

Walking in the Area

You may also be interested in these other walks in surrounding areas.

Ecclesfield

Three leaflets outlining historical walks have been produced by Ecclesfield Conservation Group, see www.conservation.ecclesfieldgroups.com

- Discover Ecclesfield's working past 1. The Village Core
- Discover Ecclesfield's working past 2. From Whitley to Smithy Wood
- Discover Ecclesfield's working past 3. Nether Lane to Butterthwaite Dam

Grenoside

Two leaflets outlining historical walks have been produced by Grenoside and District Local History Group, see www.grenosidelocalhistory.co.uk

- A Historical Walk around Grenoside Village.
- Wheata Wood Archaeology Walk.

Tankersley

A leaflet outlining two walks around Tankersley has been produced by Tankersley Parish Council, entitled Tankersley Trails.

Bradfield

A series of ten short and longer walks around Bradfield and the surrounding areas in the parish have been produced by Bradfield Parish Council and Bradfield Walkers are Welcome. All walks are available for download from www.bradfield-walkers.org.uk

Trans Pennine Trail

The Trans Pennine Trail crosses the Ecclesfield Parish. This is a coast-to-coast route for walkers, cyclists, horseriders and people using pushchairs and wheelchairs. For further information visit www.transpenninetrail.org.uk or telephone 01226 772574.

Walks in the East Peak

The East Peak Innovation Partnership LEADER programme has funded a variety of walking projects across the East Peak area. As well as maps and directions for walking routes, the projects also provide information on public transport and local facilities. The leaflets are available to download from:

www.denbydale-walkersarewelcome.org
www.denbydale-kirkburton.org.uk/walksandtrails.aspx
www.upperdenby.org.uk/ddpwg
www.kirkburtonparishwalks.co.uk
www.stocksbridge-walkers.org.uk
www.stonetosteel.org.uk
www.penline.co.uk/walks.htm
www.visitpenistone.co.uk/walks/walks.html

Walks Around The Parish

A Walk From Ecclesfield Common to Horbury Lane

This leaflet is one of a series of 8 walks published by Ecclesfield Parish Council. The aim is to provide information to walkers, to encourage them to enjoy walking in our beautiful area and stay and enjoy the facilities that local businesses can offer.

The other walks in the series are:

- High Green to Wortley
- Potter Hill to Greno Woods
- Charlton Brook
- Mortomley to Thorncliffe woods
- Whitley to Greno Woods
- High Green to Tankersley
- Ecclesfield Church to Whitley
- Grenoside to Whitley

Ecclesfield Parish Council seeks to promote responsible walking. Please follow the Countryside Code when visiting the area.

- ✓ Be safe – plan ahead and follow any signs.
- ✓ Leave gates and property as you found them.
- ✓ Protect plants and animals and take your litter home.
- ✓ Keep dogs under close control.
- ✓ Consider other people.

Great care has been taken to ensure that the information in this leaflet is accurate. Ecclesfield Parish Council accept no liability for any claim, loss, damage or injury (howsoever arising) incurred by those using the information provided.

If you have any comments about the walks, encounter any difficulties or would like information on other activities in the Ecclesfield area please contact Ecclesfield Parish Council, Council Offices, Mortomley Lane, High Green, Sheffield S35 3HS. Tel. 0114 2845095, email ecclesfieldPC@aol.com

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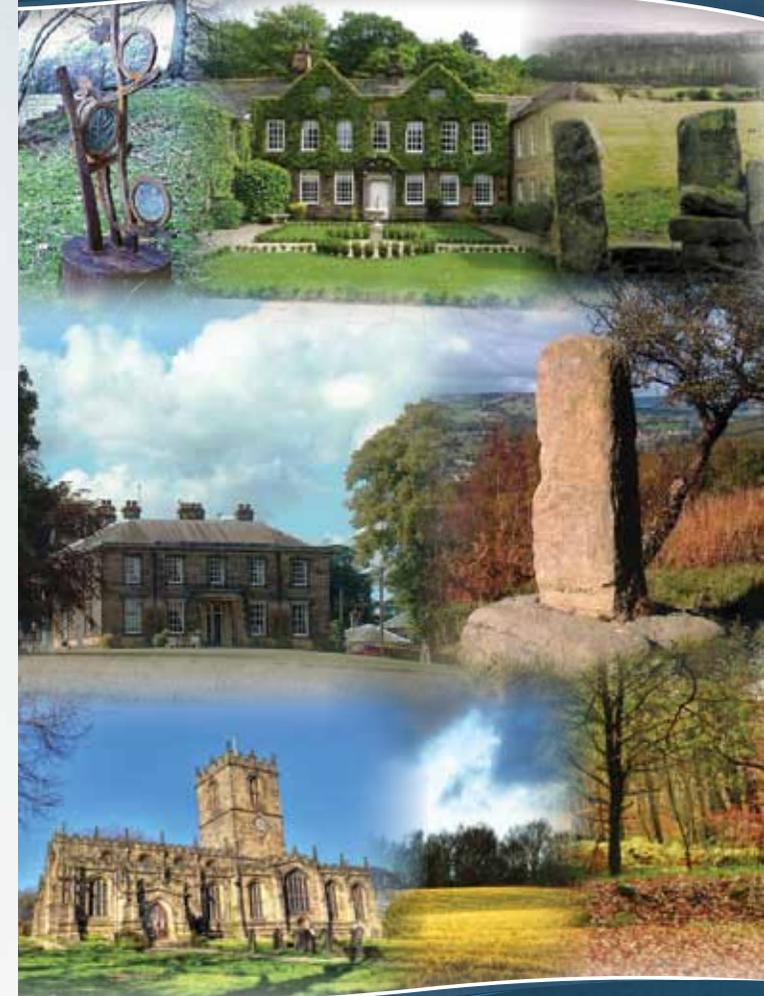


