

Step Out at SWFC

The Wednesday Walk on Thursdays



131 – Robin Hood and Nook End - 2.2 miles (Grade 1)

An easy walk this week, since the ground is very wet. No muddy footpaths, the walk is mainly on tarmac and hard gravel paths with a bit of grass. Some climbing but nothing steep, a few steps. Based on one of the walks Step Out Sheffield run (so it must be easy!), it's very unusual because I have walked it all before.

We start on Myers Grove Lane, Stannington, between Greaves Lane and the end.

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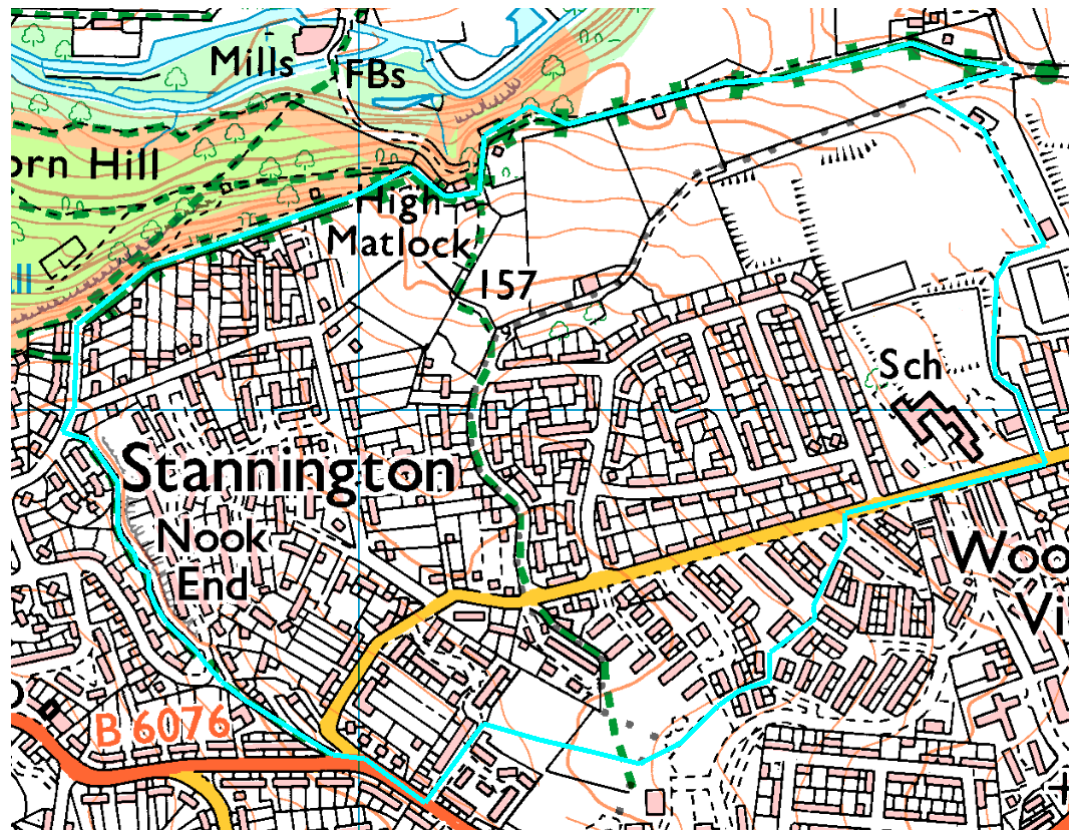
We start by walking along Greaves Lane, past the old Robin Hood and along the track till it bears left away from the wood. Pass Acorn Hill (on the left), then turn left after the next building on the footpath.

Follow this footpath round, admiring the views as you go. At the end, cross the road (with care) and continue on the footpath on the other side, onto Nook End. This part may be muddy as it is used by cars.

At the end, turn left, cross Wood Lane and walk down Stannington Road as far as Stannington Glen. Turn left and go straight on down the snicket, then right onto 'Deer Park' (don't know when the last deer was seen here...). Head across the grass towards the playground then turn left on the tarmac path and head between the houses. There is a network of paths round here, but just head straight on whenever you can – eventually you will come out on Wood Lane. Turn right, down past the school, then turn left on the footpath, and follow this past the Community Centre and back to Myers Grove Lane.

Risks

- A couple of awkward road crossings on blind bends and a bit of walking on pavements and quiet roads. Watch out for cars, bikes, etc.
- No stiles but a few steps. Most paths are good, but some may be wet.
- Some parts may be muddy and wet grass, so boots recommended.



ROBIN HOOD:

everyone is familiar with the story of Robin Hood or Robin of Loxley as he is often called. He was reputedly born at Haggis Croft now the site of Normandale House (approx. 100 yards from the start of the Loxley section of this walk) and later said to have lived in the woods near to the current location of the Robin Hood Inn.

ROBIN HOOD INN – LITTLE MATLOCK:

was built in 1804- by Thomas Halliday who was known for building several other substantial properties in the area, The inn was designed with the purpose of attracting the gentry of Sheffield and beyond by creating water gardens and woodland walks etc. in the area which reminded him so much of Matlock in Derbyshire that he named it Little Matlock.