

Walk 7 (2 miles)



Circular Walk _____ Parish Boundary _____

Directions: From Post Office, turn left and head towards George Lane. Turn left. Cross road and turn right down Ingswell Drive. After passing 3 houses bear right into Ingswell Avenue. Turn L at FP sign onto footpath at the back of the houses, over bridge and half right up hill, sharp turn R at top, then along and over old railway. Turn R down slope to join railway, continue E for about 1km until just before next railway bridge turn R up slope, through car park, turn R on Smawell Lane and follow to George Lane at Gill Bridge: turn R back to Village Hall.

Historical Notes: The track up the fields is very old, and was known as Handswell Lane.

The disused railway line is now owned by the District Council and is a permissive path for walkers, horses and cycles. The railway was opened in 1905, by the Midland Railway Co, as part of their proposed London - Carlisle route, although the whole route was never completed. The line is the same one that passes over the huge blue brick viaducts over Denby Dale Road at Calder Grove and over the Huddersfield Road at Horbury Bridge. It closed in 1968.

Near the bottom of Smawell Lane (also called Halfpenny Lane and Small Well Lane) is the sewage pumping station, built in 1963, which pumps all the village's sewage to the works that you passed to the north of the old railway.

N, E, S, W etc - compass directions. R, L - right, left. FP - footpath sign.

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