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# Easy Walk 13

## Walking with Dragons - Nunnington Hall

**It is said that there are dragons at Nunnington.**

**Follow the map and find out about how one was slain; and whether one is still slumbering under the village.....**

- Set out from Nunnington Hall across the road and follow Low Street. As we walk along this street, I will tell you a story....

There once was a knight called Sir Peter Loschy. He was in love with a maiden who would not marry him until he performed a brave deed. Sir Peter heard about a dragon who was causing havoc in the village and set out with his faithful dog to try and slay the dragon.

- As we get to the end of Low Street, there is a formidable hill to climb. Think how Sir Peter must have felt climbing this hill on the way to meet a dragon!
- At the top of the hill, there is a track, climb a little way up and I will tell you the story of the battle between the dragon and Sir Peter:

Sir Peter found the dragon and the fight was fierce. Every time he cut a leg or an arm off the dragon, it magically rejoined the body of the dragon. To stop this happening, he commanded his faithful hound to take each part he chopped off and carry it to this field above the church. The plan worked and the dragon was slain!

- Now climb with me back down to the church.

In his excitement after the battle, the dog licked Sir Peter's face. Sadly, the dog's tongue still had the dragon's venom on it and they both died. It is said they are buried in the church but the effigy on the South Wall names a man, Walter de Teyes instead who used to live at Nunnington Hall. Who do you think it is?



Now follow the map back out of the church and down the hill to the Hall. Is there still a dragon slumbering underneath the village? Look out for signs - walls that look like scales, pointed teeth sticking up from the ground, or smoke from the dragon's nostrils...

When you get to the Hall, enter reception - are these animals the dragon has eaten? Why not explore the Hall and Gardens—watch out for dragons though!

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