

DOORSTEP WALK

Short, Easy to follow and local

Enjoy a short walk in the countryside around Hellaby.

- This is approximately two miles and is an easy walk over fields and along quiet country lanes.
- Although it is suitable for younger children there are parts of the route along roads with no footpath and so care should be taken at all times.
- It will take just over an hour.
- You do not need to read a map.
- You do not need fancy equipment.

Some parts of the route can get boggy in wet weather due to clay soil and worn tractor tracks. Walkers with dogs need to be aware that you frequently meet horses and riders on route.

Just follow the Orange Doorstep waymark

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

How do I get there?

Hellaby is served by a regular bus service from Rotherham. For up to date information contact Travel line on **01709 515151** or visit www.sypte.co.uk for timetables.

The walk starts on Bawtry Road opposite Hellaby Hall Hotel. Any enquiries please ring **01709 823800**.

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.

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.

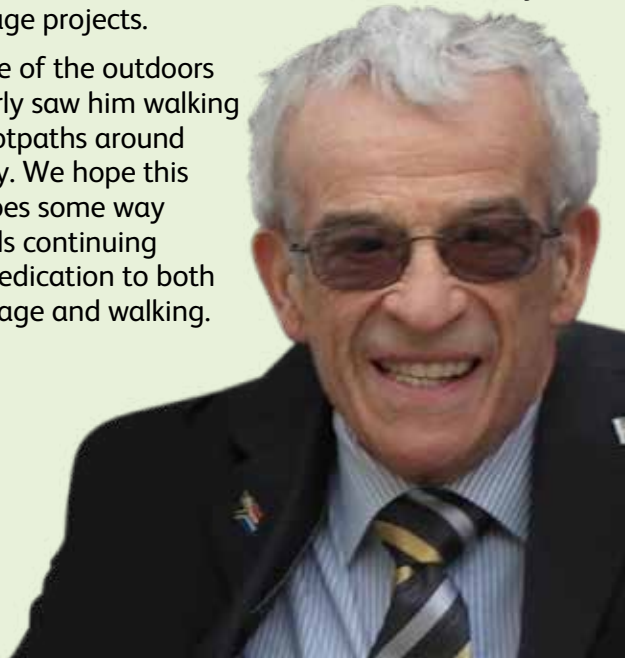
Follow the Country Code, happy walking!

Ted Kelsey

This doorstep walk has been created in memory of Ted Kelsey.

Throughout his lifetime Ted was committed to improving the village and its amenities. As an active member of the Parish Council he worked tirelessly on village projects.

His love of the outdoors regularly saw him walking the footpaths around Hellaby. We hope this trail goes some way towards continuing Teds dedication to both the village and walking.



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

The Ted Kelsey Trail at Hellaby



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The Ted Kelsey Trail at Hellaby (2 Miles)



