

Step Out at SWFC

The Wednesday Walk on Thursdays

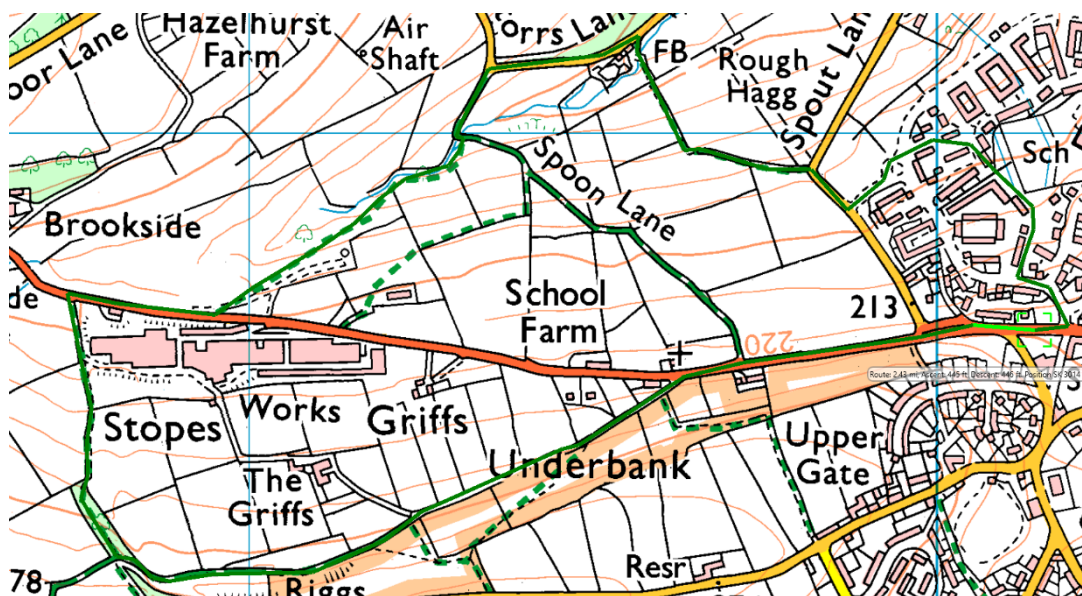


Walk 101 – Stannington and Stopes – 2.5 miles

We're going exploring! I'm saying that so when we get lost, you won't be surprised. Starting on Stannington Road we will walk down through the 'Acorn Estate' to Spout Lane, across the fields to Storrs Lane, along Spoon Lane and hopefully arrive at Stopes – then back along Riggs Low Lane to Underbank Chapel. It's quite a short walk but it's hilly and may be wet underfoot in places. Park on Stannington Road anywhere between the school and the chapel.

Anticlockwise:

From the cars, head back into Stannington and turn left onto Acorn Drive then third right onto Spoon Way. Follow round to the end and through the jinnel to Albanus Croft, then immediately right between the houses and right again to Albanus Ridge. Go straight across the end and through to Lomas Close then Left through to Lomas Lea. (are you lost yet?)



At the end of Lomas Lea, cross Acorn Drive and go down Acorn Way to Spout Lane. Turn right (downhill) then where the road bends right, cross over (carefully) and go down the footpath across the fields and Storrs Brook to Storrs Lane. Turn left, then where the road bends right (steeply uphill), turn left onto Spoon Lane. Go down, cross Storrs Brook again and take the first footpath on the right which goes slowly uphill to come out opposite the old factory at Stopes.

Turn right along Stannington Road (which is called Stopes Road along here) then turn left up the footpath past the new estate and climb quite steeply up to Riggs Low Road. Turn left and follow back to Underbank Chapel and the cars.

Risks:

- A couple of busy roads, be specially careful crossing Spout Lane near the bend.
- There shouldn't be much mud or ice but watch out for it. Dog dirt is likely.
- Grass may be slippery if wet (forecast is for rain in the morning, so boots are recommended).