

# Ingleborough Archaeology Group

## "The Late Neolithic/Early Bronze Age carved rocks of Baildon Moor"

Visit to Low Plain, Baildon Moor, West Yorkshire, Saturday 15 September 2018

led by Mike Short

*Note: The site for this visit has been carefully chosen to enable the participation of members who prefer a shorter walking distance with frequent stops and who are unable to manage steep inclines or difficult terrain. Nevertheless, there will be some uneven and tussocky ground but, at all times, the group will be only a few metres from a path. From the parking area there will be an initial short and gentle ascent to Low Plain where the group will spend the afternoon on almost flat ground. Unfortunately, the site is not wheelchair accessible. The initial rendezvous point is at a local pub where the licencees have made toilet facilities available to the group both on our arrival and prior to our departure. A road and site location sketch map is available for download on our website.*

**The carved rocks** Many members are likely to have seen some of the iconic carved rocks (the 'Cup and Ring Stones') made somewhere between 3000 and 5000 years ago on Ilkley Moor and the wider Rombalds Moor such as the 'Swastika Stone', the 'Idol Stone' and the 'Badger Stone'. Much less well known are the many carvings on the very much smaller Baildon Moor to the south and this is will be the scene of the visit. Mike Short was a leading member of the CSI (Carved Stone Investigation) Rombalds Moor Group which, working for three or more days each week for more than three years, recatalogued and recorded in great detail all the rock art of the Romalds and Baildon Moors. Their work was recognised nationally when they were shortlisted for the 2014 English Heritage Angel Awards. Many new discoveries were made along the way bringing the total known prehistoric carvings to over 500. Around seventy of these are on Baildon Moor and Shipley Glen and the group will visit a selection of them.

**Rendezvous point** The village of Baildon is north of Shipley, West Yorkshire and is approximately 30 miles from Settle and 40 miles from Ingleton. We will rendezvous at 'The Old Glen House' pub (where meals & sandwiches are available) on the south-west edge of the moor and leave their car park at 1.30 pm and drive a short distance to a parking area nearer to the main rock art site. Please park at the bottom of their car park. Feel free to use the pub toilet facilities but do wait outside the pub if not eating or drinking.

**If eating at Old Glen House (BD17 5BN)** Please phone the pub at least 24 hours beforehand on 01274 597777 and tell them that you are part of the Archaeology Group party and whether you will want a bar meal or just a sandwich. When booking a meal time, please do bear in mind that we will be departing at 1.30 precisely. Old Glen House is at the southern end of the local beauty spot, Shipley Glen. It's a good place to have a picnic if you don't want to eat at the pub.

**Duration of visit** The duration of the visit will be around two and a half hours but the proximity of the parking area to the site will enable anyone to leave earlier if they wish.

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