

## Walks in and around Grappenhall & Thelwall Parish

This booklet offers a selection of circular walks that residents and visitors can enjoy by walking from the parish. The walks are of various lengths and difficulty, albeit none are difficult. Some can be walked in stout shoes but others, particularly if it has rained, may be easier in walking boots.

Enjoy the 50 miles of walks in this booklet.



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## Maps

The Open StreetMap base maps used can be seen at:

<https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=14/53.3737/-2.5363>

By going to this web page you can pan and zoom the map to give you street level maps which you may need if you don't know the street names which are referred to in the walk instructions. It provides the larger scale maps which you may find useful for clarification of detail.

You may also find [www.streetmap.co.uk](http://www.streetmap.co.uk) O.S. Map useful. It does more than streets!

<https://www.streetmap.co.uk/idld.srf?X=364665&Y=386553&A=Y&Z=115&lm=1>

Warrington Borough Council PRoW maps can be found at

<https://mapping.warrington.gov.uk/wml/Map.aspx?MapName=WBC>

(you need to select Layers/Highways/PRoW from the drop down menu on the upper left.)

All the main maps within this publication are produced with north at the top (& east to the right!!).

Maps use metric units (metres and kilometres) but distances here are given in miles as most walkers appear to be imperial rather than metric. The quoted walk distances are reasonably accurate, but walk times are approximate averages not allowing for any stops. Some walk very quickly but you may enjoy a more leisurely pace.

## Safety

You are responsible for your safety. You'll need to wear appropriate clothing and, in particular, footwear. A mobile phone may not work in all the areas covered by this publication. To summon help in a sparsely populated area the national signal is 6 short blasts on a whistle repeated after an interval as necessary.

## Parking

All of the walks have a recommended start point. Some walks will allow you to start from a different location but walking in the same direction is recommended. Wherever you park, please park responsibly so that residents, service and emergency vehicles are not obstructed.

## Notes

Some walks go out of the Parish to form a circular route. Don't worry. You won't need your passport, even to cross on the ferry, and the locals are mostly friendly!

Some walks go uphill but remember that Cheshire doesn't have hills it only has inclines!

PRoW (see Abbreviations on next page) footpath numbers are included e.g. [FP2] to help you report a problem if you come across a fault or obstruction. The PRoWs are regularly checked but what was fine yesterday may have issues today.

Please leave gates open or closed as you found them and take all litter back with you. Banana skins and orange peel are litter.

You may wish to carry and use secateurs to cut back vegetation around gates, stiles and finger posts to keep the paths clear.

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## Abbreviations

[FP3]	Gr+Th Footpath No 3	(Grappenhall and Thelwall FP3)
[Br31]	Gr+Th bridleway No 31	
[Lymm FP16]	Lymm Footpath No 16	
[App FP21]	Appleton Footpath No 21	
Br	Bridleway (pedestrians and horses)	
E	East	
FP	Footpath (pedestrians)	
fp	Finger post	
gps	The walkers equivalent of a SatNav used in cars	
L	Left	
MSC	Manchester Ship Canal	
MVT	Mersey Valley Trail	
N	North	
PH	Public House, Inn	
PRoW	Public Right of Way	
R	Right	
RB	Restricted Byway (pedestrians and limited vehicle access, locally specified)	
S	South	
TPT	Trans-Pennine Trail	
W	West	
WBC	Warrington Borough Council	
yds	Yards (measurement)	



