

7 - Rother Valley Angel Pub to Harthill --- 2.32 miles

1. **From the public house, turn left to walk down the road past the front of the pub. Cross over Ellisons Road and continue walking down the road. 20 metres beyond the “bridge” you meet a “Welcome to Rotherham” sign. At this point turn 90° right, cross over the road to walk up the Tarmac lane opposite as directed by the public footpath sign. This lane rises gently and at a left bend you will see you have the canal on your right. After a few paces you will be at a point in the canal where it becomes much wider where it used to be a mooring and passing point, next to a very nice stone property.**
2. **Walking gently uphill, the canal is still on right and becomes extremely narrow. At the gates cross over the stile and continue straight ahead on the tarmac road. On reaching next fence, pass through the gap and continue straight ahead. You will now have a wooden fence on your right and banking on your left. You will pass a fine stone building and then on your right a smaller building known as the granary.**
3. **Continue straight ahead to meet a gate in the fence to the right of another property. Pass through and continue straight ahead on what is now a footpath – canal still on your right and another open expanse of water. Shortly the path starts to climb slightly with a ditch on your right.**
4. **A few metres further on the path starts to bear left slightly. On your left is quite a bit of open ground. The path is then joined by a fence on the left which leads to a stile. If you walk a few paces to your right, just beyond a tree, you will see the tunnel entrance of the former Chesterfield Canal which is now bricked up. Cross the stile as indicated by the three arrows, the top of which says The Cuckoo Way.**
5. **Continue bearing slightly right to walk up the obvious path across the middle of the field, rather than following the original to your right. You now have accompanying you the unmistakable sound of the M1. You will meet the original path at the hedgerow. 10m further on the path starts to bend round to the right, slightly rising with hedgerow on your right.**
6. **When you reach the top right hand corner of the field, punctuated by a fence, turn 90° right as indicated by the Cuckoo Way sign on the fence. You are now on a narrow lane, with hedge on left and fence on the right, which rises slightly. After 50m the path does a 90° left turn to pass through a tunnel which goes under the M1.**
7. **Once you have pass through the tunnel the path swings round to the right as indicated by the Rowbothams Round arrow at the bottom of four arrows. At the stile by the gate cross over and continue straight ahead – fence on your right, open fields on your left. On looking slightly left you can see the three wind turbines which are situated at Losscar Farm beyond Harthill.**
8. **At the far end of the first field where the track swings round to the left, take the path which runs diagonally uphill across the field as indicated by the Rowbothams Round arrow. At the top of the field, you will see a stile in a hedgerow. Before crossing this stile, stop and take a look to your right and you can see in the distance the Roman Road and woodland which you walked on earlier.**
9. **Now pass over the stile and follow the obvious footpath across the field which leads you to the small village of Woodall. You have wonderful panoramic views all around you over to the Peak District.**

10. *Once across the field pass through the squeezer stile to the left of a cottage and on to the tarmac road. Turn right and walk along the road – you are now walking through Woodall. On the first lamppost to your left you will see a sign for Cycle Route No. 6.*
11. *After walking through the village for approximately ¼ mile and just beyond Dodds Cottage turn left at the metal public footpath fingerpost as indicated by the Rowbothams Round arrows. Cross over the stile and walk down the path between the cottages and along the right side of a house to a track which you walk along for a few paces.*
12. *At the end of the farm you see a large post with a Rowbothams Round arrow on it. Continue across the field as indicated. You are now heading towards Harthill. The first field you are walking across the middle along the fairly obvious path. At the stile cross over and continue straight ahead as indicated by the Rotherham Ring Route arrow.*
13. *You will see the tower of the church which keeps you in the right direction. At the end of the field, continue straight ahead as indicated by the Rowbothams Round arrow across the farmer's field. On reaching the power line post continue straight ahead as indicated by the yellow arrow on a green background.*
14. *At the far end of the field at the hedgerow, continue straight over a little stone bridge over a dyke. Once over, cross a stile and bear 90° right as indicated by the Rowbothams Round and follows an obvious path across a field. Once across the field you will see a stile approximately 25m to the right of a large tree.*
15. *Cross the stile and continue straight across the field, heading for a gate. Pass through the kissing gate and continue straight ahead as indicated by the Rowbothams Round arrow. On reaching the fence, pass through the metal kissing gate and bear 45° left to walk across the field to meet the kissing gate in the top right corner of the field.*
16. *Pass through the kissing gate and walk in to the field bearing slightly right, heading now towards the children's playground, passing the little BMX track and heading for the car park.*

This is checkpoint 7.