

21 January 2020. Brierley Park is a former colliery site that has been restored as a first-class outdoor amenity, with excellent walking routes and outdoor areas. We started our walk from the visitor's centre and wound our way along some excellent trails, eventually connecting with the disused railway track that connected the mines in this area. Finally making our way back to Huthwaite via a rather steep and muddy path which tested our stamina at the end of the walk. We were blessed with excellent weather again and as ever the company was very convivial, contributing significantly to a very enjoyable walk.

Our early February walk was based on Vicar Water, which is a good alternative to Sherwood Forest, Clumber Park and Sherwood Pines, especially as parking is free and there is easy access to Sherwood Pines. We were lucky with the weather again, so six of us had an easy 7-mile walk along forest paths and roads, mainly in the Sherwood Pines area. Our refreshment stop was at the cafe in Sherwood Pines where they have a good menu and reasonable prices. Well worth a visit.

On our return to the Vicar Water car park, we had a steady walk up the old Clipstone Colliery spoil heap, which gave us a good view of the surrounding countryside.

Although we had a low turnout for this walk, mainly due to holidays, the company was convivial, so anyone who wants that little bit of exercise and good company, should consider joining us on future walks.

