

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

Circular Walks Around The Parish

From High Green to Wortley

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.

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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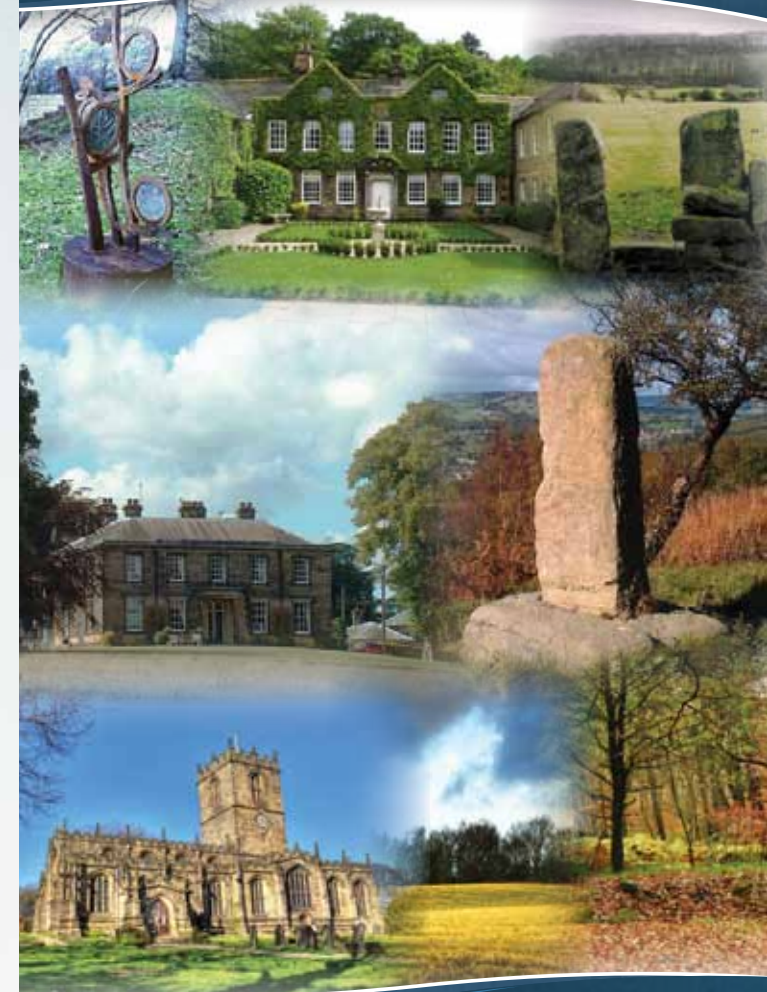


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From High Green to Wortley

A pleasant, fairly challenging, walk of around 7 miles through woods and across farmland, also taking you through Wortley Park to visit the Wortley village.



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Points of Interest

Cundy Cross

The cross commemorates Edmund Cundy, curate at Wortley from 1592 to 1629. An early milestone on the opposite side of the road marked the way on the Sheffield to Halifax / Sheffield to Manchester turnpike road.

Westwood Lodge

The lodge was formerly a gatehouse for the Wharnccliffe Estate. The present building is thought to date from the c16th and has mullioned windows, thick walls and ancient timber in the porch.

Wortley Arms

The Wortley Arms public house was once known as the Wharnccliffe Arms and the present building dates from the c18th. Cattle sales were held here in the c19th.

Wortley Church



The first definite mention of a church in Wortley is in 1318. It was originally a chapel of ease and part of the parish of Tankersley. The present church dates from around 1753 and was financed by Edward Wortley Montagu of Wortley Hall. There are many monuments in the church to the Wortley family (the Earls of Wharnccliffe), including a vault in the choir area also dating from 1753. Several members of the Wortley family are buried in the churchyard to the rear of the church. Lady Mary Wortley Montagu first brought the idea of inoculation against smallpox cure from Turkey into England in 1719.

Wortley Hall

The Hall was the seat of the Earls of Wharnccliffe until World War 2. The most famous resident was Sir Francis Wortley who fought on the side of

the Royalists in the Civil War and was imprisoned in the Tower of London. The present hall dates from the c18th century and has been associated with the Trades Union and Labour Movement as a residential centre for the past 50 years.

During World War II US servicemen, mostly from the US Army Air Force, were based at Wortley Hall. They appear to have been mostly from the Ordnance and Quartermaster units and were possibly involved in the operation of the nearby ammunition depots at Scout Dike and Grenoside.

