

Step Out at SWFC

The Wednesday Walk on Thursdays



Walk 122 –Brookside Bank – 2.9 miles

A fairly gentle walk, although the downhill is a bit steep in places. Half a mile downhill then 2 miles uphill! Some road walking, to avoid a very muddy footpath, but mainly off road (and not too muddy). Park on the right hand verge of Riggs High Road somewhere near Hallcliffe Farm (up Stannington road, bear right at the Co-Op and then turn left at the park, pass the library and bear right onto Uppergate Road. Pass the Quaker Cemetery and the trees, then park where the verge gets wider.)

Anticlockwise:

From the cars, head back towards Stannington before taking the track on the left. This is Riggs Low Road (follow it all the way and you get to the chapel at Underbank). After a few yards take the footpath up on the left which then drops down quite steeply to Stopes Road – turn left, over the bridge, then right up Brookside Lane.

This climbs up to Lee Moor Lane, and if you want to you can turn right and left and left again to cross a field the cows have churned into a mud patch, but for the sensible amongst us, turn left and climb gently up to Rye Lane. Turn right and a slightly steeper climb but with an ice cream at the end (hopefully).

Ice creams eaten, head across to Hill Top Road and take the first footpath on the left which climbs gently towards Bents Farm. Turn right on the track then left on Bents Lane. Bear right to head across Load Brook and (gently) up to Beeton Farm, which you might remember from the time we got lost. Turn left on the farm track, up to Short Lane (which changes into Riggs High Road) and then *down* to the cars.

Risks:

- Little bit of road walking – quiet roads but watch out for traffic.
- The descent is quite steep and a bit rough underfoot.
- May be muddy – boots (or sandals) recommended.
- Some rough fields.

