

4 - Totley Fleur de Lys to Coal Aston Village Hall --- 5.14 miles

1. **From the pub rejoin Totley Hall Lane and turn right.** *This road starts to descend downhill and just after Totley Hall Mead, continue straight ahead. The road becomes a wide track.*
2. *On reaching the stile by the wooden gate, cross over and here you will have a choice of routes according to the finger post. Take the path to the left – hedgerow on your left.*
3. *At the next gate, cross over the stile and continue straight ahead along the path, still hedge on your left and open field on your right. When the hedgerow ends continue straight ahead – you now have a wire fence on your left.*
4. *On reaching the gate at the entrance to the wood, cross over the ladder stile next to it. Go straight ahead as indicated by the green arrow on a lighter green background – DHB Ward Walk. Once you have entered the wood you are on a wide track.*
5. **After 15m take the left fork and you will start to descend through the wood to meet a stream. Cross over the wooden bridge and over a stile. Continue straight ahead as indicated by the three different arrows. The track starts to climb slightly and bends round to the right.**
6. *After a few more metres you exit the small copse and follow the path which swings to the left and starts to climb uphill towards another wood through the middle of a field. Once across the field you enter the wood via a stile over a fence. Once over the follow the path as indicated by the green arrow on the green background. The path goes slightly right and you have a dry stone wall on your left, trees and open field beyond on your right.*
7. *At the end of the wall, you reach a stile through a hedge. Cross over and continue straight ahead. You now have a small hedge bordering a beautiful house on your left and open fields on your right. After a few yards the hedge on your left becomes larger.*
8. *After passing the entrance to the left of a tree, you now emerge on to a tarmac road. Here turn right. This is the flattest part of the walk with commanding views across to the city of Sheffield. The road first bears slightly to the left and then begins to rise slightly.*
9. *When the road bends downhill to the right, you will see two finger posts at the entrance to a wood. As you walk into the wood do not go straight ahead but turn 90° and take the small path immediately on your left. You are now joining the Dronfield 2000 Rotary Walk as shown by the yellow arrow in a red circle all on a green background. You are now on a narrow path with holly bushes on either side.*
10. *After about 10m you swing positively left as indicated by the Dronfield Rotary Walk arrow. Exit the wood and you are now walking across the top of a field - open field on your left and woodland on your right. You are now descending slightly.*
11. *After about 300m you will get to the corner of the field. On your right you will see a wooden hand rail leading you down some steps down in to the wood. Turn right here and descend down to a wooden footbridge over a stream. Cross over and continue straight ahead up the steps on the other side.*
12. *At the top of the steps you will reach a stile leading out of the small copse. Cross over and continue straight ahead as indicated by the Dronfield Rotary Walk arrow. You now walk through the middle of the field, uphill towards the left side of a copse in front of you.*

