

# Step Out at SWFC

## The Wednesday Walk on Thursdays



### 140 – Attercliffe - 3.0 miles (Grade 2)

A three mile walk, but flat as a (not quite flat) pancake. Starting from beside the river, we climb up through the Don Valley Bowl to join the canal towpath, then half a mile later we climb to the highest point on the walk when we cross Bacon Lane Bridge. After a bit of road walking, we drop down to join the 5 weirs walk and follow the Don back to the cars. When we walked this on Saturday, we saw two kingfishers and a fox, so keep your eyes open. A couple of bits are dirty, but for once you don't need boots. No stiles, a few steps up, no steep climbs or descents, but this walk is rated 2 because there are some very busy roads to cross and you are walking beside the canal.

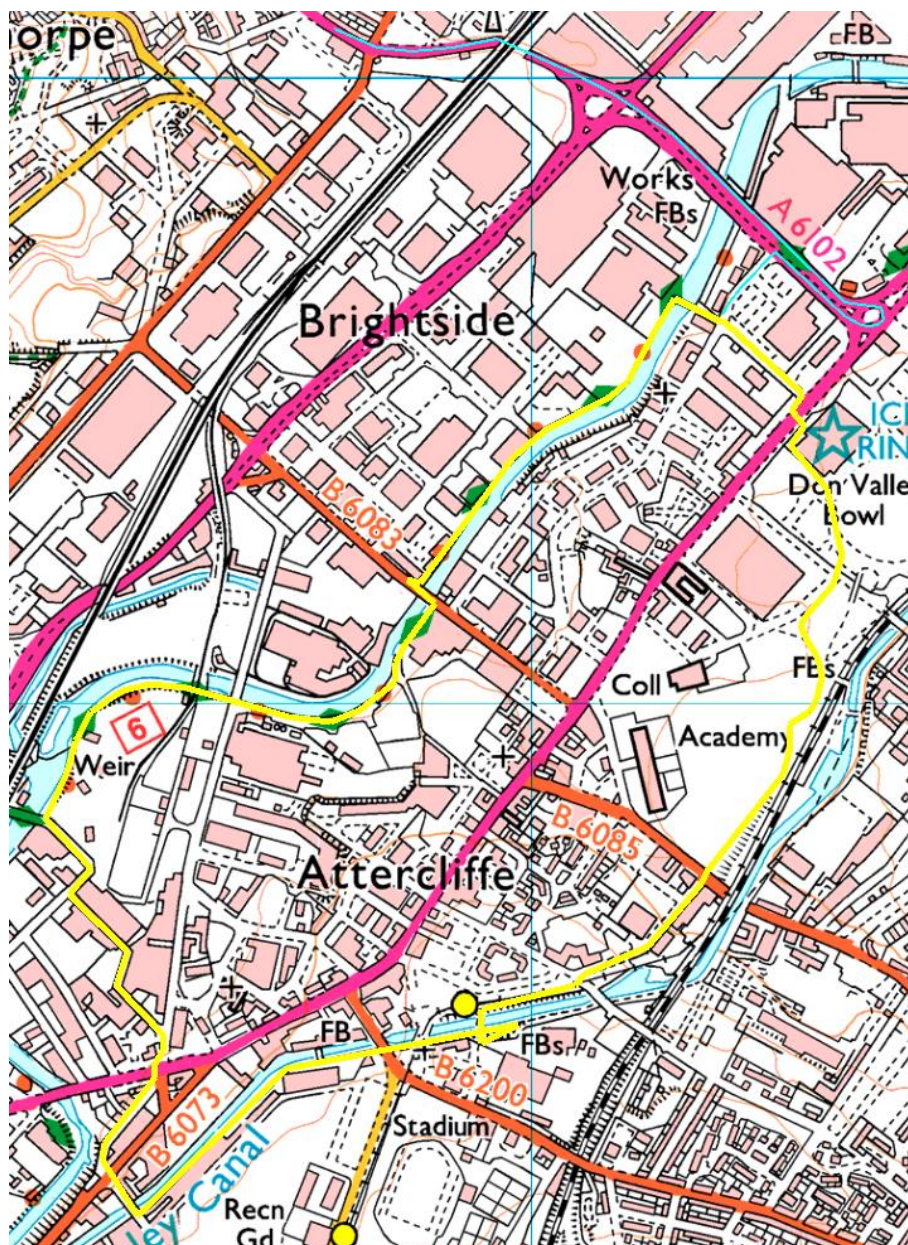
Park on Bold Street, past the one way bit – straight out on Herres Rd, over the river then right round the roundabout, back down the other side of the dual carriageway, and take the first left (the blue line on the map).

Clockwise

We start up Amberley Street, right at the end onto Attercliffe Common then cross at the pelican crossing and straight up the steps. Go in front of Ice Sheffield, down into the Bowl and bear left to come out on Coleridge Road. Cross over and follow the path left, round the mound then right at the junction, down to Darnall Road.

Cross with care, then straight on up Chippingham Street to the tram stop at the top. Cross the lines and turn left at the far end of the platform to cross the footbridge over the canal. Turn left down the slope then sharp left onto the towpath, and follow under 4 bridges – the one you just crossed, the tram bridge, Staniforth Road and a footbridge to nowhere – before bearing left and up in Bacon Lane.

Turn right, over the canal, down to Effingham Road and across onto Stoke Street. On the left is a footpath beside the Don, but it leads to part of the 5 Weirs Walk which has collapsed (years ago) so we need to find a diversion. Carry on round Stoke Street, left at the end and cross Attercliffe Road onto



Stevenson Road. Turn left onto Birch Road and follow through Livingston Road and Bessemer Road before turning right onto Faraday Road which becomes East Coast Road before reaching the river. Just before the bridge, turn right onto the 5 Weirs Walk and follow the riverbank back to the cars – just go straight on after the footbridge to come out on Bold Street.

#### Risks

- Five busy roads to cross, one has a pelican crossing but the other needs care.
- Watch out for cars, bikes, etc., especially on the off-road parts as these are heavily used by cyclists.
- Canal towpath – quite narrow path, immediately beside the water, so very careful!