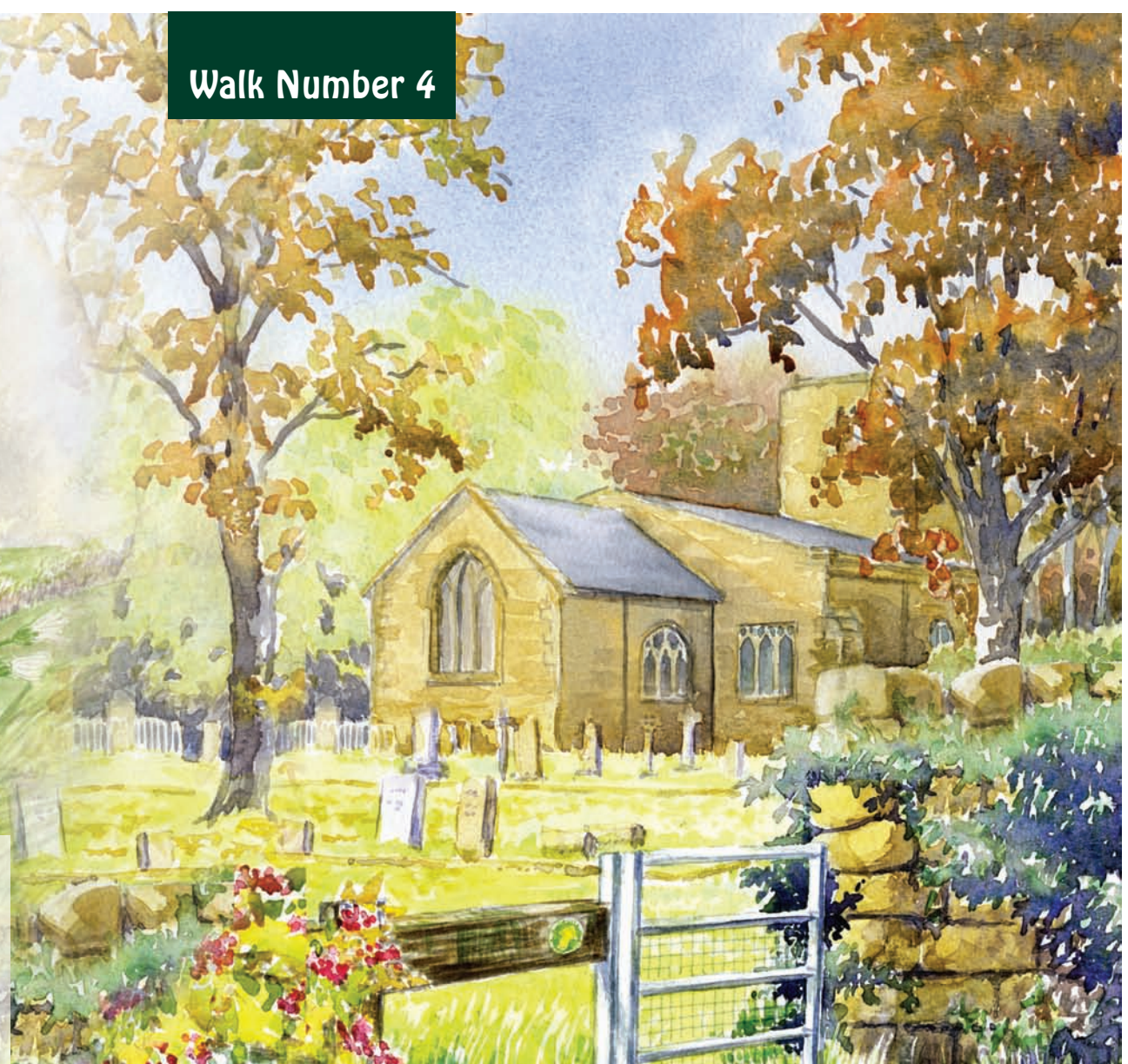


## Walk Number 4

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### The Countryside Code - Respect Protect Enjoy

#### Respect other people

- Consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors
- Leave gates and property as you find them and follow paths unless wider access is available

#### Protect the natural environment

- Leave no trace of your visit and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under effective control

#### Enjoy the outdoors

- Plan ahead and be prepared
- Follow advice and local signs

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## Three Village Ramble

Summerhill - Dalton Piercy - Elwick - Hart

Distance approximately 5 miles

This walk is mostly through a farmland landscape, there are moderate ascents and descents and several stiles to cross.

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# Three Village Ramble

Summerhill - Dalton Piercy - Elwick - Hart

Distance approximately 5 miles

-  Shops
-  Pubs
-  Parking
-  Public Toilets
-  Cafés



Starting in the car park at Summerhill Country Park, facing the Visitor Centre **1**, follow the track to the right, cross over a bridge, keeping the play area to your left.

Follow the track ahead, ignoring the next turn off to your left towards the Boulder Park. Continue past Dead Man's Hollow until you reach a fork in the path. Take the right and cross straight over a footbridge **2**, do not follow the second part of the bridge to your right. Follow the waymarker signs leftwards around the field edge, keeping the hedge line on your left.

Cross over a small wooden footbridge **3** to the left of a field gate, through a kissing gate ahead and turn right, following the track around the field edge.

Before you reach a field gate ahead, take a left, making your way over to Dalton Piercy Village along the field edge **4**. When you reach the road, turn left and make your way over the bridge and into the village.

Continue up the road until you reach College Close on your right. Here you will see a signpost directing you along a track onto the public footpath **5**.

Continue along the track, through a kissing gate and over a boardwalk and onto an enclosed path. Ignoring the path to your left leading up to Dovecote Farm, continue ahead through another kissing gate and into an open field **6**. Head downhill towards the beck, before you reach the beck, veer left keeping it to your right until you reach a footbridge. Cross the footbridge and go through the gate ahead, making your way up the hill into Elwick Village **7**.

When you reach the main road, the shop and pubs are to your left and the walk continues to your right.

Follow the road leading out of the village until you see farm buildings (North Farm) to your left. After the farm buildings, carefully cross the road onto the same side as the farm and follow the footpath signpost to a stile in the hedge **8**. Cross into a small field and continue ahead through a field gate and cross another stile onto a long straight track.

Follow the track, cross a stile and continue along until you reach a field with a waymarker directing you to the right. Follow it until you meet the fence line at the other end, turn left and follow the fence until you reach a stile **9**.

Cross the stile, and walk downhill to meet another boardwalk, follow this over the beck, before crossing another stile and heading up some steps into a field. Take a right and follow the field edge to another stile and into a chicken farm. Veer right onto the track and walk up to the main road **10**.

At the road take a right and continue ahead for a few minutes until you reach a footpath sign on your left, if you reach the Hartlepool Water gates, you've gone too far **11**. Cross the stile and follow waymarker signs around the field. After passing the wind turbine to your right you will see a waymarker post on your left directing you across the crossfield path towards a gap in the hedge and farm buildings behind. Follow the path towards the road **12**. Take a left at the road and head towards the A179. Crossing the road carefully, making your way along the small lane ahead and into Hart Village **13**.

**St Mağdalene Church** - When you reach Hart Village, if you continue across the road and head down Butts Lane, you will come to Mağdalene Drive on your right. Follow this road and St Mağdalene Churchyard will be ahead of you.

This is a Saxon church dating back to the 7th century and is the oldest church in Hartlepool. The original church is likely to have been a wooden structure, later replaced by a stone building. Look out for the stone with a carving of St George and the Dragon in the front wall of the church.