



the public footpath off Greenside

On a damp Tuesday evening, we left the library and walked along Ainsworth Hall Road and Greenside, stopping at various points to discuss the history of the buildings. Polly provided copies of the 1838 map of the area to help understand the original layout. We then went along a footpath in Bull Fold which most of us – even those who had lived in the village for many years – were unaware of.

This led to the side of Deardon Fold Farm – probably one the oldest remaining buildings in the village. From there we followed the path to the back of Ainsworth Hall Farm, and then walked along Ainsworth Hall Road to the location of the now demolished hall. There we looked at photos of the hall and a plan of the hall in its heyday. On the way past we met the owner of the land who gave us more information about the history of the Hall, which was an added bonus.

After walking along past Rothwells and up Bradley Fold Road, we went across the fields and through the housing estate to emerge back on Ainsworth Hall Road. We then returned to the library – and to our Archive Group AGM.