Finger post



Waymark post



A Frame

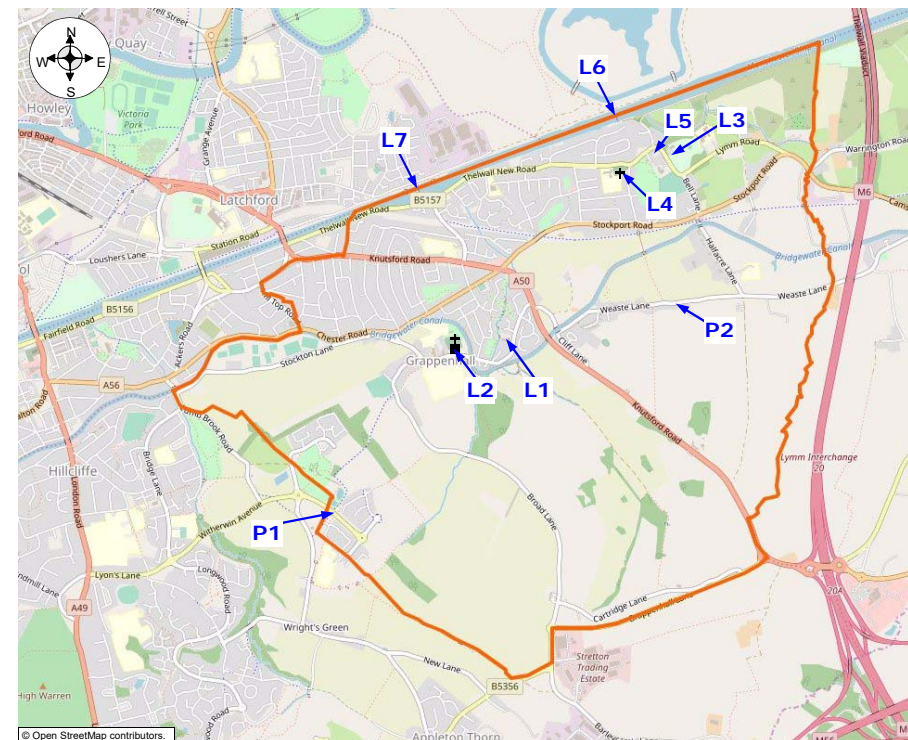
## List of Grappenhall and Thelwall PRoWs

Grappenhall and Thelwall has 22 PRoWs as shown in the table below. (Correct as of end 2019)

Warrington Borough Council would appreciate your reporting of any faults to them.

Parish	No	Length km	Path name or location	Notes	
Gr+Th	FP	1	0.245	Victoria Avenue	OS correct WBC not correct
Gr+Th	FP	2	0.22	St Wilfrids Avenue - canal	
Gr+Th	FP	3	0.27	Narrow Lane (Broad Lane - Church Lane)	
Gr+Th	FP	4	0.56	Broad Lane - Canal Side	
Gr+Th	FP	5	1.85	Cartridge Lane - Canal Side	
Gr+Th	FP	6	1.17	Broad Lane - Grappenhall Heyes (6a jnc)	
Gr+Th	FP	6a	0.11	Links Gr+Th 6 to App 18	
Gr+Th	FP	7	0.54	Old Post Office to Laskey House	
Gr+Th	FP	8	0.3	Caddicks Nursery off Lymm Road B5157	
Gr+Th	FP	9	0.09	Elizabeth Park to Bell Lane	
Gr+Th	FP	10	0.435	Elizabeth Park – Gigg Lane	OS incorrect
Gr+Th	FP	12	0.5	Weaste Lane - Stockport Road	
Gr+Th	FP	13	0.5	Weaste Lane - Gr12 via canal	
Gr+Th	RB	14	0.3	Dean's Lane	
Gr+Th	FP	15	0.024	Stockport Rd – Wilson Close	
Gr+Th	FP	16	0.7	Knutsford Rd - Weaste Lane	
Gr+Th	Br	17	1.18	Cinder Lane	
Gr+Th	FP	18	0.389	Australia Lane to Church Lane	
Gr+Th	FP	19	0.132	Penny Ferry	
Gr+Th	FP	21	3.9	Towpath	Created since 2000 Created 2019
Gr+Th	Br	22	0.063	Gigg Lane to A56 Stockport Road	
Gr+Th	FP	23	0.014	Bellhouse Lane canal bridge	
Total paths	22	13.492 (8.5 miles)			

## Grappenhall and Thelwall Civil Parish



The above map base can be found at:

<https://www.openstreetmap.org/relation/1433122#map=14/53.3719/-2.5390>

The map shows the Parish boundary and the car parking locations (**P1** and **P2**) listed on page 9. The other locations are as follows:

- L1** Grappenhall Parish Offices and Hall
- L2** St Wilfrid's Parish Church, Grappenhall
- L3** Thelwall Parish Hall
- L4** All Saint's Parish Church, Thelwall
- L5** Pickering Arms
- L6** Thelwall (Penny) Ferry
- L7** Latchford Locks
- P1** Grappenhall Walled Garden, Witherwin Avenue
- P2** Weaste Lane, Thelwall

The parish lies just SE of Warrington and is largely bounded by the B5356 to the S, the Manchester Ship Canal (MSC) to the N, Appleton to the W and close to the M6 to the E. It has the Bridgewater Canal towards the north of the parish.

