

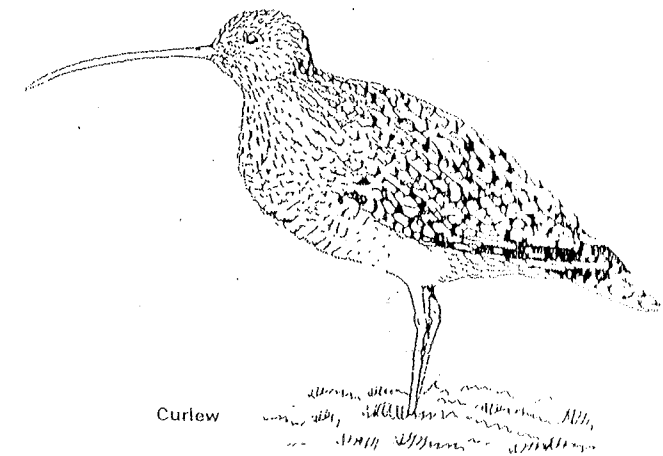
Along Bank Lane for 100 yards and take the next footpath on the left over a stone stile. Follow the wall on your right and over the next stone stile further down the walling. Bear left around the field boundary until you reach a wooden stile on your left and follow the hedgerow on your right. There are good views here of Hoyland, Hooper Stand and Keppel's Column.

8. After about 300 yards from the last gateway bear left across the field towards a mound of rubble and stone wall which was once a dwelling known as Shipmanthorpe.

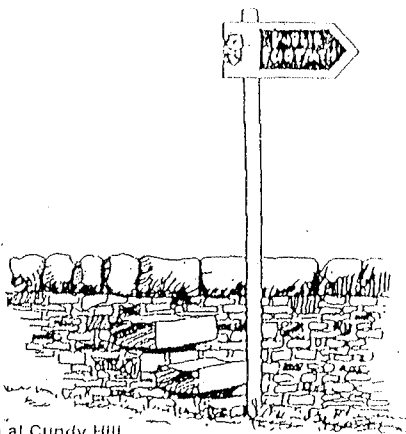
9. Join a farm track and follow it down to Penistone Road. Carefully cross the road, straight on over the stone stile and down the edge of Booth Wood. (This is a narrow path and can become overgrown in summer with brambles etc).

Across Howbrook and bear right over the stile. Most people take the route left up the wood side and right along the sparse hedgerow. The official footpath route however, is straight on for a short distance then up to the field. (You may have to find the 'best way' here as the wood can be overgrown but the spring flowers and woodland plants will make your search worthwhile). Follow the edge of the field right towards the wooded area. There is a wire fence around this wood.

10. Bear left over the field. As you reach the top of the slope you will see West Side Farm buildings in front of you. Continue over the stone stile and on to Berry Lane. Turn left at the lane and return to your starting point at Howbrook.



Curlew



Sign at Cundy Hill

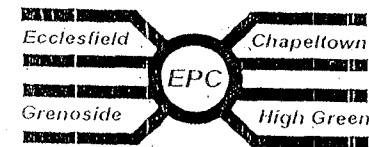
### COUNTRY CODE

#### WHEN IN THE COUNTRYSIDE - REMEMBER:

- GUARD AGAINST ALL RISK OF FIRE
- FASTEN ALL GATES
- KEEP DOGS UNDER PROPER CONTROL
- KEEP TO PATHS ACROSS FARMLAND
- AVOID DAMAGING FENCES, HEDGES AND WALLS
- DO NOT LEAVE LITTER
- SAFEGUARD WATER SUPPLIES
- PROTECT WILDLIFE, WILD PLANTS AND TREES.
- WALK CAREFULLY ON COUNTRY ROADS
- RESPECT THE LIFE OF THE COUNTRYSIDE

#### Acknowledgements:

Ecclesfield Parish Council thank all concerned in suggesting this walk for your enjoyment. Times stated are for average walkers, but many will be tempted to take longer to experience the wide variety of seasonal wildlife, and develop interest in the rich history of this area. There are groups and individuals in the parish who can help with information about things you see on the walks. Ecclesfield Parish Council will advise where possible, and Sheffield City Council has various departments specialising in, and with responsibility for many environmental, planning and countryside issues.