13. *At the apex of the field you will meet a stile next to a finger post. **Cross over the stile and a stone slab over a ditch, then bear 45° left to follow the path to the left of the hump as indicated by the Dronfield Rotary Walk arrow.** All the way along this route to the left there are commanding views of the Totley and Dore areas of Sheffield beyond which you can see the moorland which you walked across earlier and the woodland you walked through – fantastic part of the country!*
14. *You will stay on this path as it hugs the lower contours of the hill and leads you towards a metal gate at the entrance to a small copse. **Go through the gate and continue along the obvious path** which is bordered by woodland on your right and hedgerow on your left – you are still following the Dronfield Rotary Walk as indicated by the arrow.*
15. *After about 300m you reach a stile dedicated to Rita Webster to the left of a gate. **Cross over to continue straight ahead along the track, emerging at Dunston Farm. Go through the farm buildings and emerge on to a road. Here turn left and walk past two cottages.***
16. ***Cross over Mickley Lane and continue along the main road (Rodmoor Road).** After about 400m, at a point where the road swings round to the left, **cross over and walk up the farm track leading to Upper Birchett Farm as indicated by the Dronfield Rotary Walk arrow on a metal finger post.** Be very careful crossing the road here.*
17. *After about 25m the track swings left to the farm, **but you continue straight ahead along the public footpath as indicated by the metal fingerpost to the right of the lane.** This path is bordered on either side by hedgerow.*
18. *Walk slightly downhill along this path for about 600m until you reach a point where it turns 90° right next to a large tree. **Cross the stile to the left as indicated by the Dronfield Rotary Walk arrow.** The path goes slightly downhill with wire fence on your left and hedgerow on your right. **Cross over the next stile by the side of a gate and continue along the path.** You now have a golf course to your left.*
19. ***Walk along the top of the golf course until you see a post leading you left as indicated by the Dronfield Rotary Walk arrow. Leave the clear path to follow a less obvious path.** You are now walking parallel to the ninth tee. After about 25m you will reach a stile next to a metal gate – **cross over and continue straight ahead.***
20. *You are now walking across the top of a field. **At the far end turn 90° left as indicated by the Dronfield Rotary Walk arrow – ignore the sign pointing to Dronfield.** You now have a hedgerow on your right and you are heading slightly downhill towards another stile. **Once over this stile you will see a metal gate – pass through the squeezer stile and continue ahead,** as indicated by the Dronfield Rotary Walk arrow.*
21. *Continue to the next stile and **cross over, still going straight on.** You now have hedgerow on your left and fields on your right. The path descends downhill until you meet a gate. Beyond the gate you will cross a small bridge over a dyke as indicated by the Dronfield Rotary Walk arrow. **Now bear left to walk along the field with the fence on your right.***
22. *After a few metres, you climb slightly uphill and the wooden fence becomes metal railings on your right. This leads you to a stile just beyond a tree. **Cross over and continue straight ahead along the obvious path.** The metal fence is replaced by small trees on your left. At certain points along this path as you look to your left you will see that you are walking along the edge of the golf course.*
23. *After 300m you reach a lane to the left of which is a gate beyond which is the golf course. **Here turn 90° right down the obvious track as indicated by the Dronfield Rotary Walk arrow.** To your left you can see the lower parts of Norton.*

24. *Walking along this track, you will soon see farm buildings on the right. **Stay on this track which leads you to the left of the farm buildings** (Old Shaw House). The track continues downhill, goes underneath the Dronfield bypass carriageway and emerges onto the main road. **Turn left.***
25. *After a few metres, **cross the road at the pedestrian crossing opposite the Toby Carvery Inn (Bowshaw inn) and take the path into the field a few metres to your right as indicated by the Dronfield Rotary Walk arrow.***
26. *After about 75m **cross the stile to your right and continue down the path with the hedgerow on your left, open field on your right. After 200m climb over a fence and continue straight ahead, still with hedgerow on your left and open field on your right, going slightly downhill. You can see the village of Coal Aston ahead.***
27. *50m before you reach the corner of the field, you will see a wooden stile on your left. **Cross over as indicated by the Dronfield Rotary Walk arrow and continue along the obvious path which swings round to the right and starts to descend. You have hedgerow on your right and copse on your left.***
28. ***Cross a stone bridge over a stream and continue along the footpath which becomes stepped and goes uphill. Continue straight ahead along the obvious path. A handrail appears on your left which protects you from the ditch. The path eventually emerges on to a lane.***
29. ***Turn right(ish) to walk up the lane slightly uphill. There are some houses on your right and to the left you will see Pig Hills water pumping station. In about 50m you will see a street to the left, then a metal public footpath fingerpost. At this post turn left as indicated by the Dronfield Rotary Walk arrow. Descend the steps into the street.***
30. ***Turn right and walk up the street. In about 50m turn left and then in 10m turn right up a back alley as indicated by the Dronfield Rotary Walk arrow – hedgerow on your right and walk and houses on your right. The path bears left and emerges in a car park.***
31. ***Cross the car park and turn right at the end of the building to walk up in to the car park of the Chequers Inn. Turn left to exit the car park. Turn left along the main road until you meet the junction with a mini roundabout. Cross over Dyke Lane and turn left. Walk down the round for 30m and turn right. Walk down Cunliffe Street as directed by the Dronfield Rotary Walk arrow to reach Shore Street and head for the children's play area.***
32. *At the other side of the children's play area you emerge into the car park of Coal Aston Village hall.*
33. ***This is checkpoint 4.***