

Goathland Centenary Walk

Follow the Centenary Walk

The 2-mile Goathland Centenary Walk starts on the disused railway line (next to the Goathland Hotel), crosses fields to the church and then returns to the village centre by road (pavement available), passing the war memorial.

It's a gentle walk, where you can reflect upon the effect that wars and conflict had on a small settlement such as Goathland. Many men and women served in both world wars of the 20th century, but not all returned.

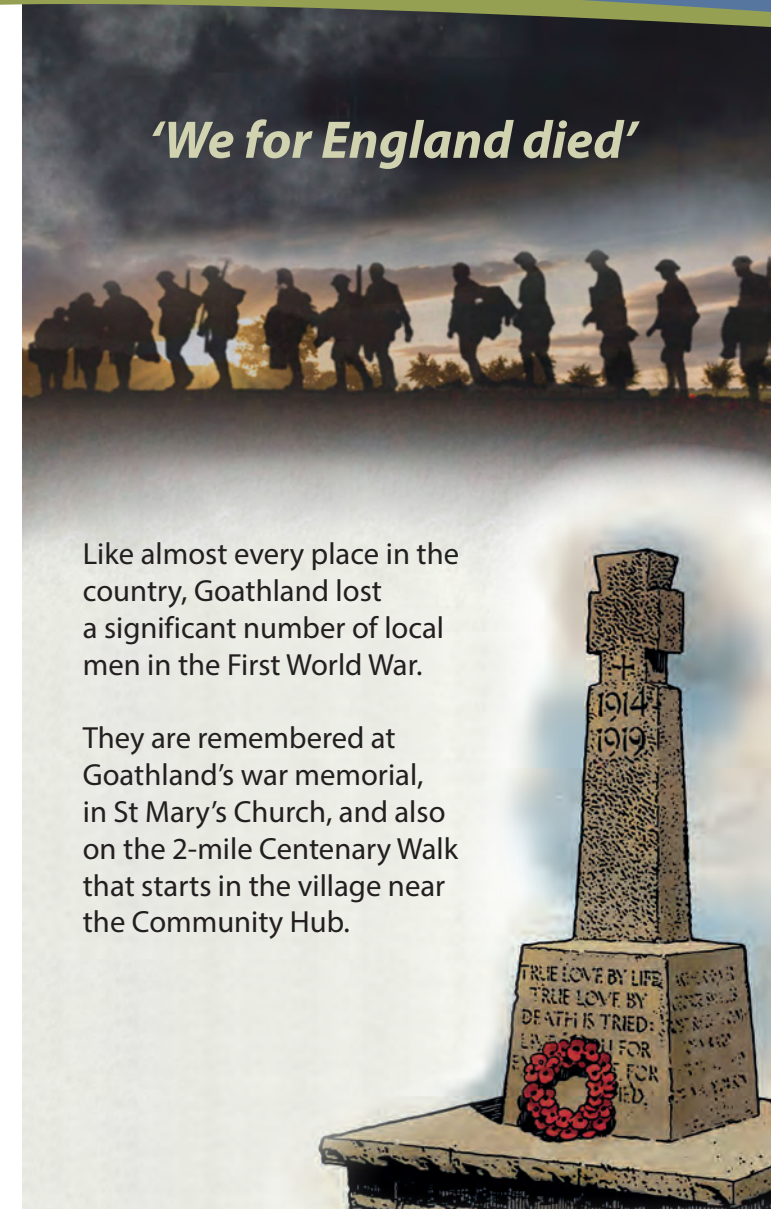
Near the Goathland Community Hub are planted 12 oak trees in memory of the fallen – a 'living memorial' which enhances the natural landscape and connects a new generation to its heritage.



Tammy Andrews



Around the playing fields by the Community Hub stand twelve cut-out soldiers, one for each man who never returned. They are 1.6m high and made of corten steel, designed by Arthur Francis Sculpture of Market Harborough. To the side of each one the village schoolchildren planted a new oak tree at a ceremony in 2018.



'We for England died'

