

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

Circular Walks Around The Parish

A Walk from Potter Hill to Greno Woods

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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A Walk from Potter Hill to Greno Woods

A circular walk of around 5 miles through fields and ancient woodlands on the edge of High Green and Grenoside. Good views towards Barnsley and beyond from Greno Knoll at the top of Greno Woods.



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Points of Interest

Hallwood Isolation Hospital

The hospital was opened for the care of smallpox patients in 1916 and closed in 1982. It had a reputation among local children as the 'haunted hospital'. It is now a private house.

High Green

As its name suggests, High Green began life as a hamlet around a green and remained largely agricultural until the establishment of Thorncliffe Ironworks at the end of the c18th. It became a separate ecclesiastical district in 1872 with the building of St Saviour's Parish Church, built in memory of Parkin Jeffcock who lost his life during an heroic rescue attempt at the Oaks Colliery disaster at Barnsley in 1866. His mother's family came from High Green.

Greno Woods



Greno Woods in Autumn

The woods are now owned by Sheffield Wildlife Trust but the woodland has been managed since at least medieval times. Timber was used for building and the underwood for making charcoal, clog soles, brushes and baskets. From 1950 the Forestry Commission managed the woods for conifer production and planted large areas of larch and Scots pine. Some remain, interspersed by sweet chestnut, beech and oak. Grenoside and District Local History group have produced two historical walks leaflets, one featuring Grenoside village and the other exploring Wheata Wood. For more information see www.grenosidelocalhistory.co.uk.

Toll Bar House on Woodhead Road

This house was probably a toll house on the Sheffield to Manchester and Huddersfield / Halifax turnpike road, built in 1777. An old milestone at Cundy Cross further along the road towards Wortley shows the number of miles from Sheffield to Manchester and Huddersfield. In the c18th this route across the top of the hills was probably more easily navigated than the lower-lying Don Valley, where the Sheffield - Manchester road runs today. Tolls for maintenance of turnpike roads were collected from

travellers at a gate, or bar, across the road. In the 1830s over 1,000 turnpike trusts administered around 30,000 miles of turnpike road in England and Wales, taking tolls at almost 8,000 toll-gates.

Grenoside

The name Grenoside was first recorded in the c13th as 'Gravenhou' from the Anglo-Saxon word 'græfan' meaning a quarry, 'o' from the Old Norse 'haugr' meaning hill and the modern word 'side', altogether meaning a quarried hillside. In the c19th quarrying was an important industry in Grenoside. Woodland crafts, such as basket making and clog-sole making were also specialities in this area, and light metal trades such as nail making, cutlery manufacture and file-cutting also took place. Grenoside was also the birthplace and location of the Walker brothers' first foundry and steel furnace. They later operated iron and steel works at Masbrough.

Potter Hill

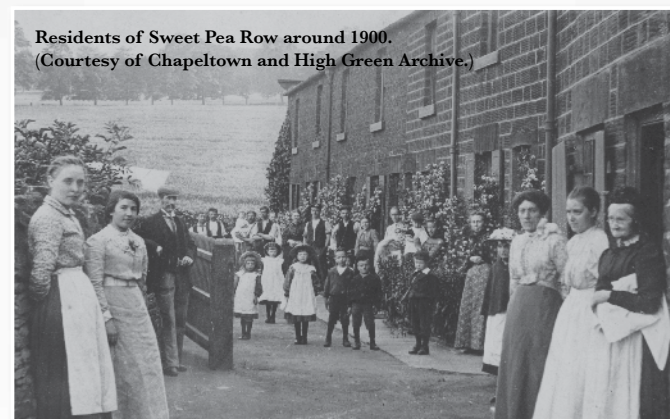
Potter Hill was previously called Chapel Lane, after the Primitive Methodist Chapel (now demolished) that used to stand at the junction with Burncross Road.

Potter Hill Camp

The Potter Hill (also called Bracken Hill) camp was erected on fields near Barnes Hall in 1940 to accommodate up to 1500 people made homeless by the war. During the war Italian prisoners and American servicemen were billeted there. After the war it was used to house Dutch refugee children and later homeless families from Sheffield were settled there. The site was eventually developed as a housing estate.

Sweet Pea Row

This attractive row of cottages lies off Chapel Road. In the photograph from the early part of last century we can see the row lived up to its name as most of the houses seem to have had sweetpeas growing up the front wall.



Residents of Sweet Pea Row around 1900.
(Courtesy of Chapelton and High Green Archive.)

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.