

About this walk

This is a very pleasant circular walk beginning at Herdings and taking a route towards Ridgeway. It is easily accessible by public transport with a great variety of views and terrain.

It would be especially suitable for parents who would like to teach their children how to explore unknown areas of the countryside. Because there are many twists and turns, children could make a game out of spotting the yellow arrows of the finger post signs thus learning to navigate in a different locality. Watch for sign 'Three Valley Walk'; children could check the map to identify and locate these valleys.

Distance

Full circular walk – approx 4 miles.
Herdings to Ridgeway (linear walk) – approx 2 miles.

Transport

Traveline – tel. 01709 51 51 51.
Tram to Herdings/Leighton Road.
252 bus—Ridgeway to Sheffield.
Or park car at Bowman Drive.

Refreshments

At Ridgeway (slightly off route).

Ground conditions

Muddy in places – good sturdy shoes needed. Many stiles. Two short but steep sets of steps.

Points of interest—Ridgeway

- St John the Baptist church built 189 years ago.
- Noticeboard near church: local history and the story of John Haslam's donkey.
- Ridgeway Village – winner of Village in Bloom for 3 years (June, July best months to view. A carnival is held in July).
- Robinbrook Lane – ancient track to Ridgeway.



Sheffield Group – Ramblers' Association

We hope you enjoy the walk, one of six walks to be found on free leaflets produced by the Sheffield Group of The Ramblers' Association. All are in different areas around Sheffield with different aspects of the countryside to enjoy.

The Sheffield Group has approx 1000 members all of whom love walking – and enjoy sharing their knowledge with others. Between us we probably know all the rights of way in the area. We have several group walks every week and will make you very welcome.

The Ramblers' Association is a nation-wide charity with over 140,000 members; a member can walk with any group. Its charitable aim is to promote walking and to protect public rights of way not just for today, but for future generations.

Our footpath network in the UK is arguably our most important heritage – wonderful varied countryside free for all to enjoy. We take pride in protecting it.

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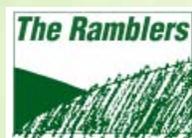
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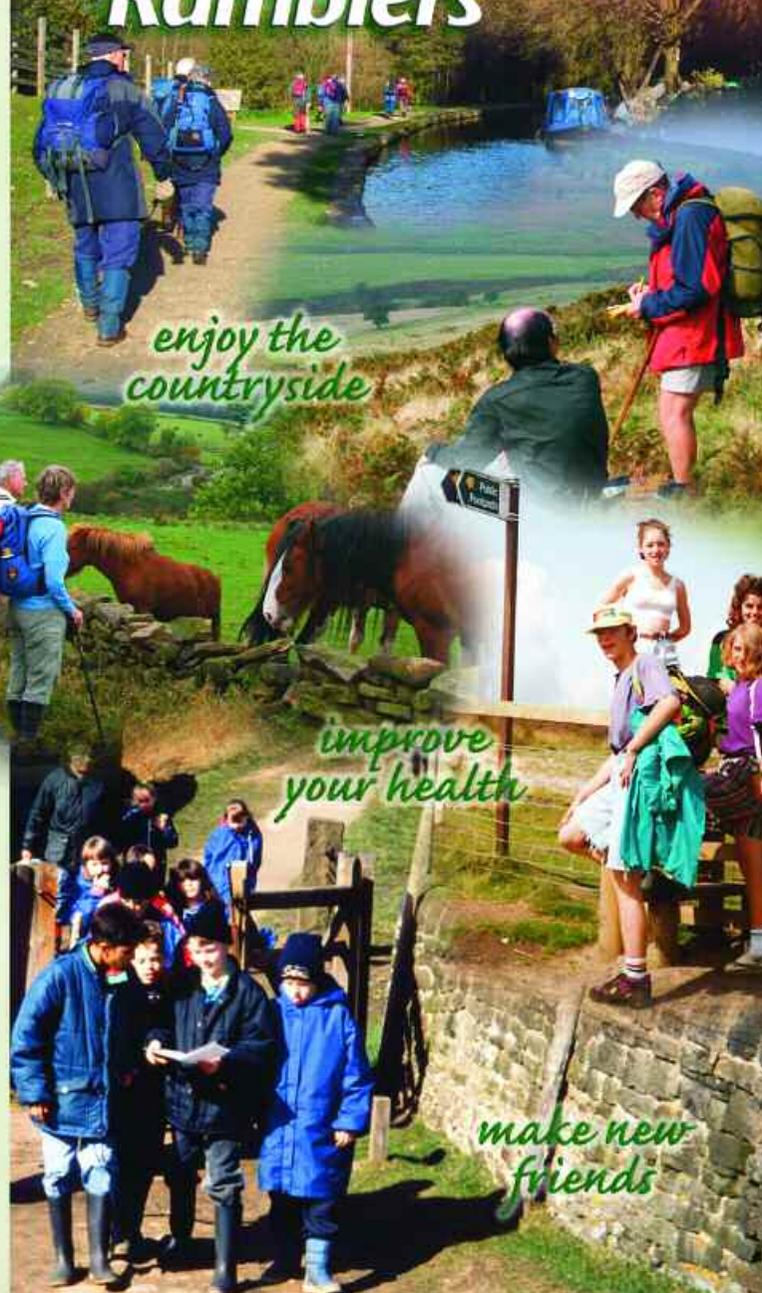
To join – tel. 020 7339 8500 or www.ramblers.org.uk

Thanks to RA member Beryl Wilkinson for this walk. Beryl and her late husband Ernest spent almost 50 happy years walking everywhere in UK – including this area close to home.

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Walking with the Ramblers



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Herdings circular

START — From tramstop, cross road at lights, turn R on Norton Avenue, L to Bowman Drive, R to Bowman Close.

1 — Immediately L at FP, walk between houses, follow path. At end of path turn R on tarmac track to recreation area. Take L fork, pass cycle hump on R, then R on path leading to line of tall trees (don't go downhill to trees on L). Turn R on wide path in wood.

2 — After path leaves wood, bear L on path across field to gap in hedge, down next field beside hedge and turn L immediately before stile.

3 — Follow path with hedge on R, through gate onto track. Turn R, then L over stile, fork R and walk to RH corner of field. Turn R, follow edge of field to sunken lane with wall on R.

4 — Turn L up lane then at edge of field bear slightly L with hedge on R. At bottom of field turn R at yellow arrow, down steps, into wood. Follow path as it bends to L then R to footbridge. Take RH fork, up steps eventually veering R to stile leading into field.

5 — Bear half R in field to stile, go over 2nd stile, turn R at 3rd stile and follow path along hedgeline to bottom of field.

6 — Before wood turn L at stile, follow path which becomes paved road, past Dowland Farm. Turn L at FP sign, go R up steps to Church. Turn L on to main road at Church.

7 — Either walk to Ridgeway for bus or go L at footpath sign (at information board). Remain on track, go gently downhill, through gap, follow path in field. Turn L at large oak tree, then down, over two footbridges, follow path with stream on L.

8 — At T-junction turn R up track, up lane, then R again to pass Charnock Hall.

9 — Turn R after school, to White Lane and tram stop (or turn L on Charnock Dale Road to Bowman Drive).



Key
 FP = footpath
 BW = bridleway
 L = left R = right
 RH = right hand