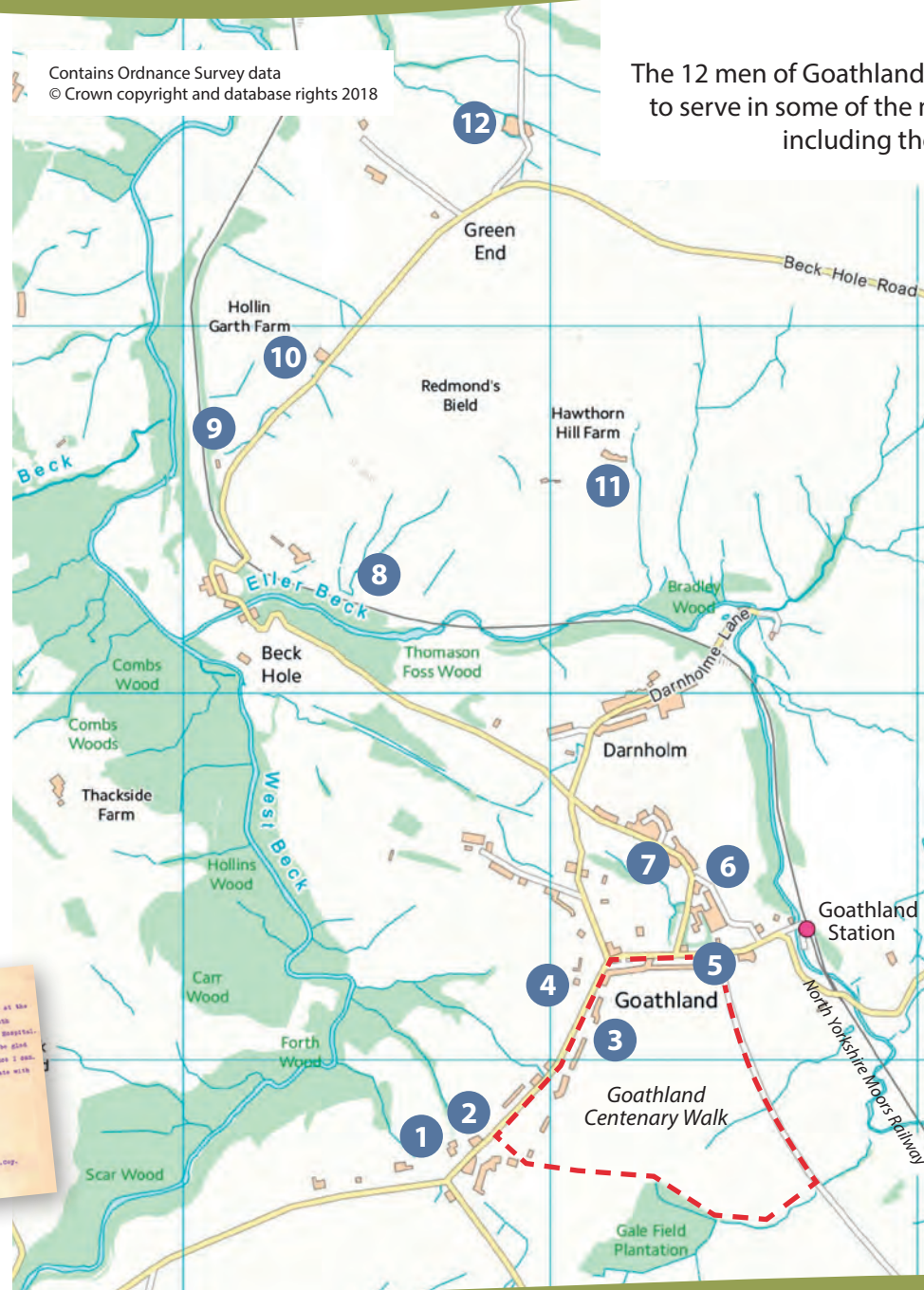
Like almost every place in the country, Goathland lost a significant number of local men in the First World War.

They are remembered at Goathland's war memorial, in St Mary's Church, and also on the 2-mile Centenary Walk that starts in the village near the Community Hub.



Thomas Readman

Eleven Goathland servicemen died, either in battle or later of their wounds. The twelfth man, Thomas Readman, was a local railway worker who was ordered by his employers to France in March 1917 to help lay supply lines. Within a month he had been taken ill and died unexpectedly.



The 12 men of Goathland all lived within a mile or two of each other, but left home to serve in some of the most notorious theatres of war between 1914 and 1918, including the Somme, Gallipoli and the English Channel.

Far from home

- 1 **Godfrey Bousfield Harrison**
6th Battalion. Yorkshire Regiment. Aged 38
- 2 **Arthur Rymer**
6th Battalion. Yorkshire Regiment. Aged 20
- 3 **George Smailes**
2nd Battalion. West Yorkshire Regiment. Aged 22
- 4 **Robert Sleightholm**
Mercantile Marine. S.S. Dunrobin. Aged 18
- 5 **John Yeoman Light**
222nd Field Company. Royal Engineers. Aged 31
- 6 **Edwin Widdowson**
21st Battalion. Kings Royal Rifles. Aged 39
- 7 **Thomas John Readman**
4th Civilian Railway Company. Aged 40
- 8 **Edward Pennock**
10th Battalion. Yorkshire Regiment. Aged 20
- 9 **Frederick Cockerill**
7th Battalion. Yorkshire Regiment. Aged 23
- 10 **George Pybus**
13th Battalion. Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Aged 18
- 11 **John Ward**
10th Battalion. Yorkshire Regiment. Aged 20
- 12 **Sidney Whiteley**
2nd Battalion. Yorkshire Regiment. Aged 22