

WALK 2: West Auckland to Lutterington Hall
Distance 6 miles (2 ½ hours).- Easy terrain.

Walk towards the Eden Arms public house and turn left on the A689 Staindrop Road. Continue towards the bypass roundabout, cross via the pedestrian island then turn left onto the footpath before the Jet garage. Continue on this path along the south side of the bypass until you reach the footpath leading south across fields and through woods until you reach a track – Hummerbeck Lane, on the line of an old Roman road running from the south-west the north and Binchester (New Hummerbeck Farm will be on your left – east). Go straight over up, continuing south, up Lutterington Lane. There was once a village at Lutterington, even older than West Auckland - it was in existence c.1050, but later declined, probably disappearing in the medieval period. Follow the single-track road to enjoy the stunning views from Lutterington Hall. The Hall was a survivor from the old village, a large 17th century manor house, of the size of West Auckland Manor House, but largely demolished in the second half of the 19th century. Parts remained in farm buildings and some fragments may have survived when the buildings were converted to houses late last century.

Either return the way you came, or in Lutterington, take the right footpath heading west, a bridle track, along Lutterington Green Lane. After about half a mile, the track veers left then at the T-junction, head right towards Bolton Garths Farm, a typical farmhouse of the area, dating back to the 17th century at least.

After the farm, take the path to the right, along the eastern edge of Bolton Garths plantation, to join Hummerbeck Lane again. Turn right and after about a quarter of a mile take the footpath to the left, down through the fields to the bypass. Either cross here – with care! - and continue along the footpath into the village recreation ground, then through the houses to the village green. OR turn left to the roundabout and into the village via Staindrop Road.

WALK 3: West Auckland to Fyland
Distance 4 ¾ miles (1 hr 45 mins). Easy terrain.

Walk towards McColls shop and turn right at the mini-roundabout walking along the A68 footpath until you

reach the by-pass roundabout. Cross via the pedestrian island and continue straight for approx. 150 yds then turn left at Hummerbeck Lane (bridle path sign). Continue along this lane until you reach the A6072 road. Cross the road and turn left continuing along the bypass path to the roundabout beyond the Premier Inn. Turn left and follow the path until you reach the A68 bypass roundabout. Turn right and retrace your steps towards the village. At the Tattoo shop corner, look straight ahead to the World Cup & Mining statue.



Fancy a bite to eat or a drink after all your efforts? The following places are open in the village and will be pleased to see you - *Antique Shop café, The Well, ManorHouse, Ivy Cottage Farm Butchers (sandwiches), Eden Arms, The Crusty Loaf.*

