

# Roecliffe and Westwick Neighbourhood Plan

## Green infrastructure and Green Corridor

The 2014 November Harrogate District Green Infrastructure Policy document coupled with the National Planning Policy Framework sets out the importance of protecting and enhancing networks of green infrastructure.

Roecliffe is a rural village and the Roecliffe Neighbourhood Plan area is predominantly agricultural land with industry confined to the southern aspect of Bar Lane. The Roecliffe Brick and Tile Works established in the late 19th Century ceased to function in 1963 but a fortunate legacy is the large lake formerly the source of clay which separates industry and the village at Thornfield Lane.

The River Ure defines the northern boundary of the NP area.

The Village Green and Roecliffe Common are registered common land and the Brickyard Ponds and meadows are designated as a site of Importance for Nature Conservation.

Green spaces and routes in the Roecliffe and Westwick Plan area provide access for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders.

Public footpaths and bridleways connect Roecliffe to Boroughbridge, Minskip, Staveley and Bishop Monkton .

The Roecliffe Ramble was an original part of the Ure Walks through Time Project beginning at the church and proceeding along the bank of the River Ure and on to Westwick Lock. The historic coal barge traffic continued on to Ripon City via Bishop Monkton.

The fields to the North of Bar Lane between Brickyard Farm and the A1 Motorway are of archaeological interest as a possible Roman settlement.

Roecliffe and Westwick Parish Council and the Roecliffe Village Fund maintain the trees on the Village Green and have recently financed enhancement of Roecliffe Common.