

# Walking in the Area

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## Ecclesfield

Three leaflets outlining historical walks have been produced by Ecclesfield Conservation Group, see [www.conservation.ecclesfieldgroups.com](http://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

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- 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.denbydale-walkersarewelcome.org)  
[www.denbydale-kirkburton.org.uk/walksandtrails.aspx](http://www.denbydale-kirkburton.org.uk/walksandtrails.aspx)  
[www.upperdenby.org.uk/ddpwg](http://www.upperdenby.org.uk/ddpwg)  
[www.kirkburtonparishwalks.co.uk](http://www.kirkburtonparishwalks.co.uk)  
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[www.stonetosteel.org.uk](http://www.stonetosteel.org.uk)  
[www.penline.co.uk/walks.htm](http://www.penline.co.uk/walks.htm)  
[www.visitpenistone.co.uk/walks/walks.html](http://www.visitpenistone.co.uk/walks/walks.html)

# Circular Walks Around The Parish

## A Walk from High Green to Tankersley

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 walks in the series are:

- Ecclesfield Common to Horbury Lane
- High Green to Wortley
- Potter Hill to Greno Woods
- Charlton Brook and Thorncliffe Pond
- Mortomley to Thorncliffe Woods
- Grenoside to Whitley
- High Green to Tankersley
- Ecclesfield Church 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.

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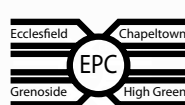
If you have any comments about the walks, encounter any difficulties or would like information on other activities in the Ecclesfield area please contact Ecclesfield Parish Council, Council Offices, Mortomley Lane, High Green, Sheffield S35 3HS. Tel. 0114 2845095, email [ecclesfieldPC@aol.com](mailto:ecclesfieldPC@aol.com)

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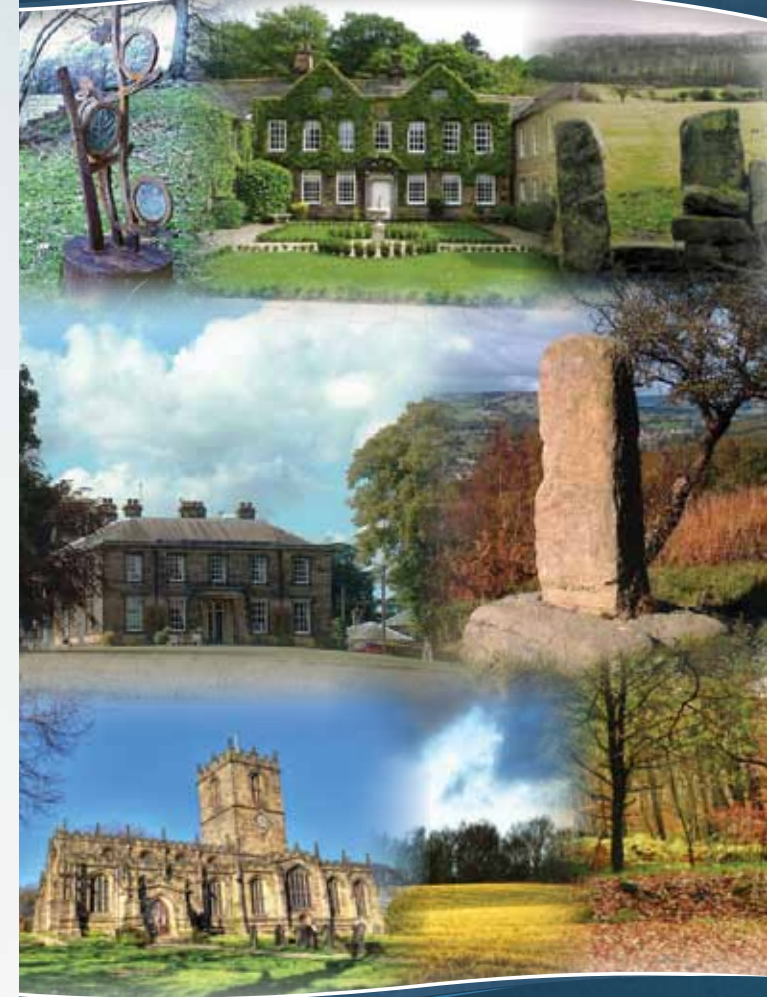


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## A Walk from High Green to Tankersley

A walk of around 5 miles, through woodland and across fields to the c14th church at Tankersley, returning along part of the Trans Pennine trail. There are good views across Chapeltown from Westwood Park. The route crosses Stocksbridge by-pass and Tankersley Golf Course.



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# Points of Interest

## Bellpits

The round mounds visible in the park and on either side of Church Lane are 'bell-pits' where ironstone was mined from the 1700s. Pits were arranged in rows, giving a 'pock-marked' appearance to the landscape. This method of mining was used where the coal or ore was near the surface. A shallow shaft was dug, the iron ore excavated and then removed using a winch and bucket, much like a well. The pit in cross section resembles a bell.

## Tankersley Church

The Domesday Book records the existence of a church at Tankersley but the present St. Peter's church dates from the c14th. It is grade 2\* listed. The 'Clyppings' ceremony is held here annually here on St. Peter's Day and involves parishioners joining hands to form a circle round the church to ward off evil spirits. The word 'clypping' means embracing. If the church is open you may wish to go inside to see the beautiful stained glass windows and war memorial inside. The eastern window on south side of nave (below) is thought to be by William Morris and Co. in the style of Burne-Jones and is in memory of Ellen Walker, who died in 1879. There are also cannon balls from the Battle of Tankersley in 1643 during the Civil War on display.