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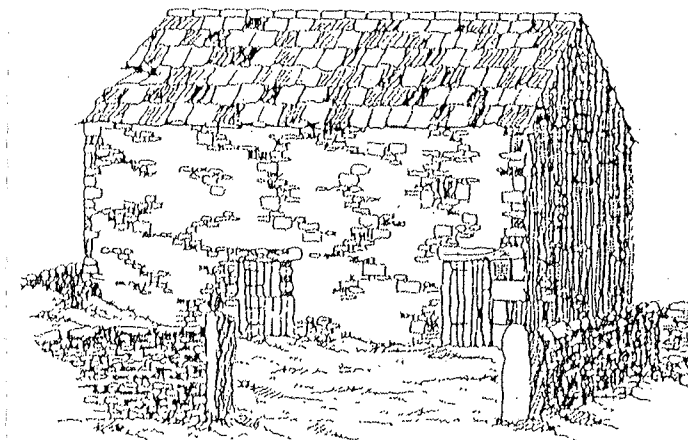
## WALKS AROUND THE PARISH

NO. 10

### HOWBROOK - CUNDY HILL

Original walk by Mr & Mrs Ogden  
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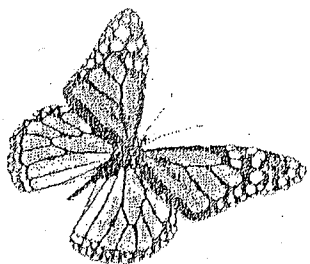
Barn at West Side

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BOOTS OR STOUT SHOES ARE  
RECOMMENDED FOR THIS WALK

DISTANCE: 4 miles (2 - 3 hours)  
STARTING POINTS: Howbrook cross roads  
GRID REFERENCE: SK326982  
BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

This walk offers a good variety of quiet country lanes, woodlands and open farmland. Most of the walk is gently undulating with one fairly steep climb for about 200 yards in Wharncliffe Wood. Masses of woodland and hedgerow flowers, birds and butterflies in season and some good views of wider countryside.



#### ROUTE INSTRUCTIONS:

1. From the crossroads at Howbrook walk along Berry Lane which has very little traffic on it. The walk passes over Howbrook with Berry Fold Farm on the right. Continue along the lane with a good mixture of plants and flowers on the banking such as dogs mercury, cuckoo pint, celandine and wild strawberry to name but a few. As Berry Lane joins Penistone Road carefully cross the road and continue straight on up Bank Lane. Past Bank End Farm as the lane swings right.
2. About 300 yards past the farm turn left onto the footpath opposite the stone house. Follow this rough surface lane through the gate posts marked 'Private Drive' as it swings through Smithy Fold Farm. Immediately past the farm continue left up the lane to Woodhead Road. (An opportunity to take a rest on the stone 'seat' provided by Smith Fold Farm sign). Turn right for about 50 yards to the bridleway on your left.
3. Follow this through a gateway, keeping the Wharncliffe Chase Boundary wall on your left. A little further along on your right you pass an

interesting old woodland containing oak, beech, sweet chestnut and sycamore. On the left the old hunting chase is now a haven for skylark, meadow pipit and curlew.

4. At the bottom of the track go through the gate (not into Wharncliffe Woods) and continue on the track as it swings right. After about of a mile there is a pond in the trees on the left. About 200 yards past the pond look for a footpath on the right. The path is not very clear at this point but there is a small wooden bridge crossing the stream. Go over the bridge and follow the steep path up the hill through the birch trees. This is a steep climb for about 200 yards.

5. Over the stile at the top and aim slightly right across the field to the wood corner. In spring there may be ewes and lambs in this field. If so, find the best route to the wall at the top of the field and

head for the wood. At the stone stile at the corner of the wood look back at the view of the Stockbridge Valley and Underbank reservoir beyond. This is convenient halfway view point to have lunch. Over the stile and bear slightly right up through the beech trees. Onto the stone stile near the wall corner, over this and turn left down Chemistry Lane.

6. Continue down Moorside Farm - with views to the left of Wortley church. At the farm turn right onto a rough surfaced bridleway. Follow this track through fields as it bends to the left and joins Woodhead Road. 7. At Woodhead Road turn left and after some 50 yards take the next right onto Bank Lane. At this junction there is a stone block which supports a refurbished 'Cundy Cross'.