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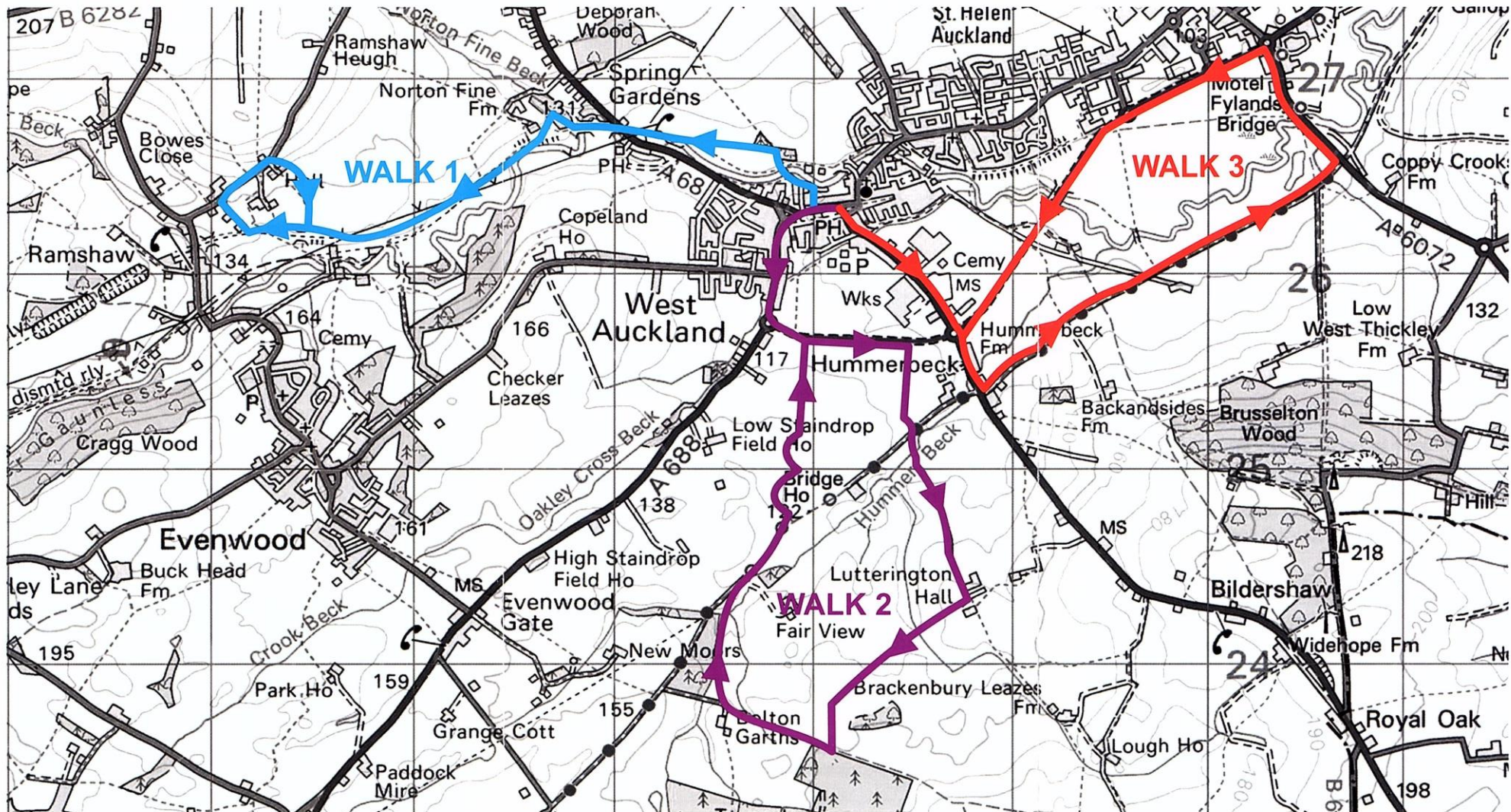
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Three short walks out from the village to
the surrounding countryside



The view towards Lutterington.

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VILLAGE GUIDES No. 4



WALK 1: West Auckland to Ramshaw
Distance 5 miles (2 hours). Easy terrain

From Old Hall car park, cross the green and A68 road, towards the Manor House Hotel. Turn right and follow the track, walking with the Hotel to your left. Cross the River Gaunless bridge and walk straight ahead to the Heritage Railway path.

Turn left at the kissing gate, then along the old railway track, crossing the A68 again. Continue on the Wetlands track, passing the dam, for approx 1.5 miles until you reach the children's playpark at Ramshaw. Either retrace your steps, OR turn right, past terraced houses, then right at the road junction, past Ramshaw Farm (left), ignore Ramshaw House path on right but, next right, take path down between Ramshaw Hall and its farm buildings.

Ramshaw Hall is a fine 17th century manor house with delightful formal gardens, home in the mid-17th century of Anthony Pearson, a prominent Quaker and secretary to Sir Arthur Hesilrige, owner of Auckland Castle during the Commonwealth period. Continue down the path to re-join the Wetlands track. Back to the village. The area is rich in birds and wildlife with sightings of deer, grey heron and kingfisher commonplace. The path leads back to the track you came along, so back to the village.