The adjoining Parishes are, Lymm to the east, Appleton to the south and west and Stockton Heath to the north west. On the north side of the MSC Latchford is to the west and Woolston to the east.

The parish's 9,687 (2011) residents have 22 Public Rights of Way (PROWs) with a total length of 8.5 miles (13.5 km) to enjoy. Please note that these paths are not the same as the pavements alongside urban roads and walkways along rural roads.

The 215 mile (345 km) Trans-Pennine Trail (TPT) which runs from Southport to Hornsea passes through the parish along the old railway line which ran from Warrington Bank Quay Low Level Station to Manchester via Broadheath. It is used by walkers, cyclists and horse riders.

The Mersey Valley Trail passes through the parish on its way from Runcorn to Spud Wood.

The Bridgewater Canal towpath is part of the Cheshire Ring canal & path network. The canal, which was opened in stages between 1761 and 1776, has a number of listed structures along its length. It draws many visitors to the area, some on the boats and some to watch them. Both generate a large income for the area.

## Local Information

### St Wilfrid's Church Grappenhall <http://www.stwilfridschurch.org.uk/home/history/>

The original church which dates back about 900 years has been developed over the years to result in the fine Grade II listed building that the locals are so proud of. St Wilfrid's Church is very welcoming, has a fabulous carved oak reredos above the altar depicting The Last Supper and has a knitted mouse trail for the children – they love it. The carving of a cat on the outside wall above the west window is reputed to be that of the Cheshire Cat. Don't miss the wooden chest made 9 centuries ago.

### All Saint's Church Thelwall <http://allsaints.org.uk/wp/history/>

The original church dates back to at least 1663 but the present structure which was built in 1843 for 80 worshippers has had numerous modifications to reach its present size. The Grade II listed church is surrounded by its graveyard which has a long history and contains six Commonwealth War Graves <https://www.cwgc.org/>. There is a water tap in the graveyard provided for the washing of bodies before burial; it is not in frequent use today!

### Pickering Arms

This 16<sup>th</sup> century black and white inn bears the inscription: 'In the year 923, Edward the Elder founded a cyty here and called it Thelwall.' There is little evidence that Edward even visited the village. The Pickering family were significant residents of the village and Cheshire.

### Thelwall 'Penny Ferry'

Before the MSC had been built there was a footpath to take people to work in the areas now north of the canal. The canal owners were obliged to offer an alternative, affordable solution and provided a small ferry boat charging "one penny per trip" (an old penny which was less than half a current penny). The running of the ferry was passed to Cheshire County Council and Warrington Borough Council prior to 1982 and latterly the ferryman is self employed. Since October 1982 the fare has been 11p and the operating times set at: 0700 to 0900, 1200 to 1400 and 1600 to 1800. The early operation does not run on Sundays and Bank Holidays. The ferry is no longer guaranteed to operate as sickness, high water flows or adverse weather can interrupt the schedule.

### Grappenhall Heys Walled Garden <http://www.ghwalledgarden.org.uk/history/> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grappenhall\\_Heys\\_Walled\\_Garden](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grappenhall_Heys_Walled_Garden)

Grappenhall Heys estate was founded in about 1830 by Thomas Parr who owned Parr's Bank in Warrington. The house which became dilapidated was demolished in 1975. Prior to 1830 the area, now part of the garden, consisted of marl pits. Some of these pits led to the ponds you can now see. Following its restoration, the garden now attracts many visitors and the cafe is open Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holidays (but not Christmas).

