

3 – Bull’s Head, Holymoorside, to CCS Media Car Park, Birdholme - 4 miles

1. Leave the Bull’s Head car park. Turn left, football fields on your left, and follow the road up the hill past the United Reform Church and immediately after this take a footpath sign to your left.
2. At the top of the track cross a stile. Continue with a wall on your left through a gap in the hedge. Continue across the next field with a hedge on your left. In the corner of the field enter a small gap through a hedge over a stile.
3. Go up the track with conifers lining the right hand side of the path, over a stile, straight across a track through a gate. Go across to a gap in the fence opposite and follow the field down, keeping the hedge to the left hand side.
4. Go over two more stiles and on to the road - go straight across. Follow the first public footpath sign up a track. Follow the track past a farmyard on your left.
5. Immediately after the farm take a left turn up a field, by the side of a grey gate (take care – there is an electric fence!). Pass through this gate and start walking up the obvious track. On your left hand side you will see a wood and you keep that on your left hand side, heading slightly uphill towards a stile. To your left you have a very grand view of the industrial town of Chesterfield.
6. Make your way uphill to the gate in the corner of the field under a very big tree. Pass through the squeezer stile. Carry on along the path ahead of you at the edge of the field - field to the right, woodland to the left.
7. With the wood on your left, ahead of you is another squeezer stile through a hedge. Pass through and continue along the bottom of the field. Hedgerow on your left. At this point, for the seriously eagle-eyed, look to your left and you can see the village of Palterton on the horizon, one of the destinations of this walk - unfortunately we don’t appear to be walking towards it at the moment.
8. Further on to a stile in the hedgerow in the corner of the field, pass through over a small dyke. Continue straight ahead. Hedge on your left. Start to bear right, still keeping the woodland ahead of you on your left. With the wood on your left, you meet a wooden stile and the hedgerow crossing you. Cross over. Continue straight ahead, still with wood on your left.
9. 50 yards further on, immediately at the end of the wood, you will see a stone and wooden stile on your left. This is also marked by a post with a yellow top - waymarker, green background, yellow arrow. Cross over both stone and wooden stile into a field. There is a farm immediately ahead of you.
10. Turn right and walk down the field, hedgerow on your right rather than wall on your left. Towards the bottom of the field swing round to your left and head for a wooden fence to the right hand side of a barn.
11. Cross over the wooden stile in the middle of the fence onto a path. You will have wooden fence on your right, barbed wire running down, there’s a fence on your left. Down on your right hand side there is a small brook. Continue down between the fences, downhill through some bushes. The path is fairly well defined, just keep the wooden fence on your left.
12. When you reach the bottom of the hill you will see a wooden footbridge which crosses the brook. Cross over this bridge. The path swings round to the left, winding its way through the wood. Continue straight ahead until you reach a wooden gate. Pass through the wooden gate, walk upwards with the fence on your right until you reach a stile in the fence.
13. Cross over the stile onto a small drive, turn right, up to the main road and then swing left onto the main road and walk down the pavement towards some small cottages. Ahead of you on the right you will see a road chevron. 50 yards after the

chevron there is a footpath on the right. You will need to cross over this road in the safest place.

14. Walk down past the chevron and you will see a footpath sign on your right, at the side of a stone wall. Turn right and walk along this path, which leads eventually to a track. Walk along this track towards some farm buildings. Do not divert onto the minor track on your left. Continue along the main track, wall on your left.

15. Just before entering into the farmyard, bear to the right of the farm and then round the side heading down to a new stile. Cross over the stile. Turn left and walk along the path at the side of the farm building on your left. Past the farm building, field and paths drops to a wooden stile in the left hand corner. Cross over the stile. The path swings round to the left after the end of the fence and makes it way down to the side of another small brook, winds its way through some bushes and then swings round right to a stile at the side of a hedge, crossing the brook just before that.