Walks Around The Parish 1

A Walk From Ecclesfield Common to Horbury Lane

An easy walk of around 3 miles, mostly level on surfaced paths or roads, but with some uphill sections through woods and across fields.

Some stiles. Good views across farmland near Ecclesfield.



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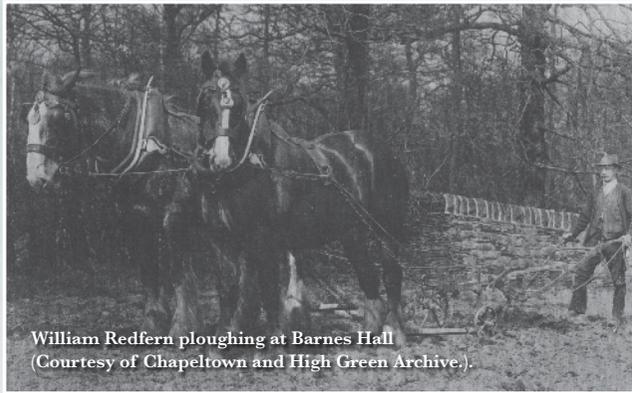


Points of Interest

Arundel Public House

The building which is now the Jinnah Indian Restaurant was previously the Arundel Inn, which closed in the early 1970s. It was named after the Duke of Norfolk who also had the title of the Earl of Arundel. From 1920 until it was demolished in 1959 the Cinema House also stood on this corner. The cinema was renamed the Essoldo in 1950.

Barnes Hall



William Redfern ploughing at Barnes Hall
(Courtesy of Chapeltown and High Green Archive.)

The present hall was built by William Smith in 1824, demolishing an earlier c14th hall on the same site. Barnes Hall was the home of the Smith family until the 1950s. The former physical education teacher training college at Wentworth Woodhouse was named after one of the last inhabitants of the Hall, Lady Mabel, who lived here from the time of her marriage until her death in 1951.



Hooper Stand

Another folly on the Wentworth Woodhouse estate, this triangular tower, with a round structure on top, is visible in the far distance beyond Keppel's Column. It was built for the First Marquis of Rockingham in honour of George II following the quelling of the Jacobite Rebellion in 1745. It is occasionally open to the public.



Keppel's Column

The slender column you can see on the horizon from the footpath leading in front of Barnes Hall to the top of Elliott Lane is Keppel's Column. It was built in 1776 by Lord Rockingham of Wentworth Woodhouse to commemorate the acquittal of his friend Admiral Keppel on a charge of cowardice. At one time it was possible to ascend the staircase inside the column to view the surrounding countryside, but the column is now closed to the public.

Stone in wall near Whitley Hall

It has been suggested that the stone could be the base of a cross and may be connected with Ecclesfield Church and Priory, which are known to have been in the possession of St Wandrille's Abbey in Normandy by 1142.

Whitley Hall

Records show a house called Launderhouse occupied the site of the present Whitley Hall as early as 1406 but the oldest surviving part of the present building dates from 1584. From the early c17th to the late c18th the hall was the home of the Shirecliffe family, until it was sold and became a boy's boarding school for some 80 years. Whitley hall became a hotel and restaurant in the late 1970s. For more information see J. & M. Jones (2002) *Whitley Hall – an illustrated history*.



Walking Information

Walking with Dogs

There are things to consider when walking in the countryside to ensure you, your dog, other rural users and landowners can all enjoy the countryside. The Countryside Code advocates keeping dogs under 'effective' or 'proper' control – where they stay close by and you are confident they will respond to your command – but there are certain situations, and times of year, such as when birds are nesting, when specific rules apply that require dogs to be kept on a lead.

