety of habitats including mixed woodland, wildflower meadows, ponds and a large lake.

**7** Otherwise, turn right after passing through the gate and follow the farm track for 1.6 kilometres until it turns sharply left. **8** at this point look for the Public Footpath waymarker to your right. Follow this footpath through a gate in the hedge onto an enclosed path and continue along until you reach an old sleeper footbridge. **9** Cross over and walk uphill, keeping the allotments on your left, bear right back into Greatham High Street. From here either return to the start or explore the village.



## REFRESHMENTS

Refreshments can be found in Greatham.



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GREATHAM

FOOT BRIDGE

HOSPITAL OF GOD

WEST ROW

SHEAF THROWER SCULPTURE

GAP IN WALL

GREATHAM BECK

FIELD HOUSE FARM

## HARTLEPOOL HISTORY

Cowpen Bewley lake marks the site of a former clay pit, which served a nearby brickworks. Today, instead it has become a real haven for wildlife, including over 80 species of birds.

## HARTLEPOOL HISTORY

The Hospital of God at Greatham is an ancient charity founded by Robert de Sitchell, the Bishop of Durham in 1273, to care for poor and elderly people. Today, it runs day centres and home visiting services.

CLOFF BRIDGE

COWPEN BEWLEY WOODLAND PARK

RAILWAY LINE

GREATHAM CREEK

GREATHAM RAILWAY ARCH

FAITH WOOD

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