

# Step Out at SWFC

## The Wednesday Walk on Thursdays



150 – Middleton Green – 2.3 miles

Another grade 2 walk this week (not very hilly, mainly good footpaths, a few stiles and a little mud.) About 300 feet of gentle climbing. People who can remember back to October last year will find parts of this walk familiar, but rest assured there are bits you have never walked before...

Starting in Ecclesfield, we walk mainly along footpaths to Middleton Green and on to Wood End then return to Whitley and back across the fields to Ecclesfield Priory. Park on the road at the top of Priory Road (down the Wheel and turn left just before the church).

Clockwise

Take the track between the cemetery and the Gatty Memorial Hall:

*The Gatty Memorial Hall was built as a memorial to the Reverend Dr. Alfred Gatty, who was vicar of St Mary's, Ecclesfield from 1839 to 1903. The building was paid for by public subscription and cost £1,300 to build.*



Follow the path as it bends right behind the houses on Town End Road, and on across a field. If the gate is open, you can use this to get out to the road, otherwise use the footpath in the corner of the field.

Once on the road, turn right then bear right on Cinder Hill Lane. Keep going past the cricket club then take the footpath on the left which drops away before climbing back up to the road. Turn right then take the footpath on the left, up the hill to the highest point on the walk. Pause to admire the views before crossing Whitley Lane and following the path down to Wood End where you turn right on Whitley Carr and follow round to Whitley. Turn left on Whitley Lane and through the village before taking the footpath on the right and follow the path across the fields and back to Ecclesfield.

Risks

- No major road crossings, but a bit of walking on pavements and country roads. Watch out for tractors, cars, bikes and horses.
- A few stiles (about 6), and a few steps. Most paths are good, but some may be muddy.
- Some parts have lots of wet grass, so boots recommended.

