

# Step Out at SWFC

## The Wednesday Walk on Thursdays



### Walk 113 – Bolehills and Mulehouse Park – 2.6 miles

I have found a new park we haven't visited yet – Mulehouse Park. Unfortunately, it has no parking, so we are starting the walk at an old favourite, Bolehills. Also, it's on the top of the hill, so this walk has a fair bit of uphill (and downhill), but there is a level shortcut which cuts out a chunk of it if you want. Park on Longfield Road or Woodfield Road (go up Walkley Road, follow round to Heavygate Road and Northfield Road, then once past Hale Court (the old church) and the zebra crossing, turn right).

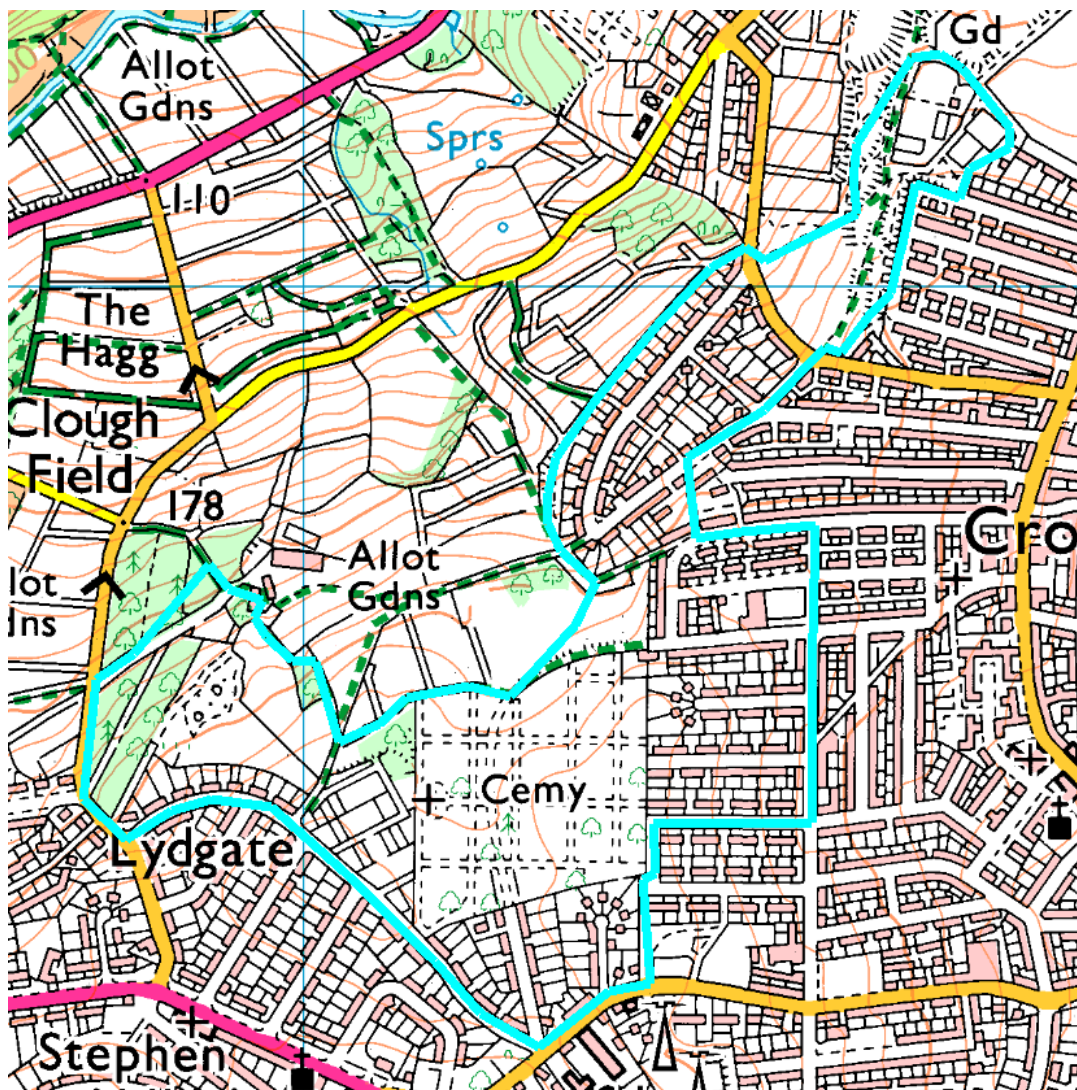
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We start with a walk round Bolehills Park, so go through the gate on Longfield Road and head round the tennis courts and the bowling green. Bear left round the bowling green, then right at the X and bear downhill to come out on Tinker Lane near St Anthony Road. Take the track at the back of the houses and follow it all the way round to Mulehouse Park (the second grassy area).

Head diagonally across the grass towards the cemetery gates, but turn right on the path and follow round the outside wall, then past the allotments. At the corner of the allotments, turn right then bear left,

downhill towards Cloughfields Cat Hotel. Go through between the buildings and cross the road into the woods for a short distance, then turn left and follow the path out onto Clough Fields road. Bear right out to Back Lane and turn left, looking down over another set of allotments to the excellent view beyond.

Head up Back Lane and round left onto Marsh Lane, then all the way to the other end, past the other side of the cemetery. At the end of Marsh Lane turn left onto Lydgate Lane and pass Headland Drive before taking the ginnel before the park. Follow round Forres Avenue out to Cross Lane, turn left and follow up to the end of Suthard Cross Road. Turn left on Stannington View Road and right down the ginnel between the flats and the new houses. Turn right on Bole Hill Lane out to Tinker Lane, cross over and return to the cars through the park.



## Shortcuts / alternatives

- 1) A lot of the hill in this walk is around Clough Fields, and this can be avoided easily. After crossing the grass on Mulehouse Park and going past the allotments, turn left instead of right and go straight out to Marsh Lane, then turn right and resume the walk.
- 2) The second half of this walk is on pavements, sometimes beside a busy road. There is an alternative of going through the graveyard, but I know some people might not like this. At the end of Marsh Lane (before joining Lydgate Lane) turn left into Headland Road. This will take you through the cemetery and out onto Mulehouse Park; turn right to Mulehouse Road then left onto Stannington View Road and through the ginnel just before the flats to rejoin the main route.

## Risks:

A bit of road walking, so cars, kerbs, etc. A couple of busy roads to cross, so take care.

Dog muck! Hopefully not too much mud but we are following a footpath through the wood, so it may be slippery

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