

Doorstep Walks

A Closer Look Guide

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The Town Walk around Wath upon Dearne

Doorstep Walk 13 – Just the Words

Some people may find the small print of the walks leaflets a little tricky to follow, or walk leaders may wish to have a handy, large print version of the walk to insert notes. We thought it would be useful to have a description only version of the walks to enable you to cut and paste, enlarge or remove text as you wish.

- 1 Start in front of the library in the town centre of Wath (see sidebar), facing the library, on the left of the building is a path, follow this by the side of the car park. **Carefully cross the main road** by the crossing on your right and then turn right, after a short while you will reach Moor Road, turn left down the road.
- 2 You will soon see Recreation Road on your right, and directly opposite this, on your side of the road, is a path. Follow this along Brook Dike ignoring any paths on your right. Soon you will cross the end of a cul-de-sac (Whitworth Way) cross this and you'll shortly see a path on your right, follow this round to the right ignoring the route ahead, shortly afterwards keeping an eye out on your left for a pond which has various species of wild fowl and amphibians. *This short section of the trail follows the Rotherham Ring Route – a 50 mile circuit of the Borough - the various short parts of this route make fine linear day walks and are worth seeking out.*

- 3 Eventually you will reach an old stone canal bridge, head left across this bridge and follow the road ahead, you will soon be back at the roadside. Head right downhill, and stay on the pavement until you reach a request stop at the side of a school. Cross the road here and head left, across a small grassed area, and then follow the path which heads right above a brook. The path heads downhill slightly and crosses the brook by a footbridge.
- 4 *After taking a few steps away from the footbridge stop and look round, take a moment to look at how the path looked in the 1920's on the old photograph in the leaflet.* The footbridge is used to cross Brook Dike. Follow the path along the shallow valley, taking the left fork when the path splits after a short while.
- 5 After following the valley for a short while the path splits, take the left hand route which heads uphill, crossing the dike again and following the field headland, passing Newhill Grange on your left. The path soon reaches Newhill Road, follow the pavement ahead, crossing Newfield Crescent on the way, you will eventually reach Newhill Park which lies on your left.
- 6 Head left across the park, keeping near the houses on your left, the path steadily rises and as you reach the top you will see a small curious stone building ahead – this is the mausoleum – head directly for this building.
- 7 Near the right hand side of the mausoleum is a set of steps down to the road, take these and then follow the road (Cemetery Road) left downhill. Keep going straight ahead, **carefully crossing** Cutts Avenue, a cul-de-sac and Saville Road on the way until you reach Church Street. Turn right and follow the street, **carefully crossing** and ignoring side roads as you pass the old church and Town Hall on the way on your left. Keep straight ahead, until you arrive back at Wath Town Centre, the library is on your left.