

# Step Out at SWFC

## The Wednesday Walk on Thursdays



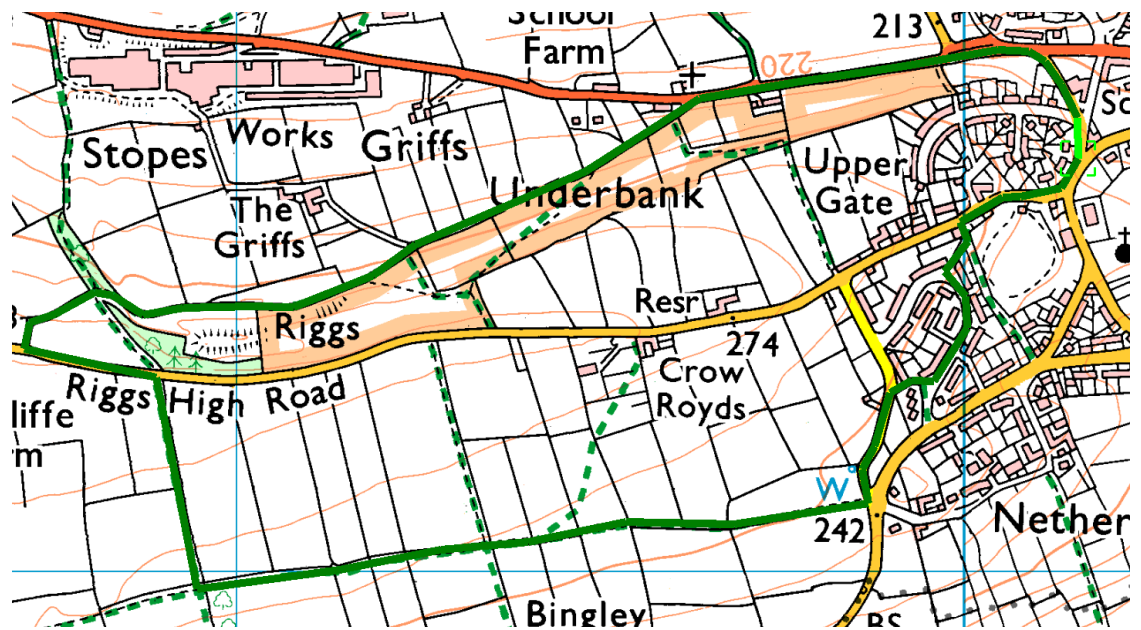
### 138 – Stannington Riggs Winter Walk - 2.4 miles (Grade 2)

We've done all the bits of this walk before, just not in this order (or this way round). Starting on Stannington Road near the chapel, we walk up Low Riggs Road, over the top of the hill and back across the fields, before walking round Uppergate to get down to the cars. No busy roads to cross, but quite a lot of grassy paths (which could be wet and a bit muddy) so boots recommended. A few stiles including some very narrow squeeze stiles, but if I can squeeze through, you should have no problems.

Park on Stannington Road, near Underbank Chapel.

Anticlockwise

Head down the road towards the chapel but bear left up Low Riggs Road which starts off as a tarmacked road then becomes a gravel track which eventually winds round to High Riggs Road. Turn left for a hundred yards then take the footpath across the fields on your right.



(If the grass is very wet, you might want to walk back along Riggs High Road, past the new 'woodland' cemetery and the old Quaker cemetery and rejoin the walk on Uppergate Road.)

Follow the path down the side of 2 fields till you reach a very tight squeeze stile at the bottom. Go through this and immediately turn left, through another tight stile (or go through the gates if they are open...) Follow this path as it slowly descends through another half dozen stiles (not all of which expect you to be slim) to come out on the road opposite Nethergate. Turn sharp left, up Reynard Lane which is a bit narrow and twisty so watch out for cars. Where the pavement starts on the right, take the snicket beside the house and follow round Well Green Road till the top, where a footpath takes you through to Uppergate Road. Turn right, then follow the signs for Bradfield till you get back to the cars.

#### Risks

- Five roads to cross, all fairly quiet. The shortcut goes along a road with no pavements, so take care if going this way. Watch out for cars, bikes, etc.
- Several stiles, mainly squeezers. Most paths are good, but some may be wet. Lots of wet grass, so wear boots.