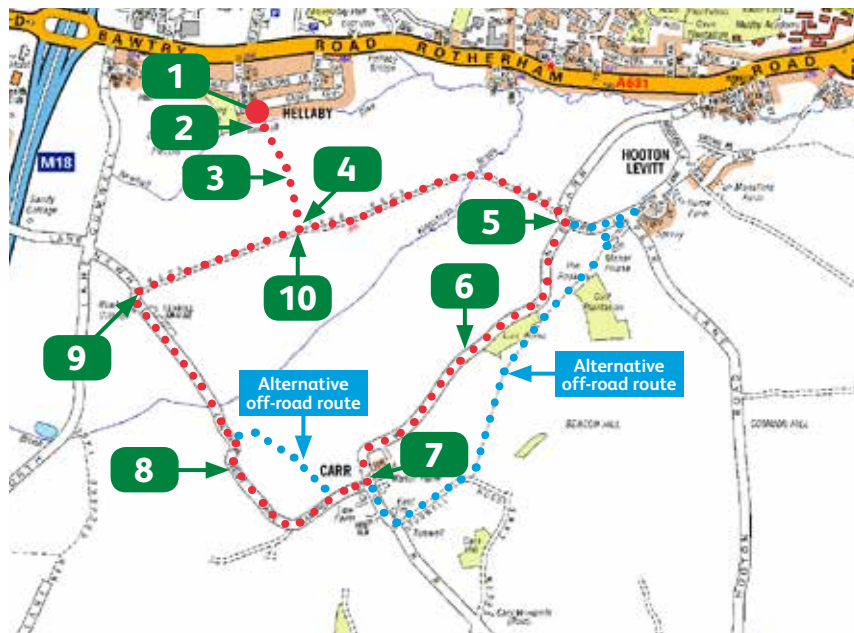
Hellaby

Hellaby, formally called “Helgebi” was noted in the Domesday Book of 1086 as being within the Parish of Stainton and entrusted by Roger de Busli, who was instrumental in the founding of nearby Roche Abbey, whose foundations were laid in 1147. The ending of the name in “bi” would indicate a Scandinavian influence and settlement that would have been standing many years previous to this.

Part of the present Hellaby Hall estate is listed with English Heritage as the deserted site of a medieval village, with the remains of a well, square ditched enclosure, example of ridge and furrow ploughing method, post medieval long house, corn drying oven and indications of metal working. Hellaby Hall was built by the Fretwell family in the late 17th century and is now a hotel and spa facility. It retains its colonial heritage to this day. Hellaby is a quiet hamlet of two halves, the industrial estate to the north of the A631 and residential estate to the south. The main focus of the village is the Barrie Grove Playing Field and Centenary Hall”.



During the late 1920s, Hellaby was home to Rotherham Greyhound & Speedway Stadium where crowds in excess of 15,000 would turn up to watch riders such as “Skid” Skinner from Maltby and Tommy Bateman from Lincolnshire, indeed Bateman Road is named after the late speedway star. Today the outline of the track is still visible from above.



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Carr

In 1822 Carr was in the parish of Maltby and in 1868, Carr, was described as a hamlet in the township and parish of Laughton en le Morthen. A windmill was located adjacent to the cross roads of the Carr to Slade Hooton (Carr Lane) road and the Brookhouse (Bib Lane) to Green Lane roads. The windmill was a listed building but was demolished around 1976. In ‘Aspects of Rotherham 3’, Mervyn Jones comments: “The mill was said to have measured 25 feet in height with walls 2 feet thick.”

Hooton Levitt

Hooton Levitt is one of four villages in the county that carry the name of Hooton, meaning ‘farmstead on a spur of land’. It carries the manorial affix of the de Livet family, an ancient Norman family that gained control of the manor in the 12th century after marriage with the granddaughter of Richard FitzTurgis lord of the manors of Hooton and Wickersley and co-founder of nearby Roche Abbey.



- 1 Start on Barrie Grove at Hellaby and follow the Public Footpath sign pointing down the edge of the driveway of No 51.
- 2 The path crosses a stream at the end of the garden and then climbs a few steps to the edge of a farmers field.
- 3 Continue across the field (the path should be visible) until you reach the other side where you will meet a track known as Back Lane.
- 4 Head left (east) along the track and after approximately 500 metres you will reach Carr Lane.
- 5 Turn right and head along Low Lane, taking care to look for vehicles.
- 6 This quiet country lane will lead you to the village of Carr.
- 7 Turn right and continue along Ramper Road keeping a look out for any vehicular traffic.
- 8 Ramper Road becomes West Lane and then Newhall Lane as you walk under the old railway bridge.
- 9 Walk up Newhall Lane and as you pass Newhill Grange on your right you will reach the other end of Back Lane. By walking east along Back Lane you will eventually reach the point where you crossed the farmers field from Hellaby.
- 10 By retracing your steps across the field and back up the side of No 51 Barrie Grove you will reach your initial start point.



Newhall Grange

Newhall Grange was one of the holdings of Roche Abbey.

Follow the Countryside Code:

- Be safe – plan ahead and follow any signs
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Protect plants and animals, and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under close control
- Consider other people