

Responsible Walking

This walk uses just a few of our many rights of way to access and enjoy the countryside. A right of way is not owned by the council, it is a right to pass over private land. When you go out please remember that almost all the land you cross is in private ownership, and someone's livelihood will depend on the crops and livestock there. Our countryside is not just a beautiful place, but a working environment, please play your part by keeping it tidy for the people who walk and work there tomorrow.

Take a responsible attitude into the countryside, leave only footprints and take only photographs.

Follow the Country Code, happy walking!

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The Farmland Trail at Ulley

How do I get there?

Ulley Village has good bus links to other areas in the Borough, for up to date information call the Traveline on 01709 515151 or visit www.sypte.co.uk for timetables. The walk starts at the Main Post Office Stop in Ulley.

Something to think about

The majority of paths in this trail have only recently been made available to the public. Through the Countryside Stewardship scheme local farmer Michael Longford and landowner Lord Halifax have opened up a little known area of the beautiful countryside around Ulley. We would like to thank them, and farmhand Richard Finley who carried out much of the work free of charge. We all love the countryside around us and must make sure its beauty remains for others who follow us.

All paths around Ulley are shown clearly on the OS Explorer Maps 278 - Rotherham and 279 - Doncaster. Why not pick up copies at you local bookshop and devise your own walks.

Any enquiries please ring 01709 822168

Remember to keep a track of where you are in the description, occasionally waymarks get vandalised and we may not have had time to replace them.

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The Farmland Trail at Ulley Village.



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Doorstep Walk No: 7

An easy way to explore the beautiful, local countryside on your 'doorstep'.

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Doorstep Walk Short, Easy to follow and local

Take a walk in the rolling farmland around Ulley and explore some of the newly dedicated permissive paths there.

- This easy walk will take about 2 hours, and takes you around the farmland surrounding Ulley.
- This walk is an ideal introduction to walking – it's a short and easy trail with just one hill and a pub for refreshments at the end (check for opening times).
- A short part of the walk follows a road without pavement, please take special care on this section.
- You do not need to read a map.
- You do not need fancy equipment.



Countryside Stewardship

Countryside Stewardship is an incentive scheme run by Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Rural Development Service under the England Rural Development Programme, aimed at encouraging environmentally friendly farming. The scheme aims to sustain the beauty and diversity of the landscape, improve and extend wildlife habitats, conserve historic features and provide new opportunities for countryside enjoyment.

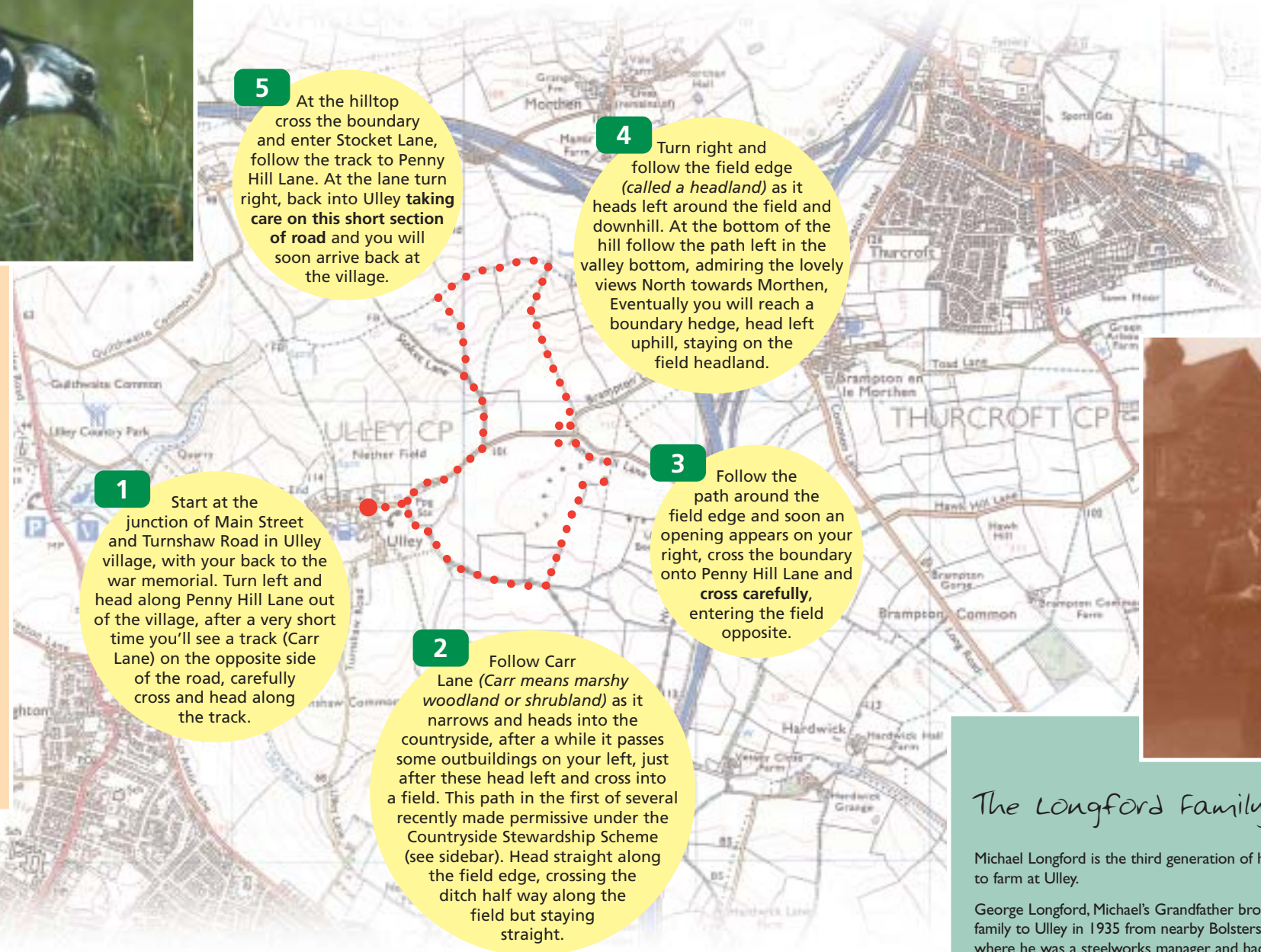
Michael Longford has entered into a Countryside Stewardship agreement and measures are being taken to encourage wildlife and farmland bird species in particular. Permanent grass field margins have been created, seed bearing 'bird food' crops have been sown and cereal stubble is being managed to provide breeding and feeding sites for birds such as Lapwings. New hedges are also being planted and existing ones repaired.

