

# NORTHERN ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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## **Haydon Bridge: An Architectural Walking Tour**

**Revised due to train strike!**



*Haydon Bridge by John Wilson Carmichael from Views on the Newcastle and Carlisle Railway 1839.*

**Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2023**

**Both costs include donations to the churches we will visit.**

**Morning walk commencing at the railway station at 11.00 am.**

**£4.00.**

**Afternoon walk commencing at St Cuthbert's Church at 2.00 pm.**

**£10.00 which includes tea, with scones or cake, at the end of the walk.**

The first record of a bridge downhill from the old settlement of Haydon was early in the 14th century. Yet, at this midway point between Hexham and Haltwhistle along the ancient east-west route, there may have been long before that a way across the South Tyne. With a hinterland of farming and mining the crossing became the focus for social and commercial development and the village spread on both sides of the river. The arrival of the railway gave more efficient links for trading and travelling to places along the Newcastle to Carlisle line. Then came the internal combustion engine and traffic which cut the town in two. By 1970 the old bridge was obsolete for all but pedestrian traffic. The new bridge allowed faster passage and Haydon Bridge became for a couple of generations less a place to stop than one to get through. By contrast the by-pass, opened in 2009, has been a wonder, making the village a more comfortable and attractive place to live and work.

**Limited numbers, booking on a first-come first-served basis.**

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Haydon Bridge is a typical Northumbrian village. It is not laden with architectural wonders, but it has many characterful buildings, a fine bridge (of course) or three, a good set of churches and chapels, unspoilt streetscapes, and opportunities provided by the riverside setting. The afternoon architectural walk, sampling all of these, will be led by Hugh Dixon, as a visitor, and the Very Rev. Michael Sadgrove, as a resident.

There will be a rather more vigorous morning option of making the half-hour climb to the old church. The place is fascinating, the views lovely but the way is steep. A car will be available to provide a lift!

Members can bring picnics or make their own luncheon arrangements in the village. Our afternoon refreshments will be served in Oddfellows Coffee shop. Full details of the visit will be sent out to those who book, a few days before the event.

### **Haydon Bridge: Saturday, 2nd September 2023**

Please return booking form to: Ian Wells.

by email: [ian@iwells.net](mailto:ian@iwells.net) or by post: 4 Swindon Terrace, Heaton Newcastle upon Tyne NE6 5RB

Please reserve places on the trip for:			
Name/s:			
Please tick one walk option below:			
Both walks <b>£14</b>	Afternoon walk <b>£10</b>	Morning walk <b>£4</b>	
I enclose my cheque. (Payable to NAHS).	Yes / No	I will pay by electronic transfer.	Yes / No
If you pay electronically, please still send this form by email or post to Ian Wells. NAHS Bank details: Barclays Bank PLC Sort Code: 20-59-59 Account No: 70694274			
Any dietary requirements?			
I / We will come by bus.	Yes / No	I / We will travel by car.	Yes / No
If you could offer a lift, if or would like a lift please explain your offer / request below:			
Signed:			
Postal Address:			
E mail:		Telephone:	
Any pre-existing medical conditions of which emergency services may need to be informed in the event of accident or illness (This information will be retained by the organiser for the purposes of this tour only and will be divulged to medical personnel only in the event of an incident occurring):			
Condition:			
Emergency Contact:			