



KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Kirkburton Parish Councillors put their best feet forward for Charity!

On Saturday Kirkburton Parish Council Chairman Cllr Richard Burton, and the outgoing Chairman, Cllr Sharon Dunford jointly hosted a 7-mile sponsored walk around Lepton in aid of the Forget Me Not Children's Hospice and Parkinson's UK. The route followed is known as Jessop's Jaunt, named after Mary Ann Jessop – mother of Harry Kilner and daughter of Allen Jessop. She once told reporters that as a girl of eight she would stand on a stool, filling fireworks, with a chuckle, the grown ups would sit on barrels of gunpowder to work.

The route took in the areas of Gawthorpe, Houses Hill and Whitley Willows and allowed the walkers to enjoy some very beautiful views right across the valley.

The walk was completed by many Kirkburton Parish Councillors with their partners, the Clerk and the Rev Anita Raggett of St John's Church in Lepton.

Cllr Richard Burton, Chairman of the Parish Council said, "I was surprised at the number of people who turned up, given the recent weather and the number of events which have been cancelled. We were lucky and managed to stay dry most of the time."

Cllr Sharon Dunford added "It was great fun and I was pleased I didn't need my waterproofs for most of the walk. I'd particularly like to thank the Rev Raggett for joining us and her congregation for their generosity. I hope that we manage to raise a good sum for the 2 charities, whose volunteers work tirelessly all year providing a vital service to many families."

Both Cllrs expressed their thanks to everyone who had turned up, and also to everyone who had sponsored them.

Another event to support these two charities is planned for two weeks' time at Netherton Farm – A Country & Western style dance on Saturday 7th July at 7pm. Please see the website www.kbpc.co.uk for further details. Tickets are available from either of the Cllrs and also from the Clerk at Kirkburton Parish Council: Tel 01484 604391, Email clerk@kbpc.co.uk

Photograph taken at the start at St John's Church Lepton by the Huddersfield Examiner photographer.

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