

Step Out at SWFC

The Wednesday Walk on Thursdays



92 – Whitley and Horbury – 3.2 miles

A bit different this week, we go to an area we have never really walked round before. Starting in Whitley, we walk up to Burn Cross and return via Horbury. If we have time there's a walk across nearly to Ecclesfield Priory; or we can just slog back up the roadside! Park at the side of Whitley Lane in Whitley village (head out on the A61 through Grenoside, then turn right on the road signposted Whitley).

Clockwise

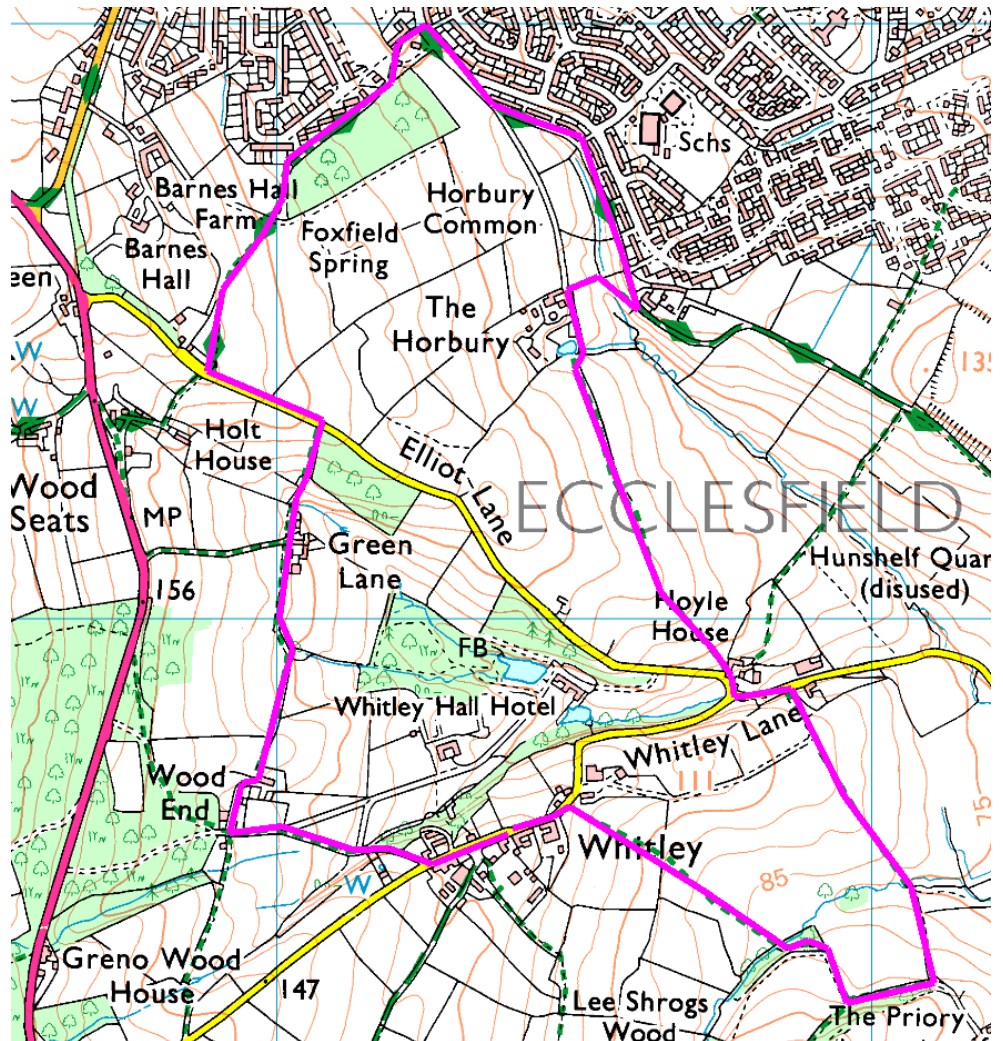
After parking, walk back up the hill, past the houses, then turn right into the track with the 'public footpath' and TPT signs. Follow through to the cottages at Wood End and turn right, through the hamlet. As the road bends right, bear left over the stile.

Cross 3 fields, keeping the hedge on your right, then go through Green Lane farmyard and out the other side. Follow the path up beside the wood, out onto Elliot Lane.

Turn left then, just before the buildings, take the footpath through the kissing gate on the right. Cross the field and enter Foxfield Spring Wood. Follow the path for a while before bearing left, cross a bridge and exit the wood into Ferns Park, then bear right and head out to Chapel Road.

Turn right, then bear right into Horbury Lane and left into Windmill Hill Lane. At the end of the road, turn right and follow the footpath downhill as it bends round past The Horbury and across the field to Hoyle House. Go out onto Elliot Lane and then onto Whitley Lane, and decide how tired you are...

From here, the short route is right, up Whitley Lane and back to the cars. But that's too easy for us, so we turn left for a few yards then bear right, uphill and keep bearing right onto the footpath across the field. Cross the stream and on over the next field, into the woods and uphill. Take a sharp turn right and head through the woods, bear right and out across a field and the stream, then up across another field to emerge back on Whitley Road. Turn left and return to the cars.



Risks

A short bit of road and a couple of crossings, watch out for cars.

A few stiles (7 or 8)

Footpaths (mud, slipping, tree roots, steps, etc) and possibly wet grass.

Bikes, horses and dogs

