

WALK NO 5 – Mills, Hills & Wills This walk starts in centre of Meltham, heads up Millmoor Road to Deer Hill, down past the Wills O Nats to Cop Hill and back to Meltham via Helme

Distance - 4 ½ miles Time – 2 ½ hours Route Type –Moderate

Facilities: Toilets & Refreshments - (link to food & refreshments page on website)

Parking: Meltham Village Free Parking (Large car park rear of Carlile Institute and another off Clark Lane)

Bus Routes to Meltham – From Huddersfield 324; From Holmfirth 335 ; From Slaithwaite 335

From the free car park at the rear of the Carlile Institute, walk forward onto Huddersfield Road and turn left towards the centre of Meltham. Turn left, cross the zebra crossing and turn right. Cross Wessenden Head Road and take the next left onto Greens End Road to pass in front of Meltham Church. Follow this road round to a T-Junction.

St Bartholemew's Church was consecrated in 1651. It is believed to be the only church in England consecrated during Cromwells Commonwealth.

Turn left into Millmoor Road pass the Methodist Chapel on the right and walk the length of Mill Moor Road where it meets a junction. Turn right down the dip then uphill for 200 yards then turn left into an unsurfaced road.

Continue the gradual climb towards the moorland. Pass through the gate and immediately turn right through another gate into a track with the boundary wall on your right. Continue uphill along this track which bends left until you reach a stile gate at the top where it meets the road. Turn right here and walk down the Waterboard Road until you reach the B6107 Meltham – Slaithwaite Road. Cross the main road and proceed along the unsurfaced road to the Will's O Nats public house. (Refreshments, toilets, beer garden available) Turn right along the Meltham to Blackmoorfoot Road for two hundred yards, then turn left into a cart track which leads around the lower side of Cop Hill.

At the end of the track, turn right and cross the road to go through a wall stile into Helme Wood. Descend through the trees and field to enter Helme Village centre. (This route may be muddy and can be avoided by following the road down and round to the left to reach Helme village centre).

Cross the road into Helme Fold and pass between the houses to walk down the footpath towards Helme Church. Where the tarmac path forks right go straight ahead and pass through a stile between the houses to reach Helme Lane.

Cross the main road to the footpath straight ahead and after the gate, walk down two fields with another gate stile in the middle. Climb the stile at the bottom and cross over the track, through a gate stile, down another field to reach a stile leading to Meltham Greenway. Drop onto the Greenway and turn right.

The Greenway ends at an estate road, keep left here and where the road bends to the right, take a footpath on your left. Go up the ramp footpath to the end where it overlooks the Supermarket below. Turn left here and follow this metalled road up and round to the left into Park Lane, where it meets the main Huddersfield-Meltham Road. Turn right here and head back to Meltham village centre and the Car park.

It is strongly advised that walkers follow the route instructions carefully, particularly where crossing private land and complies with the countryside code at all times. It is recommended that boots or strong shoes are worn and weatherproof clothing is carried when undertaking this walk.

Recommended OS map:- Pathfinder map 702 (SE01/11)

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