

# BARNESLEY BOUNDARY WALK

The Barnsley Boundary Walk is made up of twelve short walks joined to form a continuous route some 73 miles (117 km) in length, mainly through the Metropolitan Borough of Barnsley, but also in parts of Kirklees, Wakefield, Doncaster, and Sheffield.

You can join the route at any point and enjoy one or more sections to suit your time and energies, and travel arrangements.

This Leaflet is one of a series of six designed not only to show you the route but also to point out and explain many of the interesting facts and features to be discovered along the way.

The walk roughly follows the boundary of the Metropolitan Borough of Barnsley through a great variety of landscapes from the moorland of Dunford, the wooded environs of Wharfedale, the historic parks at Cannon Hall, Bretton and Wortley, and the wetlands of the Lower Dearne. Landscapes rich in social, economic and natural history.

As you enjoy the Boundary Walk please respect the interests of those who live and work in the countryside.

### Further Information

If you have any comments on the Boundary Walk, encounter any difficulties en route, or would like information on other walks and rides in Barnsley, including the Trans Pennine Trail, please contact:

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## Leg 3

### Waymarked Walk No. 5

## BRIERLEY to Thurnscoe BOLTON UPON DEARNE

**Starting Point**  
A628 Barnsley Road, Brierley.

**Distance**  
9.6 miles (15.5 km).

**Time**  
Allow yourself up to five hours for exploring at a leisurely pace.

**Footwear**  
Some sections can have wet, muddy or uneven ground. Choose appropriate footwear.

**Waymarks**  
The route is waymarked with a distinctive B circled with arrows.

**How to get there**  
The villages around the route are served by bus services and some railway stations.

You can make your own travel arrangements using the South Yorkshire Travel Line;  
Tel: (01709) 515151.

If you do use a car please use the car parks where these exist, and be considerate of others when parking elsewhere.

**Additional Information**  
The route is covered by OS Explorer Maps No's:  
**011 The Peak District**  
278 Sheffield and Barnsley

### Full of Surprises ...

The Walk from Brierley to Bolton upon Dearne is full of surprises, variety and contrast.

The old centre of Brierley is a Conservation Area and includes the fine Church of St.Paul's.

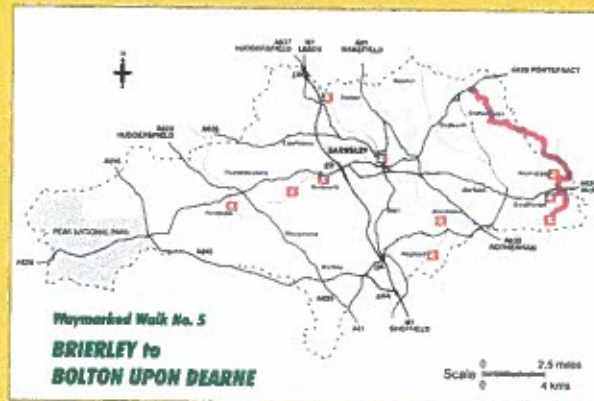
In contrast Grimethorpe is shaking off its 'Bruised Off' image and is actively engaged in a process of regeneration following the recent upheaval of pit closures.

To the north of Grimethorpe the footpath crosses wonderful meadows and the Dell with its series of ponds.

Beyond the extensive woodlands at West Haigh Wood and Howell Wood and just into Doncaster District lies the rural gem of Clayton village.

Again in contrast, the former mining villages of Thurnscoe, Goldthorpe and Bolton upon Dearne are engaged in the revitalisation which extends across the Dearne Valley.

'The Dell' Nature Reserve, Brierley



1 Our walk starts on Regina Crescent, off the busy A628 Barnsley Road at Brierley. At the end of the Crescent join Cliff Lane via the alleyway.

At the end of the lane turn right following the field edge path to Brierley Road. Here you may experience a magnificent panoramic view across Barnsley.

2 Carefully cross the busy road and continue on a footpath through old meadows around the perimeter of Willowgarth High School.

3 Walk downhill and across the head of The Dell, a local nature reserve, then ascend diagonally to the edge of Tom Bank Wood.

4 After leaving the wood, follow the hedge line heading towards Grimethorpe. Turn left at the head of Burntwood Road, up past former Brierley Lodge and bear left across the field to enter West Haigh Wood.

5 The path leads into this fine oak/ birch woodland, then bears left across Houghton Common to the B6273 Hemsworth to Great Houghton road.

6 Turn right, then after 500 yds. left into Howell Lane and continue on to the southern corner of Howell Wood, a Country Park managed by Doncaster MDC.

