

# Louise Smalley Challenge Walk 2021

## Daisy Flower Walk.

### Route 1

Holbeck - Elmton - Clowne - (10.5 miles)

#### Notes about this section.

- A) Holbeck - The parish church of St. Winifred was built between 1913 and 1916 for the benefit of the Dukes of Portland as a burial place for the dukes and their families. It contains the tombstone of Lady Ottoline Morrel, sister to the Duke of Portland, patron of the arts and cultural catalyst. She was also patron of DH Lawrence and reputedly the real Lady Chatterley!
- B) Jedediah Buxton, 1707 – 1772. – A self-taught mathematical genius; a poor day labourer, born at Elmton in Derbyshire who, without being able to write or cast accounts in the ordinary method, performed the longest calculations and solved the most difficult problems in arithmetic, by the strength of his memory. Neither noise, nor conversation could interrupt him. He walked to London to demonstrate his abilities to the Royal Society. He was awarded a Blue Plaque in 2011.
- C) The buildings of Elmton: The church and most of the older properties are built out of the local Magnesian limestone. The limestone provides a habitat for rare flora and fauna, such as the Bee Orchid.

1. Leave the Community Centre car park and **turn right**. Where the main road bends left, **continue straight ahead**, on the flat, along Portland Street. At the junction **bear right to continue along Portland Street**. At a point where the road swings right (and turns into Scotland Street) **cross over and continue straight ahead** along the side street (still Portland Street). After 75 metres the road turn 90° left. **Follow this (Hillside) and start to climb the hill**. Reaching the apex of the hill, continue along Hillside until you reach the road junction. **Cross straight over to walk along Sandy Lane**. Where the road ends continue along the track until you reach the squeezer stile.
2. **Pass through the stile onto the wide lane and turn right**. This is the lane/path that circumvents the quarry. You stay on this path for  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile. During this time the path winds its way round before rising at the end to reach to top of the rail tunnel. At this point **turn right over the tunnel then right again to follow the path downhill** and down some steps eventually reaching the bottom punctuated by a bench!
3. **At the bench turn 90° left** to walk along the path open fields to you right. At the stone stile, **cross over and continue straight on**. You now have fencing both sides of you. Next stile (buried in a bush) **passes through the gap on the left and straight on** through, what

becomes, a “tree tunnel”. The path eventually reaches a 90° left turn. **Follow this for a further 110 metres; turn right then IMMEDIATE right again to walk down the wide lane. This is Tommy Moore's lane.**

4. After 225 metres you reach the stable buildings at a “junction”. **Turn left** to walk down to meet the road. **Turn right along the road for 75 metres before crossing over the road following the sign for “Craggs Cottage”**. Follow this side lane round and you will meet a kissing gate. **Pass through/over onto the lane.** You are now entering Creswell Craggs.
5. Walk the lane for 130 metres until you reach a “triangle” junction. **Turn right towards the gate.** At the gate **turn right as indicated by the green arrow**, to walk along the obvious path to the left of the stream. This leads up to a stone stile. **Cross over and follow the path upwards through the bushes.** Once clear of the bushes the path swings left and upwards. The path soon levels out and rolls flatly to a gate. **Pass through and continue along the path** over several fields (3) and arrives at a hedgerow. Slightly right you see a green arrow aboard a marker post. **Cross over the tiny stream and go straight ahead** along the next field, open fields to your left, hedge on you right. At kissing gate **pass through and straight on.** At the next K-gate, **pass through and follow the path** down to the road. **This is Holbeck. History Label “A”.**
6. At the road **turn right.** Walk up the road for 150 metres. Having just past the entrance to the recently renovated Holbeck Farm Barns you meet a restricted byway. **Turn right to walk along this.** At the gate pass to the left and **continue straight ahead.** Walk along this byway for a further 400 metres until you meet a “Byway Junction”. Here, **turn right** and follow this lane for ½ mile until you reach the main road.
7. At the road **turn right** to walk along the path by the hedge heading slight downhill. After 350 metres (and having just re-entered Derbyshire) **turn left to cross the road onto the very wide bridleway.** PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE NOTICES. **Follow this for ¾ mile.** It weaves left then right, up and over and down towards Frithwood Cottages. At the end of this lane you reach a gate to the left of which is a squeezer stile. **Pass thorough this walking straight ahead** along the track. At the “triangle junction” **take the road to the right. This is a metallised road.**
8. After approximately ½ mile **take the footpath on the left** immediately after a double gate, overgrown with brambles, also on your left. The path goes across a field heading towards two large trees. At the far end of this field **pass through the gate and stile and continue straight ahead** across two further fields, separated by a stile, heading towards a farm. These footpaths are sign posted Elmton Green, the sign being attached to the large tree.
9. On reaching the farm **turn left through gap** between old wooden fence and hedge next to a very overgrown disused stile **turn right on to the track** and walk down this track keeping the farm on your left. On reaching the road **turn left** and walk along the side of the road towards the village of Elmton. The road rises gently and 50 metres before the bend you will see a fingerpost on your right (just before a property called “Wilmots”). **Turn right to walk up this path** hedges both sides. After a few metres become open fields on right. Once

across the field the path passes through a hedge in top left corner. **Go through and follow the path across the next field** heading for the cottage opposite. You have electric fencing both sides. At end of the “left” field you meet a hedgerow protecting the cottage on your left. **Keep straight on** until you reach the road. **At the road pass through gate on the left onto the road and turn left.** **History Labels “B + C”.** At road junction **turn right and carry on downhill** with the church on your right. At the corner, sharp left hand bend in the road, **take the track straight on.**

- 10.** The track runs for 1 kilometre towards Clowne passing some superbly renovated houses on your right. Shortly after the final, larger house, the track becomes a narrow path and drops down to meet a barrier beyond which is a track. **Cross over and turn right** and, shortly, you come to a fork in the path. **Take the right hand fork** (basically straight ahead). After 800 metres you meet a road. You have reached **Clowne.**
- 11.** **Turn right onto the road** (best to cross over onto the footpath). Take the footpath, passing Church Lane on your left, and a road with a footpath sign to your right. **Carry straight on along Hollin Hill Road.** After 450 metres the road having dipped and risen again you cross over a “traffic light controlled” bridge. A further 260 metres brings you to a “main” road junction. 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.**
- 12.** 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. Cross over the stile, go diagonally across the field** following the well-marked footpath. At the top corner of the field **bear right** following a farmer’s track, through a gap in the wall. **Continue along here, keeping the wall to your left.** At the end of the field continue through gap in hedge to the next field, and at the end of this field **turn 90° left through a gap between the wall and hedge.** Walk for 10 metres and see a stone stile on your right. **Cross over and follow the path 45° left diagonally across the field.** At the corner of the field **cross stile, turn right,** with a small copse on your right. You come down to a road through a kissing gate. **Cross straight over, through gap, and across the fields opposite.** You pass through the gap in the wall in the middle of the field and across to a stile beyond which is a road.
- 13.** **Cross over the road and turn left** into Bakestone Moor. The road bends right as you reach the first houses. Carry on across New Street and a little further on the road bends right with a high stone wall to your right hand side. Follow this road for about 200 metres until you get to the Royal Oak Pub on your right hand side (Traditional end of the LSW). **Carry on past the pub continuing along the main road** for a further 750 metres. Keep to right hand pavement. Cross over Sandy Lane, Franklin Avenue then Southfield Lane. Just after last crossing the road bends right. **Here, turn right onto Butt Hill.** 25 metres on and opposite the bungalows, **take the second path on the left leading down to The Square. Cross straight over the road and into the Community Centre checkpoint via the gardens.**