

Step Out at SWFC

The Wednesday Walk on Thursdays



159 – Sensicall Park and Hagg Stones, Oughtibridge – 2.3 miles

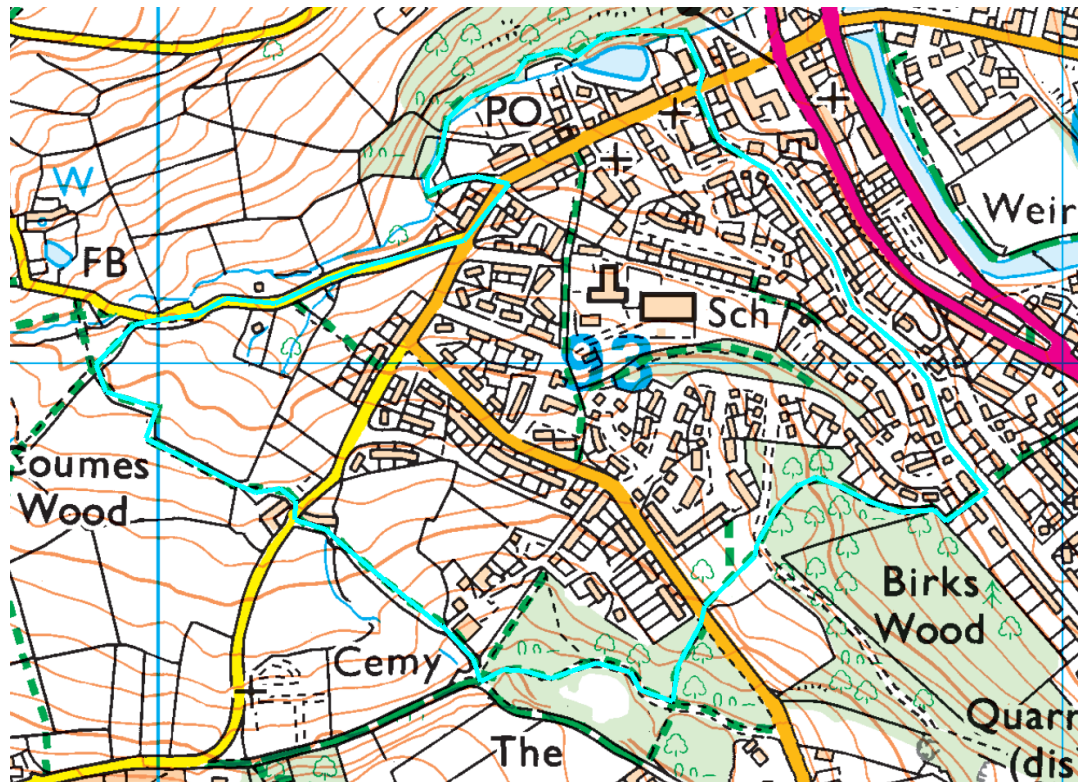
A short but quite steep walk this week, mainly through the woods with a bit of grass and some road walking. Probably wet (after the rain) and potentially muddy so wear waterproof footwear! A couple of stiles and a number of steps down, so Grade 2. There is also an option of steps up – but last time they looked a bit rotten so we might avoid them!

Park beside Birch House Avenue (as you approach Oughtibridge, just before the new Co-op turn left up Birch House Avenue, at the top follow round to the right, then past the end of Birks Wood Drive and park (probably on the right)).

Counterclockwise

From the cars, carry on along Birch House Avenue and Coward Drive till the road bends sharp left and there is a drive straight ahead. Follow this down the ginnel to Church Street, turn right and then left just below the surgery on the footpath through Sensicall Park.

Within the trees there is a set of steps which go up to the upper part of the park; these may be used to add a bit to the walk, but may also be rotten so take care.



As you reach the other end of the path, turn right on Church Street for a few yards then take the road on the right (Wheel Lane) and follow past some houses till you reach a layby with a gate and a stile into the field. Follow the wall to another stile over into the corner of the next field, and follow the path over another 2 fields and one garden to emerge on Burton Lane. Bear slightly right and through another garden (which you might recognise), then up the field to the corner of Boggard Lane.

Do not follow the lane or turn left, take the second left through the trees and follow it to a junction where you turn left, down the steps to Haggstones Road. Straight across there is a stile into the top of Birks Wood and a number of paths which lead through the woods and down to Birch House Avenue, back to the cars.

Risks

- Two busy roads to cross and a couple of quiet roads to walk along. Take care on Wheel Lane, as it is very narrow.
- A few stiles, a few steps, a couple of steep descents but generally mild climbs.
- Some walking across grass (which may be slippery if wet) and through the woods which may be muddy.