### Latchford Locks [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Latchford#Latchford\\_Locks](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Latchford#Latchford_Locks)

Latchford Locks consists of a large lock, a small lock and a set of sluice gates. Only the large lock is in Latchford, the rest is in Grappenhall. Before the MSC had been built there was a footpath to take people to work in the areas now north of the canal. The canal owners were obliged to offer a route across the locks. The clearly identified route will depend upon which lock gates are in use and can be temporarily closed for safety reasons whilst vessels are using the locks.

Further useful information and some history of the village can be found at the Grappenhall and Thelwall Parish website: <https://grappenhallandthelwallpc.org.uk/>

Grappenhall and Thelwall Parish clerk - email: [info@grappenhallandthelwallpc.org.uk](mailto:info@grappenhallandthelwallpc.org.uk)

## Car Parking

Notes

There are no public car parks in the parish.

The car parks attached to the Grappenhall Parish Offices on Bellhouse Lane **L1** and the Thelwall Parish Hall on Bell Lane **L3** are heavily used by those attending these venues. The local pubs will often give permission for you to park one or two cars in their car park in the expectation that you will return for a drink or more.

Roadside parking on Witherwin Avenue (Grappenhall Heys Walled Garden) **P1** and Weaste Lane **P2** is used in this booklet; both are on bus routes (**P1** is a school bus route, **P2** is a public service route) and Witherwin Avenue is a school access route. See Parish map on page 6.

Your **P1** start point is just beyond the garden so that you can start or finish at the point where the footpaths cross the road. Your **P2** start point is on your right, just beyond the bungalows also on your right when travelling east from the A50. At this point (a blue dot ● on the walk maps) there is a length of road with a hedge on your right.

Please ensure that you park considerately and respect private roads where there is no public right of vehicular access. If you park on the roadside then can emergency and large service vehicles pass safely and have you left room for pedestrians to get past? Please do not park on pavements which should be clear for walkers – you!

## Other publications

If you like this publication then you might like to look at other publications for local Parishes. Appleton Parish Walks, Lymm Parish Walks and Stockton Heath Parish Walks can be found on their respective Parish Council websites.

The Mid-Cheshire Footpath Society (MCFS) has a number of walks available on its website:

[www.mcfs.org.uk](http://www.mcfs.org.uk)

## Acknowledgements

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St Wilfrid's Church and the Parr Arms

## Walk 1 – Grappenhall Church

An easy 1.8 mile walk with no stiles or gates. The main route is on surfaced or semi-surfaced paths with a cobbled street in the village near the church.

Time about 1 hour excluding any stops.

Park near the Grappenhall Heys Walled Garden (**P1** - see page 9).



1. Take the footpath which goes around the outside of the garden with the sandstone wall on your L. The path goes L behind the garden and past an entrance that you might like to use on your return.  
(Have you parked responsibly?)
2. At this point a path joins from the L. You need to continue on the surfaced path to your R. This takes you across fields and past the Grappenhall Cricket Club to reach Broad Lane.
3. At Broad Lane you cross to the path [FP3] which is Narrow Lane and walk towards the village. (Please remember this point as it is where you will rejoin the path on your return.)
4. At Church Lane you turn R to walk through the village towards Grappenhall Bridge. (Take care on the cobbles which are a part of this lovely village's preserved heritage.)
5. At the canal bridge (Grappenhall Bridge) you may be lucky to see narrow-boats enjoying the Bridgewater Canal and take in the views before heading back through the village. (Decision time! Do you call in at one of the pubs for 'light refreshments' or will you wait until you get back to the Walled Garden? Is the Garden Café open? Why not have a look at St Wilfrid's Church?)  
*{St Wilfrid's Church is very welcoming, has a fabulous carving of The Last Supper above the altar and has a knitted mouse trail for the children – they love it. Is the carving of a cat outside above the W window that of the Cheshire Cat?}*
6. Continue past Narrow Lane and turn L into Broad Lane.
7. Just past the Cricket Club your return path is on your R. Here you retrace your steps back to the Walled Garden.
8. At the Walled Garden you can either follow the red path to your car or walk through the garden to exit onto Witherwin Avenue.  
(Why not look at the garden and visit the café if they're open?)
9. You've arrived back at the start point of the walk.



