Derwenthaugh Park Evening Walk.

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Until 1986,Derwenthaugh Park was the site of the Derwenthaugh Coke Works. Opened in 1928 it took coal from the Chopwell colliery and the resulting coke was shipped from the staithes on the River Tyne at Derwenthaugh. In the 18th and 19th centuries Crowley's Ironworks dominated the site. These were the largest ironworks in Europe at the time. The workers lived in old Winlaton Mill which was situated along the lane beside the Golden Lion Inn. The village was demolished and re-built on its present site in 1937.

Today the Derwent Walk Country Park is a mixture of woodlands, meadows, wetlands, riverside and reclaimed industrial sites all linked by the Derwent Walk. The Derwent Walks is the track-bed of the old Derwent Valley Railway and is 11 miles long, following the Derwent Valley between Swalwell in the north and Consett in the south.

The planned walk will meet / park @ **Swalwell Juniors Football Club** @ Derwenthaugh Park/Spa Well Rd, Blaydon-on-Tyne **NE21 6JA** at 6pm and will go through the Park on the North side of the Derwent river and then cross the river and return via the South side on the Derwent Walk.