## Tankersley Park

Tankersley Park dates from the time of Edward III. In Elizabethan times it was owned by Francis Talbot the 11th Earl of Shrewsbury. He sold the land to Thomas Wentworth, who became the First Earl of Stafford. In 1727 Daniel Defoe passed through the area on a tour of England and wrote,

*"From Rotherham we turned north west to Wentworth, on purpose to see the old seat of Tankersley, and the park, where I saw the largest red deer that, I believe, are in this part of Europe: one of the hinds, I think, was larger than my horse, and he was not a very small pad of fourteen hands and half high."*

From Daniel Defoe 'Tour thro' the Whole Island of Great Britain' (1727)

Ironstone mining from the 1700s encroached on the Park and the deer were removed to Wentworth.

## Tankersley Old Hall

(Detour of about 1 mile to see the Old Hall. Turn right after exiting the woods opposite Tankersley Church and follow Black Lane down, passing under the by-pass and continuing to where the lane bends left. The Hall is on the right. Retrace your steps to rejoin the walk. N.B. The ruins are not open to the public.)



Tankersley Old Hall was built in the late 16th century by the Savile family. The earlier manor house site is thought to have been on site of the large house to the north of the St Peter's church, where the remains of an old moat can still be seen, but a new Hall was built in the middle of the Park in Elizabethan times. In 1652 the Hall was leased to Sir Richard Fanshawe but in July 1654, Anne, their daughter, died. She was buried in Tankersley Church and the family left the house before the end of the year and returned to London. The ruins of the hall also featured in 'Kes' - the film of Barry Hines' book 'A Kestrel for a Knave'.

## Westwood Reservoir

The dam was built to supply water to the Thorncliffe Ironworks.

## Westwood Rows and Riots

Two rows of cottages used to stand here overlooking the reservoir until they were demolished in the late 1960s. They were built by Newton Chambers & Co. Ltd to house non-union labour during a strike at the company in 1870.

The Westwood riots took place in January 1870 when the houses were attacked by an armed crowd of between 300 and 1500 (estimates vary) striking workers, who had refused to accept a cut in pay. The small police garrison was overwhelmed and reinforcements had to be brought in from Barnsley to put an end to the looting, violence and damage taking place. Although there were no deaths, 23 workers were sent for trial at York and soldiers were garrisoned at Mortomley for the next 6 months till the dispute ended.

## 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](http://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 High Green to Tankersley

Distance: **5 miles** Time: **Allow 2 hours**

**Map:** Ordnance Survey Explorer 278 Sheffield and Barnsley.

**Start:** Ecclesfield Parish Council Offices, Packhorse Lane, High Green.

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

**Car Parking:** On road near Packhorse Lane. Please park sensibly.

**Public Toilets:** None on route.

**Refreshments:** There are a number of public houses at Mortomley roundabout near the Ecclesfield Parish Council Offices.

**Level of Difficulty:** A moderately challenging walk, some level and surfaced paths / roads, but with some uphill sections through woods and stiles. Crosses Stocksbridge by-pass and Tankersley Golf Course to Tankersley church. Good views across Chapeltown from Westwood Park. Boots or stout shoes are advisable.

## The Route

Points of interest are shown in bold

**1** Turn right from the Parish Council Offices and go down Packhorse Lane. Follow the public footpath to the right of the PACES campus to the bottom of the hill. Turn left and follow the green metal fence round the pond. Go up the hill into the woods on the wide path on the left to the junction with the Trans Pennine Trail (TPT), which crosses from left to right. Go straight across and up to the track to the top of the hill. Turn right on a public footpath until you reach a stile at the top of a hill.

**2** Cross the (very busy) road with care to the footpath and stile opposite. Follow the path through the trees to reach a car park at the back of the Tankersley Golf Course club house. Cross the car park towards the club house. Follow the path down with the club house on the left and turn sharp left on to a gravel public footpath leading up the hill

through pine trees. Go straight ahead on the footpath emerging at the end of the wood onto a fairway. Beware of flying golf balls.

**3** Continue straight ahead across the fairway, aiming for a rough stone wall on the right. Keep the wall on your right and continue straight on, crossing another fairway, to eventually reach a golf tee and a small interpretation board which has information about the Tankersley Park Golf Course.

**4** Turn right and head down towards the wood through the fence. Go straight on following the path through the trees, which turns left to follow a stone wall round the side of the wood to emerge at a stile onto a track (Black Lane). There is a small car park here and an interpretation board with information about Tankersley parish.

**5** Turn left to pass St. Peter's Church and go down to the road at the bottom of the hill. Turn left on to Church Lane and continue on the pavement up to Tankersley Manor Hotel where the road bends round to the right. There are bell-pits in the woods on either side of the road here.

**6** Bear left into the Hotel complex on the marked TPT trail. Go through the arch and follow the road straight on, past a detached stone house on your right. When you reach a field continue straight on along the path at the right of the field. Just before a metal gate and barrier turn sharp right on a public footpath down through the trees (may be muddy and slippery).

**7** At the bottom of the hill turn left onto a wide track and continue to a metal footbridge over the Stocksbridge by-pass. Go over the bridge and turn left down the hill. At the bottom of the hill turn right and go straight down. As an open field comes into view turn left on to a wide gravel path between the trees.

**8** Follow the track round until you can see a metal gate with A frame gate alongside on the path below. Turn down right to emerge on the lower path at the metal gate. Do not go back through the metal gate but carry straight on to follow the path down the slope, passing Westwood reservoir on the right.

Cross a metal footbridge at the reservoir overflow into a car park.

**9** At the car park go straight up between the houses onto the road. Take the footpath in the top left corner of the cul-de-sac and follow it through the trees to reach an A frame gate. Take the paved path between the PACES campus on the left and school on the right. This footpath emerges on Packhorse Lane. Turn right on the lane to return to the starting point.

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