16. Cross over the stile marked by the arrow (ignore stile to your left). Follow the path uphill, hedge on you left, for approx. 100 metres until you reach a stile in the hedgerow on you left. Cross over, turn right and walk steadily uphill, hedgerow now on your right, towards a wall. At the end of hedgerow there is a big corrugated barn and ahead of you a grey gate. To the right of this grey gate, in the corner of the field, is a wooden stile.

17. Cross over the stile onto a lane and turn right. This is Harper Hill House Farm, Leverton – a very nice old building. Opposite the entrance to the farm, turn left across the road and you will see a wooden footpath sign. There is a stone stile in the wall, next to a rather fancy gate.

18. Cross over the stone stile. Continue ahead, hedgerow on your left, heading towards a small wood and a stone wall. Where the hedge meets the stone wall at a gate go through the gate onto a path which has a well-built fence on your left and a wall on your right. Continue down this path.

19. After 220 yards or so of this path you reach another gate and a wooden stile. Cross over. Continue straight ahead, now with another style of fence on your left.

20. Cross the next stile. This is marked with a green background, yellow arrow. You continue straight ahead to the corner of the wood ahead of you. Cross over a stile to the right of a metal gate.

21. Continue ahead to a stile straight ahead of you - you now have the wood on your right. Cross over the next stile. Continue straight ahead towards a rather high hedgerow. Cross over the stile which is in the middle of this hedgerow and turn left ignoring the path coming in from your right. Walk steadily downhill with the hedge on your left in the direction of a farm ahead of you.

22. Pass through a slightly unusual wooden stile which has got a left and right turn. Marked on this stile is a funny red disc which marks the route of the South Chesterfield Way. Continue straight ahead, hedge on your left.

23. Past the corner of this field, turn left. Cross over the fence and then turn right and continue along South Chesterfield Way. Now with the hedgerow on your right hand side, farm building on your left, leading to a stile in the right hand corner of the field, cross over.

24. Cross straight over the road to a stone stile opposite. This is marked with a public footpath. This is still the South Chesterfield Way.

25. Having crossed the stone stile, continue straight ahead, wall on your right. Cross over the next wooden stile where you leave the South Chesterfield Way and you take the footpath signposted to Boythorpe, which leads straight ahead, wall on your

right. This wall turns into a hedgerow but still keep it on your right. At the bottom right hand corner of this field you cross a small wooden bridge. Through the slightly dodgy stile, bear left towards the houses.

26. Heading towards these houses you will see a stile in the middle of a wall. Cross over the stile and continue down the path which passes through the middle of the copse, fence either side of you.

27. After about 250 yards, you get to a small gap and out into an open field. The field is a playing field and park. Follow the path ahead bearing slightly right to reach a squeezer stile leading into a wood opposite. Take the quite well-defined path off to the right which winds its way through the wood, heading steadily downhill.

28. At the bottom of the wood, cross over an open stile. Cross over a sort of stone bridge over a gully and out into open countryside again. Walk straight ahead down an obvious track across the field in front of you.

29. At the opposite end of this field you cross a bridge over a babbling brook. Just over the bridge turn right. Walk along the path which runs parallel to the brook. Eventually you will come to a concrete post where the path bends slightly left to an open field and turn 90° right.

30. Continue walking with the brook on your right. Walking parallel to the brook, a hedgerow appears on your right and you are heading for some houses. Eventually you meet a very definite path coming across you. Turn right and walk down this path to the white metal gate at the entrance to this field.

31. Once through the stile to the left of the white gate you join the road. Unfortunately now there is a section of road walking which is absolutely unavoidable in this area.

32. Now you are onto a road called Langer Lane. Turn left and walk up this road, steadily uphill. At the top of the hill the road bends slight left and swings round to the right. After half a mile you get to a road junction at the side of a newsagent on your right hand side.

33. Turn right and walk down this main road - this is the A61. 100 yards on your left is the CCS Media car park. **This is your third checkpoint.**