

**NICS RAMBLERS**

**WALK ON SUNDAY 12 DECEMBER 2021**

**BUNKERS HILL and CASTLEWELLAN LOANENS**

**Meeting Point:-** The carpark in the Upper Square, Main Street, Castlewellan (beside the public toilets)

**Time:-** The walk will begin at 11.00am (1100hrs)

**Route:-** This is a relatively easy, but nevertheless interesting and scenic walk. It begins with a dander round the famous Bunker's Hill affording panoramic views across the County Down countryside. It continues following a circular route along the little known loanens (lanes) between Newcastle and Castlewellan. The total distance is about six miles and should take around three hours or so. The going is usually fairly good but some parts can be expected to be muddy especially if there has been recent wet weather. So waterproof boots are a better option than walking shoes.

A minor part of the walk is on public roads when caution needs to be exercised. Apart from a very modest climb up Bunker's Hill the walk is mainly flat.

**Points of interest en-route:-** Scenic views and some amazing houses.

**Bring a lunch and a drink, and dress for the weather.**

**Leader:-** Ivan Baxter, 07\*\*\*\*\*. Please let the leader know if you intend to walk.