Many of these measures can be seen from the permissive footpaths created as part of the Countryside Stewardship scheme.



Just follow the **ORANGE Doorstep Waymark**

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5 At the hilltop cross the boundary and enter Stocket Lane, follow the track to Penny Hill Lane. At the lane turn right, back into Ulley taking care on this short section of road and you will soon arrive back at the village.

4 Turn right and follow the field edge (called a headland) as it heads left around the field and downhill. At the bottom of the hill follow the path left in the valley bottom, admiring the lovely views North towards Morthen. Eventually you will reach a boundary hedge, head left uphill, staying on the field headland.

3 Follow the path around the field edge and soon an opening appears on your right, cross the boundary onto Penny Hill Lane and cross carefully, entering the field opposite.

2 Follow Carr Lane (Carr means marshy woodland or shrubland) as it narrows and heads into the countryside, after a while it passes some outbuildings on your left, just after these head left and cross into a field. This path in the first of several recently made permissive under the Countryside Stewardship Scheme (see sidebar). Head straight along the field edge, crossing the ditch half way along the field but staying straight.

1 Start at the junction of Main Street and Turnshaw Road in Ulley village, with your back to the war memorial. Turn left and head along Penny Hill Lane out of the village, after a very short time you'll see a track (Carr Lane) on the opposite side of the road, carefully cross and head along the track.

You may wish to check out more of the paths Michael Longford has allowed access to on the Village Walk at Ulley Country Park, available from the Rights of Way team.

For more details, downloads of alternative route descriptions and themed guides check out our web-page on www.rotherham.gov.uk/prow



The Longford Family

Michael Longford is the third generation of his family to farm at Ulley.

George Longford, Michael's Grandfather brought his family to Ulley in 1935 from nearby Bolsterstone where he was a steelworks manager and had a smallholding. The land has been part of the Halifax Estate for many years; the current Lord Halifax is the queens second cousin and this is the most southerly property on his estate.

George died in 1967 and his son Edward took over the business, moving the farm away from livestock and onto cereal crop, which it remains today. Edward died in 1994.

Michael, like many farmers in Rotherham is a tenant farmer, renting the land off a landlord, and relying on a good crop for his income. There are currently three other farming families in the village, the Lovely's, Mozley's and Walkers. A century ago there were three times that many.

The picture shows all three generations of the family at the farm in 1957, Michael is the baby in the front.

Picture courtesy of Michael Langford

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