Step Out at SWFC
## The Wednesday Walk on Thursdays

87 – Stannington South – 2.9 miles, 422ft climb

Back to the hills this week, but not as steep (apart from a little bit at the bottom of the hill). Park in the library car park (as usual) and we walk down the hill and back up again, with a short down hill bit at the end.

Clockwise

From the car park, head east through the park to emerge into Oldfield Terrace, cross the road and go down Stannington Road and bear right onto Oldfield Avenue and down to Oldfield Avenue. Ross to the top of Long Lane, then take the track (Parkside Lane) heading across the hillside.
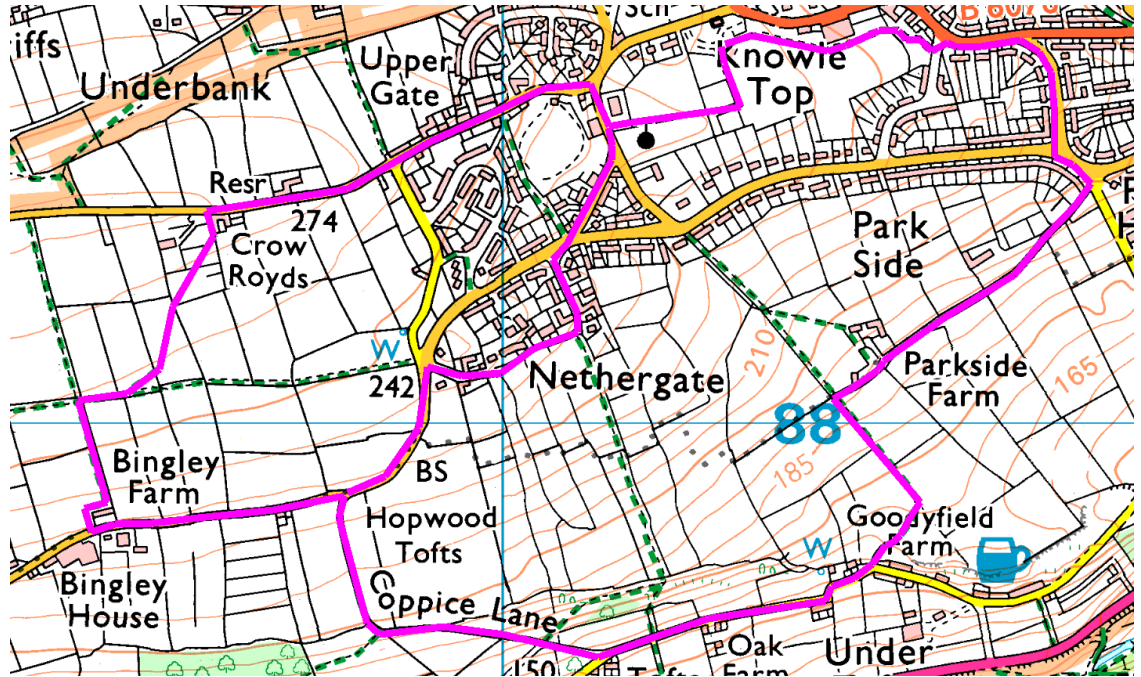
At Parkside Farm, go under the strange stile

and carry on to the end of the path, then turn left, down the hill. Carry on down to the stile out onto Tofts Lane and turn right along the road. After 500 metres (quarter of a mile for the older people), bear right up Coppice Lane, which brings you out onto Bingley Lane. This is a fairly busy and bendy lane, so watch out for traffic (whichever way you want to go).

For the long walk, turn left and head to Bingly Farm. Take the footpath just past the farm which goes round behind the farm then up through the tree nursery. At the end of the trees, turn right, cross the stile and the first field, then bear left in the next field to cross a stile and up to the Freeman Biodynamic Garden at Cro Royds. Follow the path through the nursery to come out on Riggs High Road, turn right and follow down back to the Park.

For a shorter walk (and not quite so hilly), at the top of coppice lane turn right and follow the road round to Nethergate. Turn right and follow round to Oldfield Road, cross over and take Sholl Lane, then cross the Lomas Hall car park, across the field to the right corner and through into the park.

Risks:

- Several busy roads to cross – please be careful.
- Quieter side streets to cross / walk along; watch out for cyclists and cars.
- Footpaths – dogs, tree roots, etc. Mud, wet leaves, slippery if wet.
- Stiles, some with steps – please help each other on the more awkward ones!