The Cheshire Cat above the west window

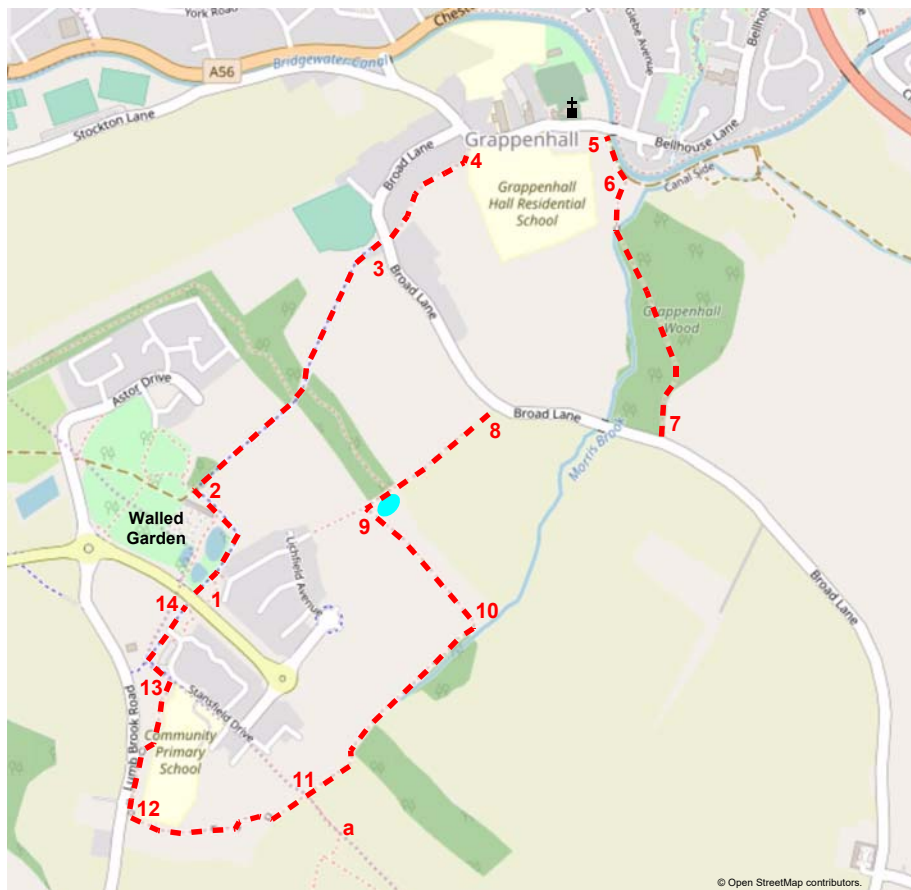


The carved oak reredos of The Last Supper

## Walk 2 – Grappenhall Wood

An easy 2.9 mile walk with no stiles but some gates.

Time about 1½ hours. Park near the P1 Grappenhall Heys Walled Garden ( [P1](#) - see page 9).



1. Take the footpath which goes around the outside of the garden with the sandstone wall on your L. The path goes L behind the garden and past an entrance that you might like to use on your return.  
(Have you parked responsibly?)
2. At this point a path joins from the L. You need to continue on the surfaced path to your R. This takes you across fields and past the Grappenhall Cricket Club to reach Broad Lane.
3. Cross Broad Lane to the path [FP3] which is Narrow Lane and walk towards the village.
4. At Church Lane you turn R to walk through the village towards Grappenhall Bridge.

(Take care on the cobbles which are a part of this lovely village's preserved heritage. Why not have a look at St Wilfrid's Church?)

