

9 - Elm Tree, Elmton, to the Royal Oak, Bakestone Moor - 3.5 miles

1. On leaving the pub car park turn left down the road towards the church. Carry on downhill, past the church with the church on your right. At the corner, sharp left hand bend in the road, take the track straight on.
2. The track runs for about a mile towards Clowne past some old houses on your right. Carry on along the track.
3. Shortly after a farmhouse, the track drops down to the right into a dip and you come to a fork in the path. Take the right hand fork.
4. About ½ mile further you come to the edge of the village of Clowne. Turn right. Take the footpath, passing Church Lane and a road with a footpath sign to your right. Carry straight on.
5. Continue along the road past the edge of Clowne following the Archaeological Way. On reaching the main road, turn 90° right and follow the footpath to the right hand side of the main road with a house on your left.
6. At the end of a metal barrier on the opposite side of the road you will see a footpath sign crossing the wall. Cross the road, over on to the footpath, still following the Archaeological Way.
7. On crossing the stile, go diagonally across the field following the well marked footpath - it is still the Archaeological Way. At the top corner of the field the Archaeological Way bends to the right following a farmer's track, through a gap in the wall. Continue along here, keeping the wall to your left.
8. At the end of the field, turn left through a gap between the wall and hedge. Walk for 15 yards and see a stile on your right. Cross over and continue along the Archaeological Way.
9. At the corner of the field bear right, following the signs for the Archaeological Way with a small copse on your right. You come down to a road. Cross straight over, over another stile and across the field opposite.
10. Go through the gap in the wall in the middle of the field and across to a stile. Cross over the road and bear left into Bakestone Moor. The road bends right as you reach the first houses.
11. Carry on across New Street and on, following a bend in the road with a high stone wall to your right hand side. Follow this road for about 250 yards until you get to the Royal Oak Pub on your right hand side. **This is the finishing point for this year's Louise Smalley Walk**