

Step Out at SWFC

The Wednesday Walk on Thursdays

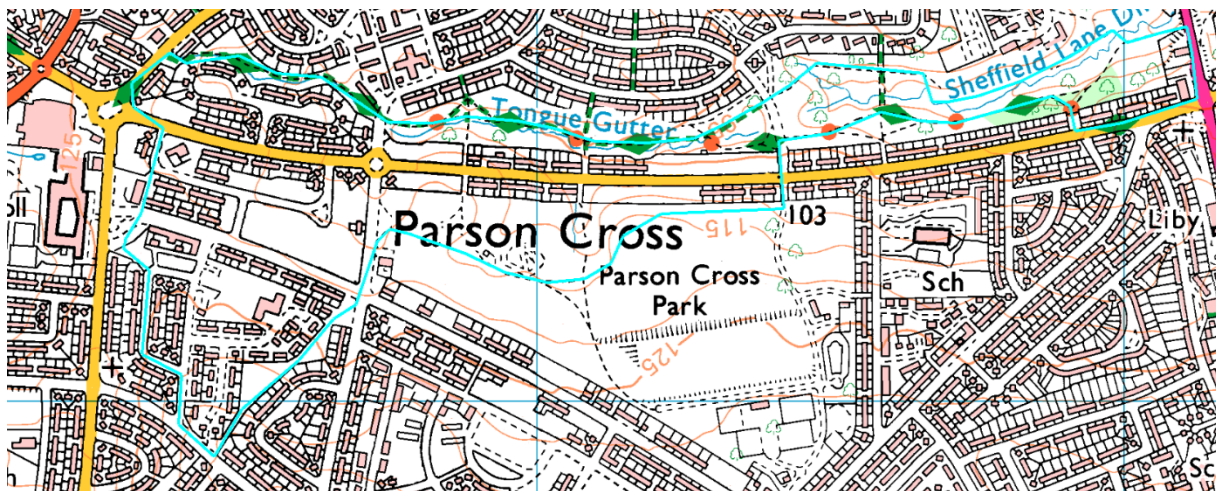


Walk 100 – Tongue Gutter (for the snowdrops) – 3.1 miles

It's February, so it must be time for our (nearly) annual visit to find snowdrops. Parking at the end of Buchanan Road opposite the Learning Zone (go past Asda, round the roundabouts onto Wordsworth Ave then first left and it's on your right. This route avoids the worst of the road works!).

Anticlockwise:

From the car park cross Buchanan Road and go behind the library and out onto Deerlands Avenue. Cross over (carefully) and



turn left, then follow the pavement round into Wordsworth Avenue. At the end of the first block of houses, turn right and go down beside the garages and onto the path beside Tongue Gutter.

Follow the path over Holgate Avenue and Holgate Crescent, bearing left (may be a bit muddy) then continue till you cross over the stream. Here, turn left and go along to Sheffield Lane (which is either called High Greave or Barnsley Road, but Sheffield Lane Dike and Sheffield Lane Top don't make sense if we forget the original name). There is a flight of steps which may be in bad condition, leading up to the road; at the top, turn right then right at the crossroads and right back onto the TPT. If the steps are too dangerous, just retrace your steps to the bridge and take the other path up a better set of steps to arrive at the same place.

Follow the TPT back to Holgate Crescent then turn left, cross Deerlands and enter Parson Cross Park. Turn right across the grass and follow the various paths (which they keep changing) out onto Adlington Road. Turn left and at the junction with Buchanan Road, bear right up the footpath behind the houses. This climbs a bit and comes out on Southey Hill; turn right and right again into Lytton Road then left into Lytton Crescent and cross the grass at the bottom back to the cars.

Risks:

- A couple of busy roads, be specially careful crossing near roundabouts. Watch out for bikes.
- There shouldn't be much mud or ice but watch out for it. Dog dirt is likely (does anybody remember Yao?).
- Most of the route is tarmac or hard packed gravel, but there are a couple of places which are always muddy.