

Lysdon Farm Circular

We will start at the Blyth FC (u3a meeting rooms) car park Thursday 1300 September 24th and as normal the weather forecast will be a deciding factor on possible change of date. There will be a walk through some woods and across a field where there are normally two or three horses, I've walked this many times and the horses are tame and are more interested in munching but may be curious. This is a public right of way and is used by many dog walkers and strollers.

We can stop for a break at the Lysdon farm:

We then turn left onto the bridleway that leads to the Eve Black Way by the Gloucester Lodge Farm and then a walk to the cafes at the beach for a comfort break and a cuppa.

History:

- *The Gloucester Lodge Farm was originally called East Lysdon Farm.*
- *In 1795, the farm was renamed Seaton Sluice after the Duke of Gloucester used it as his headquarters during a military review. The reason why it is now called Gloucester Lodge Farm is that the Gloucester Regiment was camped, or lodged near the beach to stop that nasty Napoleon from invading England from Blyth beach!*
- *The remains of a Second World War anti-aircraft battery are located in the field across from the farm.*

Then when everyone is ready we can walk back along South Newsham Road to the Blyth FC car park.

U3A HQ round trip via Lysdon Farm and Coastline on August 25, 2024