7 Turn left onto the path to Howell House Farm. Continue through Challenger Wood and onto Clayton village.



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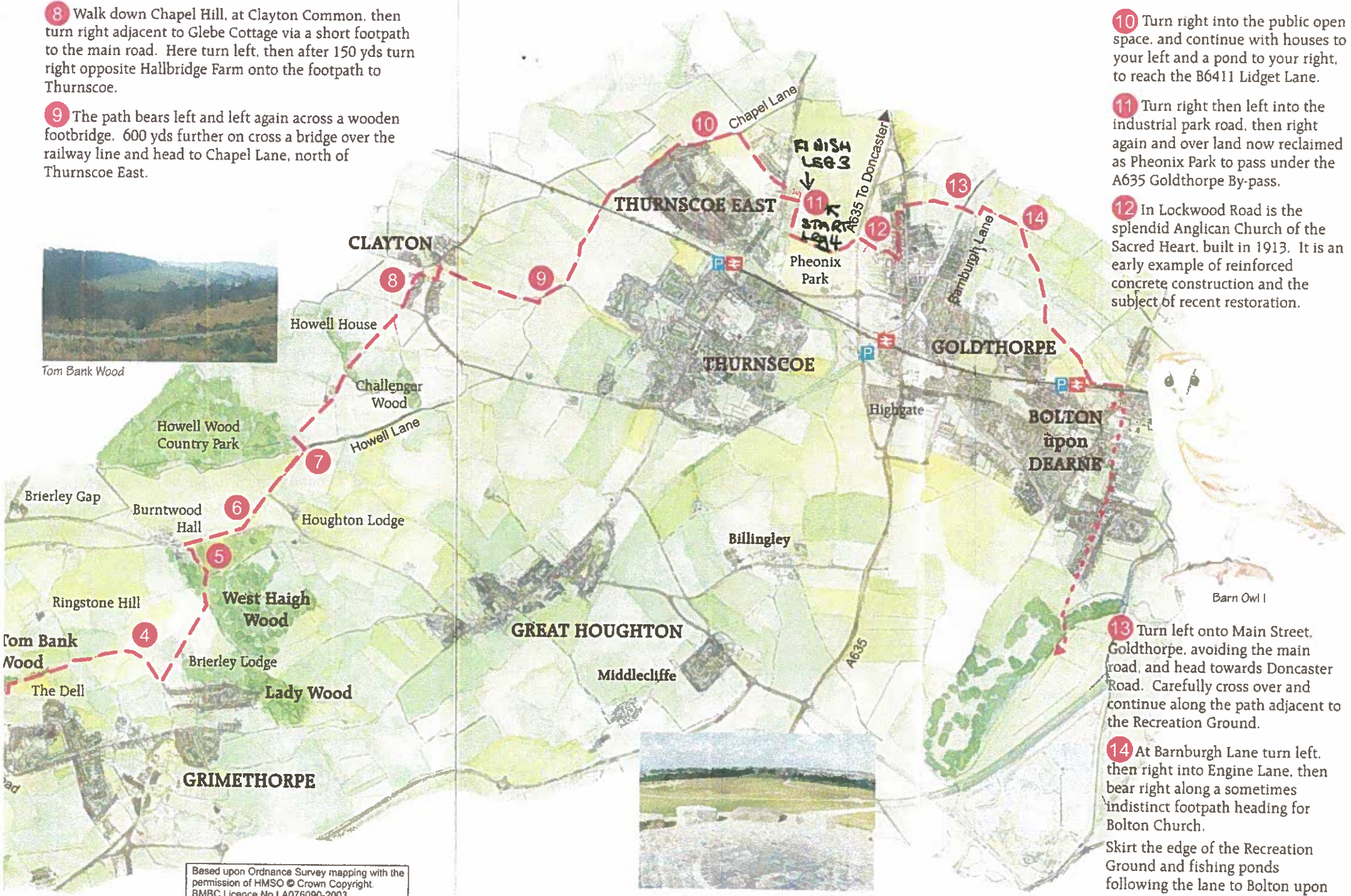


**8** Walk down Chapel Hill, at Clayton Common, then turn right adjacent to Glebe Cottage via a short footpath to the main road. Here turn left, then after 150 yds turn right opposite Hallbridge Farm onto the footpath to Thurnscoe.

**9** The path bears left and left again across a wooden footbridge. 600 yds further on cross a bridge over the railway line and head to Chapel Lane, north of Thurnscoe East.



Tom Bank Wood



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**10** Turn right into the public open space, and continue with houses to your left and a pond to your right, to reach the B6411 Lidget Lane.

**11** Turn right then left into the industrial park road, then right again and over land now reclaimed as Phoenix Park to pass under the A635 Goldthorpe By-pass.

**12** In Lockwood Road is the splendid Anglican Church of the Sacred Heart, built in 1913. It is an early example of reinforced concrete construction and the subject of recent restoration.

**13** Turn left onto Main Street, Goldthorpe, avoiding the main road, and head towards Doncaster Road. Carefully cross over and continue along the path adjacent to the Recreation Ground.

**14** At Barnburgh Lane turn left, then right into Engine Lane, then bear right along a sometimes indistinct footpath heading for Bolton Church. Skirt the edge of the Recreation Ground and fishing ponds following the lane to Bolton upon Dearne Railway Station.



Phoenix Park, Thurnscoe



Barn Owl I