



Welburn School work day, 2005



East Moor Banks



Atlas Fountain, Castle Howard

Welburn is a linear village. It was part of a joint parish with Bulmer until the 19th Century when it gained its own church and cemetery. Consecrated in 1865, the spire and tower-topped **Church of St. John the Evangelist** was mostly funded by the late Earl of Carlisle. The pews are made of oak and several of the stained glass windows are memorials to the Howard family.

Dial House, on the main street, is on the site of the former poorhouse or workhouse. The workhouse ran as a business, taking in paupers from other parishes. Traditional features in Welburn include the red phone box that stands on the main street.

Welburn Village Hall is situated on the same lane as the church. It was completed in 2007 and uses sustainable technology to light and heat it. The village obtained a grant towards the cost of an air-source heatpump and sunpipes from the AONB Sustainable Development Fund (SDF). As well as reducing running costs, these features will decrease the amount of fossil fuels being burnt when the building is in use. The hall is equipped for use by residential groups and a toilet is available for use by the public (locked at night).

Richard Spruce (1817-1893) was one of the most accomplished botanists and explorers of the Victorian era. He travelled extensively in South America, sending specimens of more than 7,000 plants back to England, many of which were new to science. He gathered seeds of the quinine-producing cinchona tree from the slopes of the Andes – these were used by the Empire in India as a source of this anti-malarial drug. Born in Ganthorpe, his family moved to Welburn in 1841. When not abroad he spent much of his adult life in Welburn, occasionally deputising for his father as the teacher at Welburn School.

The main building of **Welburn School** was built in 1841 and it opened as a boys school in that year. Today both boys and girls travel from Welburn and the outlying villages and farmsteads to attend the school. With the support of the Howardian Hills AONB SDF, the children and teachers have worked hard to create an organic kitchen garden and a wildlife area. As well as providing an educational resource these features have added greatly to the biodiversity value of the grounds.

The Howard family have lived at **Castle Howard** for three centuries. Today Castle Howard is a modern working Estate of 10,000 acres. More than 6,000 acres of the Estate are given over to agriculture. Environmental stewardship is at the heart of the wider management of the Estate and includes schemes for regeneration of hedgerows. Forestry is also an important activity, with nearly 2,000 acres of woodland (divided equally between coniferous and deciduous plantings) which are managed for commercial timber production, amenity and wildlife value. In April 2006, Castle Howard was given UKWAS accreditation: the UK Woodland Assurance Scheme (UKWAS) recognises forests and woodlands which are managed to the highest standards.

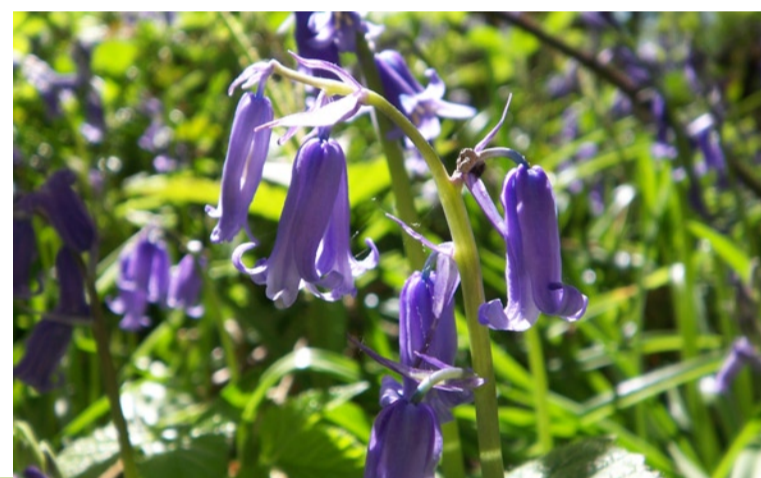
There are almost 200 buildings and monuments across the Estate – a major programme of restoration work is dedicated to preserving these unique structures. **The Pyramid** was built in 1728 to a design by Hawksmoor. Inside is a colossal bust of Lord William Howard, the Tudor founder of the Carlisle branch of the Howard family. Standing 90 feet into the air and supported by 20 pillars, the **Mausoleum** has been the final resting place of the Howard family from the 18th Century to the present day.

Ray Wood stands on the site of an ancient woodland – over the past 300 years it has gone through many transformations. By 1720 the wood was filled with statues, cascades, fountains and pavilions, but all of these features disappeared by the middle of the 18th Century. All that remains today is the Reservoir at the top of the hill, which was rebuilt in 1850 to supply both of Nesfield's Fountains. In the 1940s the wood was clear felled, but twenty years later re-planting began under the guidance of award-winning plantsman James Russell. Almost 800 varieties of rhododendron, providing an impressive array of colour during May and June, were planted. There are glades of pieris, wild roses, rare magnolias, viburnums, maples and rowans, creating year-round interest with a diversity of flower, autumn colour and fruit.

Welburn Mill was recorded in the Domesday Survey; it has since become known as Todd Mill. Both Todd Mill and Todd Wood, in which it is situated, gained their names from the Todd family, who operated the mill in the 18th and 19th Centuries. In the 19th Century some of the machinery in the by now disused mill was restored to pump water to the village of Welburn.

A **First World War prison camp** was situated to the north of Welburn on Water Lane, where the bridleway enters the woods at the base of East Moor Banks.

Bluebells



Yellowhammer



The Four Faces monument



Peacock butterfly

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G. Megson: Yellowhammer.
M. Hunter: Small tortoiseshell, Peacock butterfly.
Castle Howard Estate: Aberdeen Angus,
Arable farming, Atlas Fountain.
Whitfield Benson: Welburn (front cover), Temple of the Four Winds.



The Country Code

When walking in the Howardian Hills AONB please remember The Country Code:

- Be safe – plan ahead and follow any signs
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Protect plants and animals and take your litter home
- Keep dogs on a lead or under close control
- Consider other people

Please also take care not to disturb stock and to follow the waymarking, map and directions as you pass through farmyards and settlements.

Maps

These routes can be found on:

OS Explorer 300, The Howardian Hills and Malton
OS Landranger 100, Malton and Pickering

You are advised to use an OS map alongside this leaflet when following the walk routes and to carry a compass.

Welburn is at grid reference SE721680.

The Village

Welburn has a public house (serving food), village shop and café and car service centre. Bed and Breakfast accommodation is available in Welburn and the Village Hall is equipped for residential groups. Castle Howard offers a farm shop, giftshops, bookshop, courtyard café and plant centre with café (no entry charge to access these areas). More information about Castle Howard and the Estate is available from outlets in The Courtyard.

Getting to Welburn

By car: Welburn lies close to the A64. Limited free car parking is available close to the Church and additional street parking is available in the village. Please avoid causing inconvenience to residents when parking.

By bus: Routes to Welburn and Castle Howard run from Malton and York. Times available on 01653 692556 (or from www.yorkshirecoastliner.co.uk) and on 0870 6082608 (or from www.yorkshiretravel.net). Castle Howard also lies on Moors Bus Route 9. Timetables are available on-line (www.moors.uk.net/moorsbus) and from the North York Moors National Park Authority office and visitor centres.

By train: The nearest stations are in York, Malton and Thirsk. Some services link in with the above buses.

HISTORY AND HABITATS



Three circular walks starting from
Welburn



