

# Capability's focussed Overview



## Three CVs to add to your walking CV

The estate workers who put Capability Brown's (and estate owner Sir Christopher Sykes') vision into practice, and have maintained it for the past 300 years, also created the village walk on which Capability's Overview, launched ten years ago, is based.

The traditional village walk was held after haymaking to give estate workers the opportunity to see what work had been undertaken since the last harvest and assess the prospects for the coming summer months. The Overview, developed with long distance walkers, covers a larger area and, as the name suggests, presents the landscape canvas Brown worked on.

Sledmere's landscape is unique in many ways. The deep-cut, steep-sided dales of the post-glacial Wolds did not lend themselves to the vast areas of grass parkland developing on the great country estates elsewhere; so a key element of Capability's 1778 plan was the detailing of three double-headed "vistas".

The basic concept was to have three architect-designed farmhouses at focal points on the tree-lined ridges encircling The Big House and its grounds. These were to be The Castle, to the south-east; Life Hill to the south-west; and Maramatte to the north-west.

The aim was to present a memorable panorama whether looking up from the house to the focal points on the ridge or down to the house from the farms.

The Tercentenary Overview gives the intended

**Entry fee (£10, £12 on the day)**

**Entries to Ann Southwick, Triton Cottage, Sledmere, Driffeld YO25 3XQ. Tel: 01377 236633**

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**All cheques should be made payable to Sledmere Parish Church Council.**

three CVs (Capability's Vistas) as well as a close look at the woodlands which are another great feature of the Sledmere estate and illustrate how much greater Christopher Syke's own plans were. After receiving Brown's plan he planted another 177,000 trees on 130 acres of the estate in the 1778-1779 season.

The Overview is organised by Sledmere Parochial Church Council in conjunction with the Parish Church Council; two country estates (Birdsall and Sledmere) and local farmers. The long distance walk (to aid the church, like the village walk on the same day) is largely off-footpath and crosses the Deer Park on its circuit of the Sledmere Estate and adjoining Wolds hills and dales.

*The minimum kit required is: map (Explorer 300), compass, waterproofs, first aid kit and mug. All entrants under the age of 18 (minimum age 12 years) must be accompanied by a responsible adult. For conservation, land management and safety reasons, the access to private land on this walk is not allowed at any other time without permission.*

**Sledmere Village Hall**  
**08.30 Sunday May 22, 2016**  
**(24 miles)**

**NB: Lambing time - no dogs allowed**

Start	Village Hall	936 648
CP1	Tatton Sykes monument	957 618
CP2	Collingwood Farm	953 661
CP3	Squirrel Hall Farm	918 671
CP4	Malton Road Reservoir	878 638
CP5	Fimber Nab (York Bank)	909 611
CP6	Sylvia Grove	925 634
Finish	Village Hall	936 648

## Capability's Overview 2016 Entry Form

*Entrants must be fit enough and properly equipped for a walk of this distance. Under 18s (minimum age 12) must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Please note any medical condition (e.g. asthma) below.*

+ Medical note:

Please use BLOCK CAPITALS .....

Surname ..... Forename .....

Address .....

..... Age if under 18.....

Tel. No: ..... Mobile No:.....

(incl. STD code) (if carried on walk)

Tel. contact no. in case of emergency.....

(incl. STD code)

E-mail address:

LDWA Mem. No. .... LDWA Group .....

✓ for vegetarian meal ☐

✓ for walker ☐ runner ☐

### This is obligatory

● I agree to abide by the rules of the event and to observe the Country Code at all times.

● I have sufficient knowledge, experience, equipment and navigational skills to take part in a long distance walk in all conditions.

● I confirm that I am in good health and have no medical condition that may cause undue concern or inconvenience to others.

● I confirm that I participate at my own risk and that no liability is accepted by the organisers for injury, damage or loss sustained by me before, during or after the event.

● I will be over 18 years old on the day of the event – or: will be accompanied throughout by the responsible adult named below ☐.

● I understand that particular rules may apply to entrants taking part in this event and I undertake to make myself aware of these rules before I start.

Date ..... Signature .....

Name of person responsible for entrant under 18.....

I enclose a cheque for.....made payable to Sledmere Parish Church Council