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5. At the canal bridge (Grappenhall Bridge) you turn R onto Canal Side [FP18] for about 100yds. Your path is on the R by a house driveway opposite the fingerpost on the L of the road.
6. Take this path [FP4] which takes you over a stream (Morris Brook) and through a kissing gate into Grappenhall Wood. Take the cleared path to your R under the power cables (ignore the small path that runs to the R of and parallel to the main path) through the wood to the field boundary shown on your map. You turn R to head down to Broad Lane.  
*{Just before you exit to Broad Lane there is a wood sculpture of a wizard.}*
7. Go through the gate and turn R onto Broad Lane. (Take care. Speeding vehicles.)
8. Look out for the house on your L. Turn L here onto Hall Lane [FP6] and walk past the house, through a kissing gate and past a path to your R until you pass a pond on your L.
9. Turn L and keep R on the path which now has a wavy footprint.
10. At Morris Brook turn R and walk along the field edge with the field to your R before going L across a bridge and R through a gap into a large field so that the field boundary is now immediately to your R. Look out for and pass a waymark post on your R in line with a waymark post **a** in the middle of the field (in front of a large tree).  
*{The middle of the field waymark post **a** shows that if you were going to go SE you must go to the post then follow the path off the field rather than walk around the field edge. To use the field boundary to the S of the field would be trespassing.}*
11. Carry on keeping the boundary to your R. You are now in Appleton and the FP changes to [Appleton FP6A]. At the corner of the field you turn R and follow the well marked path towards Lumb Brook Road.
12. Here on your L there's a gate out onto the road opposite Stud Farm but you continue walking along the path.
13. When you reach Stansfield Drive you go L and follow the path as it curves to the R to reach Witherwin Avenue.
14. You are now opposite the walk start point.  
(If they're open, have you time to go into the Garden and visit the Garden Café?)



The Wizard at Broad Lane (7)

### Walk 3 – Cliff Lane and the Bridgewater Canal

An easy 4.2 mile walk with no stiles or gates but many steps at points 7 and 9.

Time about 2¼ hours. Park near the Grappenhall Heys Walled Garden (P1 - see page 9).



1. Take the footpath which goes around the outside of the garden with the sandstone wall on your L. The path goes L behind the garden and past an entrance that you might like to use on your return.  
(Have you parked responsibly?)
2. At this point a path joins from the L. You need to continue on the surfaced path to your R. This takes you across fields and past the Grappenhall Cricket Club to reach Broad Lane.
3. Cross Broad Lane to the path [FP3] which is Narrow Lane and walk towards the village.
4. At Church Lane you turn R to walk through the village towards Grappenhall Bridge.  
(Take care on the cobbles which are a part of this lovely village's preserved heritage. Why not have a look at St Wilfrid's Church?)  
*{St Wilfrid's Church is very welcoming, has a fabulous carving of The Last Supper above the altar and has a knitted mouse trail for the children – they love it. Is the carving of a cat outside above the W window that of the Cheshire Cat?}*
5. At the canal bridge (Grappenhall Bridge) you keep to the road Bellhouse Lane and walk past the Parish Offices and Community Centre on your L until you reach Knutsford Road (A50) in just less than ½ mile.
6. Carefully cross the A50 to Cliff Lane using the central refuge. You pass the lodge to Thelwall Heys on your L before approaching the canal bridge.
7. Just before the bridge you take the steps to your L to reach the canal towpath. Turn R to walk for 1¾ miles with the canal on your L. You pass under Grappenhall Bridge which you crossed at point 5.

