

Louise Smalley Challenge Walk 2021

Daisy Flower Walk.

Route 2

Steetley-Turnerwood-Thorpe Salvin – (9.5miles)

Notes on this section!

- A) Steetley** - The chapel is said to have been built by the landowner Gley le Breton, during the Anarchy of Stephen (1135-1154) but it could be earlier, Anglo Saxon times even. One reason is the evidence of a slot behind the main door which would have been used as an invasion beam. In the year 1349, Steetley, like most of the country, fell victim to the Great Plague. In the 17th century, during the Civil War, a skirmish took place between the Roundheads and the Cavaliers in the Chapel grounds and musket ball holes are still visible on the outer walls of the Chapel. Just when it looked as if Steetley Chapel would remain a ruin, the opening of coal mines in the 18th century revived the village and the restoration of the Chapel began under the direction of Canon Mason, the Rector of Whitwell. The work was finally completed in 1880 and the Chapel was re-dedicated to All Saints.
- B) Turnerwood** - on the Chesterfield Canal, linked the River Trent to the centre of Chesterfield to transport coal from the coalfields of Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire and South Yorkshire. At Turnerwood you can see a run of 22 'staircase' locks built almost 250 years ago by James Brindley, the famous canal engineer.
- C) Thorpe Salvin** contains the ruins of Thorpe Hall, a manor house designed and built by Robert Smythson in 1570. It was built on the site of the previous manor house which was the residence of an earlier lord of the manor, Sir Bryan Sandford, Knight, who fought for Henry Tudor at the Battle of Bosworth Field, 19 August 1485. Sir Bryan was one of many who defected from Richard III's army just days before the battle. In 1636, the hall was bought by Edward Osborne. When his descendant Thomas Osborne became Duke of Leeds, he moved out to a grander property in Kiveton Park, and the hall fell into disuse. It was partially demolished in the 1820s, with only the south front now remaining. It is Grade II* Listed.[3]
1. Leave the Community Centre car park and **turn left**. At the Square **cross over the road towards the war memorial**. From the war memorial island **cross over the road again to start walking up Hanger Hill**. After a few meters, immediately after the newly converted flats, **turn left to walk up a flight of steps**.
 2. At the top of the steps **continue ahead** along the narrow path. When you come to houses **take the path diagonally to your left**. You now are walking up a narrow path with hedge to your left and fencing then hedge on the right. After 100m or so at a junction in paths **take the right fork** and then immediately at another junction **the left hand fork**. **Continue uphill** firstly with fence to either side then hedges.

3. At the top of this path you reach a stone slab stile. **Over the stile turn right** to continue on pavement along Doles Lane. At the junction with Hanger Hill **keep straight on along Doles Lane. Continue ahead** to the end of the tarmac road then continue along the dirt track ahead, (still Doles Lane).
4. After the lane bends to the left start looking for a gap in the hedge on your right. When you reach this gap **turn right to follow the clear footpath across an arable field.** Continue on to a grass track ahead with broken hedge on your right. At the junction of paths **turn left along the wide dirt track.**
5. Pass a large house and buildings, **continue along the tarmac drive** to reach the main road, A619. **Cross with care and turn left to walk on the grass verge. After a few metres turn right at the junction and walk facing the oncoming traffic.**
6. Continue around the bends with care passing a residential property on the left. **Turn left at the next junction** immediately before the stone barn conversions. This is marked by a wooden finger post marked Dumb Hall Farm. **History Label "A"**. Pass Steetly Chapel on the left. Pass the first entrance to Dumb Hall farm on your left. Continue to the point of the second entrance to Dumb Hall farm on your left. **At this point turn right to follow the footpath marked by the metal fingerpost.**
7. Walk with the large hedge on your right. Continue until you reach a way marker post indicating the path on your left to cross the arable field. **Take this path to the other side of the field.** Cross a stile with a fingerpost topped with yellow paint. Pass the end of Scratta Wood on your left. **Head straight ahead on the path between arable fields.** Come to and pass around a metal barrier. Proceed until you reach a tarmac lane and **turn right.**
8. Walk on the tarmac road with Netherthorpe Airfield on your left. Pass Sheffield Aero Club buildings. Continue on passing houses and buildings. When you reach the road junction with Brook House on the left **turn left**, continue for about 100m then **cross over the road to turn right up Little Lane.**
9. After about 200m the road bends to the left. At this point **leave the lane to continue straight ahead on the footpath crossing the field.** At the end of the path you pass into an area with Cowley Railway Contractors on the right. Proceed to the tarmacked lane and **turn right into the hamlet of Turner Wood**, red phone box directly ahead. The lane bends to the left towards the canal. **History Label "B"**.
10. **Pass over the canal bridge then immediately turn left to walk on the tow path** with the canal on your left. Pass several locks and walk under bridge No. 35 to continue on to reach bridge No. 34. Pass under this bridge but then immediately **turn right to walk up the ramp** (back on yourself), **through the kissing gate and turn right to walk over the bridge** to the other side of the canal.

- 11.** Turn left and walk on the track through the trees for a distance of about 100m. Then turn right at the footpath fingerpost. Now proceed with post & rail fence on your left and woodland on the right. Pass through a kissing gate, **continue with field on the left**, woodland on the right. At the next kissing gate **turn right to walk along the road into Thorpe Salvin. History Label "C".**
- 12.** Continue to road junction then **turn left up Common Road**. Pass out of the village with Orchard Lodge on the left then after about 100m **turn right to walk on a narrow, but tarmacked lane**. After a few hundred metres **turn left onto the footpath indicated by the metal footpath fingerpost**.
- 13.** Cross the field to a gap in the hedge with a broken kissing gate, **continue with field on the right, tall hedge on your left**. As you start to pass properties on your left come to a kissing gate then proceed ahead along a narrow path with timber and wire fencing on either side. **Go down some steps then continue straight ahead** to walk on the raised path with tall bushes and trees to either side. Down some more steps and cross a small wooden bridge. **Go up a few steps to cross an "A" frame stile that brings you onto a road**.
- 14.** At the road **turn right and immediately take the right hand fork and continue along this tarmacked lane**. When you reach a crossroads of the lanes **turn right to walk along Whitwell Road**. No tipping here! The lane will become a dirt track and bends round to the left. At the point of passing a metal barrier on your left the path ahead of you becomes narrower and is bounded by hedges on either side.
- 15.** At a junction of paths and fingerpost **keep ahead with high hedges either side**. At a point where a farm track passes over the path **continue ahead staying on the path which is now Firbeck Lane**. When you reach the main road, A619, **cross with care and head towards the metal barrier. Pass through a gap to the left of this barrier**.
- 16.** Follow the path. After 20 metres path turns to the right. Follow the path back towards Whitwell. When you reach the road, which is Doles Lane, **turn right** and continue until the junction on your left with Hanger Hill. **Here turn left** and continue until the next junction where you **turn right and walk down hill** back towards the community Centre. **Pass over the war memorial junction** and reach the Community Centre on your right. **Enter the checkpoint via the gardens**.