What is special?

This Railway Path is bordered by mature hedgerow which provides a good habitat for birds and butterflies. In total, 22 species of butterfly have been recorded along its length including the comma, clouded yellow, white letter hairstreak and dingy skipper.

Scrub, an essential source of food and shelter for wildlife, borders the line but is cut back on a regular basis. This helps to maintain the balance between scrub and open areas of valuable flower-rich Magnesian Limestone grassland. The alder and pine trees at the eastern end of the site provide food for numerous birds including siskin and red poll.

A series of well-preserved lime kilns can be seen close to the western end of the line with a thick curtain of cotoneaster hanging from it. Kestrels have been sighted making their nests in the lime kilns. Peregrine falcons, sparrowhawks and stoat also hunt here.

Adjacent to the Raisby Way is Trimdon Grange Quarry Local Nature Reserve. This is an abandoned limestone quarry managed by Durham Wildlife Trust. The deserted mediaeval village of Garmondsway is to the southwest of the line. It can be accessed using Public Rights of Way.
Accessibility Statement

The path consists of bare earth with some large stones and loose materials. Some patches can get muddy and difficult to negotiate in wet conditions. The path width varies between 1.2 to 2.6 metres. Fencing at the western end restricts the path width to 55cm. The route is gently undulating and only those gradients which are particularly steep are marked.
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KEY
- Seat
- Parking
- Gate
- Medium Slope Down 1:20-1:10
- Steep Slope Down 1:10-1:1
- Bus Stop
- Direction of Travel
- Hard Unsealed Surface

Site of the medieval village of Garmondsway

Raisby Quarries

Trimdon Grange Quarry

Low Raisby

B1278 to Trimdon

Fence gap 65 cm

Garmondsway

Kelloe Bank

23 m

21 m

25 m

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