



which supplied the village with water from 1895 until the new reservoir was built further along on your left in the 1960's. One reason for doing this was to make it possible for Mr & Mrs Baldwin to put in a new upstairs bathroom in their home at Levisham Hall. The new reservoir, being on higher ground, created sufficient pressure for this to be possible.

The group of fields on your right was once part of the medieval three field system. One would grow barley for ale, one grain for bread and one lay fallow. Each villager would have had a portion of each of these fields for his needs, but they would all share the ploughing. This field was Limpseygate field. The others were Braygate field and Little field. The group of fields on your left (between Limpseygate field and Braygate Lane) was for the use of the Lord of the Manor. Villagers would have been expected to contribute a certain amount of their time to work on this land.

2. At the gate onto the moor take the path straight ahead which descends between embankments to an open area and Dundale Pond.

3. At the signpost bear left to follow path heading towards Levisham Station (west) keeping the pond on your right. (As a short diversion take the path North towards Saltergate to see the site of the indistinct remains of an Iron Age settlement).

Levisham Moor is rich in prehistoric remains including burial mounds, round barrows and a system of dykes dating back to the Bronze Age. There are also the remains of Iron Age settlements and iron works.

This area beyond the pond was once a medieval sheep farm (bercary) owned by Malton Priory in the 12th – 13th century. It would have been divided into three enclosures, the largest being North of the stream on your right. There would have been a small number of wooden buildings such as a barn and a simple dwelling for the stock keeper who would have looked after 1000 sheep and a small number of other animals.

4. Walk up the valley until the path crosses another path at a corner of a wall. Turn left and follow the path to a gate.

As you are walking up the hill look back to see a good view of the medieval sheep farm.

The large hollowed out area on your left up near the gate was an old quarry where stones were collected to build walls.

5. Go over the stile by the gate and walk down the track.

6. Continue straight ahead at the junction with the road from Levisham Station and walk back to the village.

Note the burial mound in the field to your right.

The first house on your right as you enter the village was the old school house. The original school built in 1799 was burnt down in 1869 and eventually rebuilt in 1877. It was finally closed in 1939.

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LEVISHAM and Dundale Pond

Circular Walk from St. John the Baptist Church in Levisham

DISTANCE.. 3.5 km / 2.2miles

START .. Grid reference 833906

Notes on the walk

1 Leave the village by Limpsey Gate Lane which is the one to the right of the pub. Continue along it until you reach a gate.

While walking up this Lane note the stone trough on the verge on your right just after passing the bungalow and allotment. Just behind it was the original reservoir.