

# 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](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

Two leaflets outlining historical walks have been produced by Grenoside and District Local History Group, see [www.grenosidelocalhistory.co.uk](http://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](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)  
[www.stocksbridge-walkers.org.uk](http://www.stocksbridge-walkers.org.uk)  
[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

## 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](mailto:ecclesfieldPC@aol.com)

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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](http://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](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.