

LUND RAMBLERS

7th June 2025. – Ribchester

Sat Nav – PR3 3ZH Ribchester Car Park

Meet – at 10.15am for a 10.30 start

A ramble taking us east along the River Ribble probably making a minor diversion to visit St Saviours Church in Stydd Lane before joining the Ribble Way and following it to the “New Bridge” where we cross the river and return to Ribchester.

To get to Ribchester take the B5269 east from Broughton signed to Longridge. On arriving at Longridge proceed ahead at the roundabout then follow the road until as one leaves Longridge bear right onto B6245 signed Ribchester. On arriving in the centre of Ribchester continue ahead where the B6245 (Blackburn) turns sharp left. After about 50yds turn right for the Car Park. The car park is effectively £3.20 all day journey time from Clifton about 40mins

This Ramble – for those unfamiliar with Ribchester the Romans built a fort here in about AD73 to protect the river crossing of the road from Chester to Hadrian’s Wall. The original wooden fort was replaced by stone about 40 years later and about 500 men were based there. We start by walking through the town to Stydd where we find Alms-houses and minor diversion to St Saviours church; from here we follow a path that leads to the Ribble Way which we follow east to the pedestrian bridge by which we cross the river to the southern bank.

We now return along the southern bank as far as Salesbury Hall then join the lane to Ribchester Bridge, and then over the fields to Stydd Lane and a walk back to the cars.

Much of the ramble is over pastureland so gaiters would be helpful in the long grass if the weather has been wet! We may meet cattle and sheep on the way!!

There are very good quality toilets at the car park and a café!! The walk is 6+ miles long and is undulating but with little overall height gain. Estimated time back at the cars is 3.30pm.

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Next Ramble

5th July 2025 to be advised

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