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

A Walk from High Green to Tankersley

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.
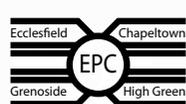
If you have any comments about the walks, encounter any difficulties or would like information on other activities in the Ecclesfield area please contact Ecclesfield Parish Council, Council Offices, Mortomley Lane, High Green, Sheffield S35 3HS. Tel. **0114 2845095**, email **ecclesfieldPC@aol.com**

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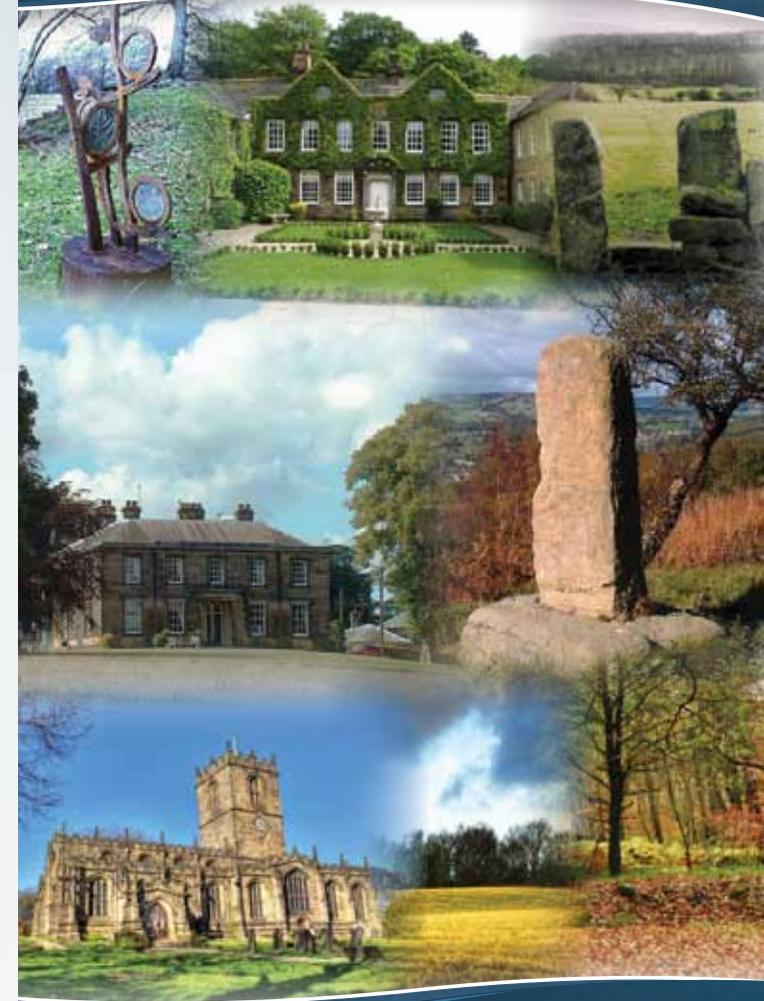Project Part-Financed by the European Union **European Regional Development Fund**

A Walk from High Green to Tankersley

A walk of around 5 miles, through woodland and across fields to the c14th church at Tankersley, returning along part of the Trans Pennine trail. There are good views across Chapeltown from Westwood Park. The route crosses Stocksbridge by-pass and Tankersley Golf Course.

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Points of Interest

Bellpits

The round mounds visible in the park and on either side of Church Lane are 'bell-pits' where ironstone was mined from the 1700s. Pits were arranged in rows, giving a 'pock-marked' appearance to the landscape. This method of mining was used where the coal or ore was near the surface. A shallow shaft was dug, the iron ore excavated and then removed using a winch and bucket, much like a well. The pit in cross section resembles a bell.

Tankersley Church

The Domesday Book records the existence of a church at Tankersley but the present St. Peter's church dates from the c14th. It is grade 2 * listed. The 'Clyppings' ceremony is held here annually here on St. Peter's Day and involves parishioners joining hands to form a circle round the church to ward off evil spirits. The word 'yclepping' means embracing. If the church is open you may wish to go inside to see the beautiful stained glass windows and war memorial inside. The eastern window on south side of nave (below) is thought to be by William Morris and Co. in the style of Burne-Jones and is in memory of Ellen Walker, who died in 1879. There are also cannon balls from the Battle of Tankersley in 1643 during the Civil War on display.

Tankersley Park

Tankersley Park dates from the time of Edward III. In Elizabethan times it was owned by Francis Talbot the 11th Earl of Shrewsbury. He sold the land to Thomas Wentworth, who became the First Earl of Stafford. In 1727 Daniel Defoe passed through the area on a tour of England and wrote,

> "From Rotherham we turned north west to Wentworth, on purpose to see the old seat of Tankersley, and the park, where I saw the largest red deer that, I believe, are in this part of Europe: one of the hinds, I think, was larger than my horse, and he was not a very small pad of fourteen hands and half high."

From Daniel Defoe 'Tour thro' the Whole Island of Great Britain' (1727)

Ironstone mining from the 1700s encroached on the Park and the deer were removed to Wentworth.

Tankersley Old Hall

(Detour of about 1 mile to see the Old Hall. Turn right after exiting the woods opposite Tankersley Church and follow Black Lane down, passing under the by-pass and continuing to where the lane bends left. The Hall is on the right. Retrace your steps to rejoin the walk. N.B. The ruins are not open to the public.)

Tankersley Old Hall was built in the late 16th century by the Savile family. The earlier manor house site is thought to have been on site of the large house to the north of the St Peter's church, where the remains of an old moat can still be seen, but a new Hall was built in the middle of the Park in Elizabethan times. In 1652 the Hall was leased to Sir Richard Fanshawe but in July 1654, Anne, their daughter, died. She was buried in Tankersley Church and the family left the house before the end of the year and returned to London. The ruins of the hall also featured in 'Kes' - the film of Barry Hines' book 'A Kestrel for a Knave'.

Westwood Reservoir

The dam was built to supply water to the Thorncliffe Ironworks.

Westwood Rows and Riots

Two rows of cottages used to stand here overlooking the reservoir until they were demolished in the late 1960s. They were built by Newton Chambers & Co. Ltd to house non-union labour during a strike at the company in 1870.

The Westwood riots took place in January 1870 when the houses were attacked by an armed crowd of between 300 and 1500 (estimates vary) striking workers, who had refused to accept a cut in pay. The small police garrison was overwhelmed and reinforcements had to be brought in from Barnsley to put an end to the looting, violence and damage taking place. Although there were no deaths, 23 workers were sent for trial at York and soldiers were garrisoned at Mortomley for the next 6 months till the dispute ended.

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.