Wortley Village

The name 'Wortley' is Anglo-Saxon and the village is recorded in the Domesday survey of 1086 as 'waste'. There are several interesting houses in the village. The oldest house is thought to be Tivvydale Cottage, to the north of the church, beside the footpath to Wortley station. It is said to have been the headmaster's house when Tower House, dating from the c17th, was the school.

Wortley Park

Wortley Park covers an area of around 200 acres and is now mostly used for agriculture and as a golf course. Originally thought to be a medieval deer park, it was landscaped around 1800 and contains early to mid c19th century gardens and pleasure grounds. A walled kitchen garden also survives to the west of the Hall, which is currently being restored.

The Dragon of Wantley

A satirical ballad, 'A True Relation of the Dreadful Combat Between Moore of Moore Hall and the Dragon of Wantley' was first published in 1685, telling how the brave knight Moore of Moore Hall slew a dragon which had devoured everything around.

"...For houses and churches were to him geese and turkeys; He ate all, and left none behind,...."

It is thought to relate to the enclosure of land by the Wortleys to create a hunting park, as happened at Wharnccliffe Chase in the early c16th. See www.wortleyheritage.org.uk for more information.



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 High Green to Wortley

Distance: **7 miles** Time: **Allow 3 hours**

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer 278 Sheffield and Barnsley

Start: Cross roads at Thompson Hill / Wortley Road and Westwood Road, High Green S35 4LE.

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 Thompson Hill. Please park sensibly.

Public Toilets: None on route.

Refreshments: Countess Tea Rooms, Wortley; Wortley Arms; Wortley Hall bar and restaurant; Wortley Farm Shop; Rose Inn, Thompson Hill.

Level of Difficulty: Moderate. Some road walking but several sections cross undulating farmland, with stiles. Two steep climbs up/ down steps. Boots or stout shoes needed.

The Route

Points of interest are shown in bold

1 From the crossroads at Thompson Hill and Wortley Road, go down Westwood Road. 200 yards after the end of the houses take the public footpath on the left at the bottom of the hill, just before the Recycling Site. Cross the field, following line of the telegraph poles (some cut off to only 6 feet high). Go over the stile into the woods, cross the stream and up the hill to join a track leading to workshops. Go up the steps straight ahead to cross (care!) the A61 main road.

2 Take the footpath immediately across the road down the steps and follow the path to the right round the edge of the field, keeping the stream on your right. Follow the path round to a gap in the bushes on the right. Go through, past a muddy pond on the left and continue to the top corner of the next field. Keep stream on right still and follow path to the road (Storrs Lane). Turn right up the road, passing under the Stocksbridge by-pass. Just after the by-pass turn right on to a public footpath which then heads left

through the trees running parallel to the road to emerge at the gated entrance to Wharncliffe Estate (Wortley Park) by Westwood Lodge.

3 Go through the gates into the park. Follow the track straight on, passing Park House on the left. There is a good view of Wortley Hall from the brow of the hill. Continue straight on the track to the gate out of the park by the lodge house. Follow the lane up to Wortley Village, heading for the church. Cross the road to the church (care!) and follow the pavement round, with Wortley Church on the right and the Wortley Arms on the left. Between houses on the right is a public footpath (sign opposite) down a passageway leading down to the right. Go down the passage, over the stile and straight ahead along the edge of the field to reach the road (Finkle Street Lane). There are good views from here over the Little Don Valley towards Stocksbridge and Deepcar, with distant views of the moors beyond.

4 Cross the road, over the stile and down the footpath on the left, aiming for the metal gate at the bottom of the hill. Cross the stream to the stile in the corner of the field. Follow the wall, heading towards a cattle grid and stile by the cottages. Join the track, turning left to go under the by-pass. Bear round to the left to a stile by a gate with cattle grid and head slightly left, following the footpath straight ahead across the field. Keep the stream on the right. Cross this and the next field, using the stiles in the wall, to reach a track (Rough Lane). Go over the stile opposite and follow the footpath along the ridge to another stile. Cross the track, over the stile and follow the wall on the right. Over another stile, cross the next field, aiming for the top left corner. Go over the stile and cross Woodhead Road with care to reach Cundy Cross and an old milestone at the end of Bank Lane.

5 Go down Bank Lane to reach Penistone Road. Good views here across to High Green and Sheffield. Cross the road with care and go down Berry Lane. Turn right on the footpath just after Ruggen House.

6 Follow the path straight across the field, aiming for the water tower on the horizon, and go down the hill, towards a stile leading into the woods. Follow the

footpath through the wood, over the stream and up the field to the A61 main road. Cross the road (care!) and go down Thompson Hill to return to the starting point of the walk.

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