Dog walkers should take extra care when walking dogs around livestock (especially young farm animals) and horses, where there are ground nesting birds, near reservoirs and streams used for public water or by the coast. There may also be local restrictions banning dogs from areas that people use.

If you find yourself being threatened by cattle – which can become unsettled by the presence of a dog – while out walking it is always best to release your dog from its lead. The dog will be able to run away and the cattle's interest will be diverted from you to the dog.

Remember to clear up after your dog, even on farm land, as dog faeces can carry diseases that can affect humans, farm animals and wildlife. It is also worth remembering that some people are wary of dogs and may find even your friendly dog intimidating!

Public Rights of Way

The information below is intended to give general guidance only about public rights of way – it is not intended as a definitive guide to the law. Always observe any signs when you are out walking.

Public Footpaths- are for walkers only.

Public Bridleways- can be used by walkers, cyclists and horseriders BUT NOT motor vehicles, including motor bikes.

Restricted Byways – can be used by walkers, cyclists and horseriders BUT NOT motor vehicles, including motor bikes.

Permissive paths – are paths which an owner has given the public permission to use, but it can be withdrawn at any time. Usually they are for walkers only.

Cycle tracks - are usually specially created paths, over which there is a right of way on pedal cycle and possibly also on foot.

For more information see Ramblers website – www.ramblers.org.uk

Reporting Problems on paths

If you encounter any problems when using public rights of way, please contact Ecclesfield Parish Council or Sheffield City Council Rights of Way Unit.

A Walk From Ecclesfield Common to Horbury Lane

Distance: **3 miles** Time: **Allow 1 to 1½ hours**

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer 278 Sheffield and Barnsley.

Start: Jinnah Restaurant, junction of Church Street and Ecclesfield Common S35 9WJ.

Public Transport: For information on public transport ring the South Yorkshire Traveline on **01709 515151** or visit **www.travelsouthyorkshire.com**

Car Parking: On road at Ecclesfield Common. Please park sensibly.

Public Toilets: None on route.

Refreshments: None on route.

Level of Difficulty: An easy walk, mostly level on surfaced paths / roads, but with some uphill sections through woods and across fields. Some stiles. Good views across farmland near Ecclesfield. Boots or stout shoes are advisable.

The Route

Points of interest are shown in bold

1 From the Jinnah restaurant, cross Chapeltown Road with care and go up the hill. Immediately after 'The Red House' turn left on a public bridleway (sign can be difficult to spot.) The start of the bridleway has a tarmac surface and goes between the houses.

2 Continue on the bridleway through pleasant oak woodland with good views down over fields. Hunshelf Quarry (now disused and overgrown) is on your right.

3 After about a mile follow the track round to the left. Don't go through the gate into the field. At the gate to Windmill Hill Farm on your right you have a choice of routes. Both ultimately reach the same point on Horbury Lane.

Shorter route. This route is on level, tarmac lanes. Continue straight ahead on the track. At the junction with Horbury Lane turn left at the junction with Chapel Road.

Longer route. This route involves stiles and steep, possibly slippery, slopes before reaching a level,

tarmac lane. Take the footpath over the stile on the left and go down the hill, across the small stream and up the other side to a stile by the side of Horbury Hall. Turn right and follow the lane (Horbury Lane) to the junction with Chapel Road.

Both routes. At the junction with Chapel Road turn left and continue straight on.

4 Just after a house on the left with a fox design on the metal gates, turn left onto the public footpath. Follow the path along the back of Sweet Pea Row cottages. At the grassy area near the children's play area follow the paved path round to the left and past the sign for Foxfield Spring Wood. Go left into the woods and follow the path straight on, aiming for the top left corner of the wood.

5 Go through the wooden gate out of the woods into the field. (Beware of horses.) Continue to the left diagonally and uphill across the field, aiming for a single storey building in the top corner. The large house at the top of the field is **Barnes Hall**.

6 Go through the kissing gate in the wall and turn left down the road (Elliot Lane). There are

good long distance views from here towards **Keppel's Column** and **Hooper Stand** and a seat dedicated to the late Councillor E. Wadsworth, chair of Ecclesfield Parish Council from 1978 to 1979. Continue down the road. Just before the entrance to **Whitley Hall**, in the wall on your right is a stone which may be the base of a cross with the date 1470.

7 At the road junction at the bottom of the hill, turn left onto Whitley Lane. Follow this lane down to the junction with Church Street, turn left and cross Chapeltown Road (with care!) to return to the starting point.