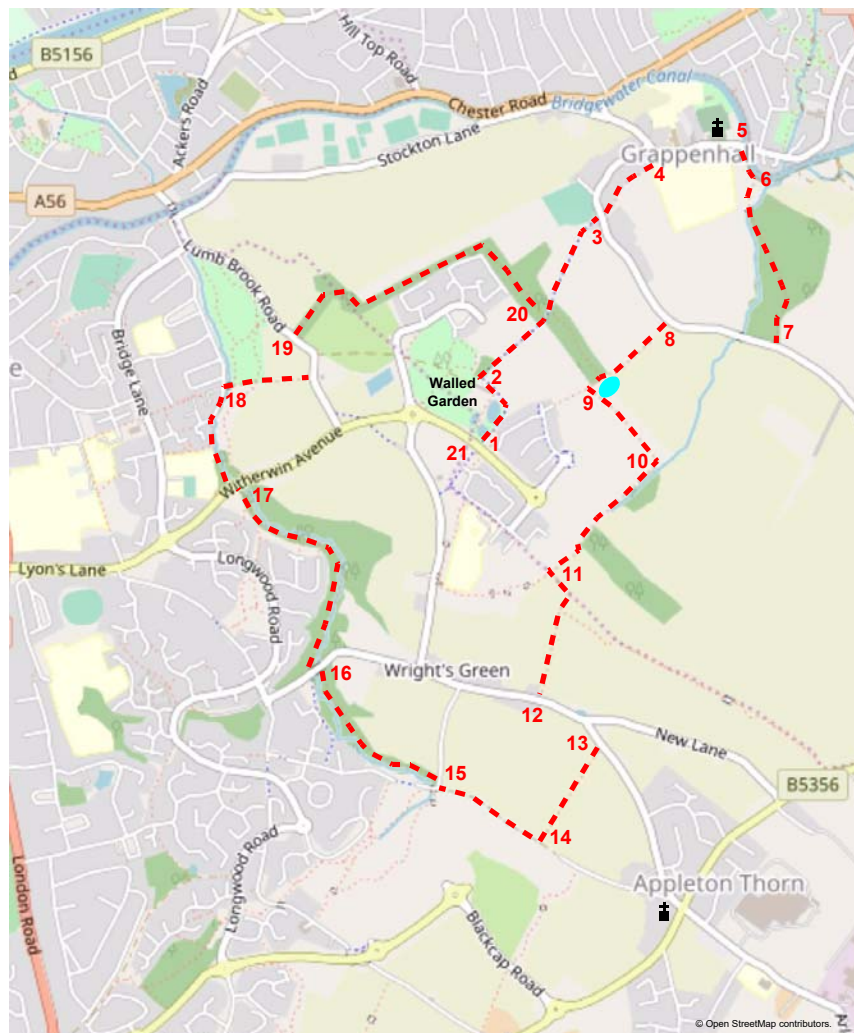
8. This is Stanny Lunt Bridge and you'll observe as you pass under it that there's no access to the road above. As you continue to walk the towpath starts to rise above the road to your R and some good views can be seen.
9. About 30yds *before* Lumb Brook Bridge you take the slope and steps down to the road then cross and go L on the railed walkway under the bridge and walk up the main road (Lumb Brook Road) towards Witherwin Avenue. (Those with a sense of adventure and a little more time could divert through Lumb Brook Park, taking the L path past the picnic table(s) to rejoin the road at point *a* where you turn R opposite Witherwin Farm.)
10. Turn L along Witherwin Avenue, crossing the roundabout at Astor Drive towards the Walled Garden.
11. You are now at the walk start point.  
(Why not look at the garden and visit the café if they're open?)

## Walk 4 – Lumb Brook Valley

A 5.5 mile walk with stiles, gates and steps.

The Lumb Brook Valley with its wood and Dingle are lovely to walk through at most times of the year but are spectacular when the bluebells are in full flower. The paths can be muddy after wet weather. Walking boots are recommended.

Time about 2¾ hours. Park near the Grappenhall Heys Walled Garden ([P1](#) - see page 9).



1. Take the footpath which goes around the outside of the garden with the sandstone wall on your L. The path goes L behind the garden and past an entrance that you might like to use on your return.  
(Have you parked responsibly?)
2. At this point a path joins from the L. You need to continue on the surfaced path to your R. This takes you across fields and past the Grappenhall Cricket Club to reach Broad Lane.
3. Cross Broad Lane to the path [FP3] which is Narrow Lane and walk towards the village.
4. At Church Lane you turn R to walk through the village towards Grappenhall Bridge.  
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5. At the canal bridge (Grappenhall Bridge) you turn R onto Canal Side [FP18] for about 110yds. Your path is on the R by a house driveway opposite the fingerpost on the L of the road.
6. Take this path [FP4] which takes you over a stream (Morris Brook) and through a kissing gate into Grappenhall Wood. Take the cleared path to your R under the power cables (ignore the small path that runs to the R of and parallel to the main path) through the wood to the field boundary shown on your map. You turn R to head down to Broad Lane.  
*{Just before you exit to Broad Lane there is a wood sculpture of a wizard.}*
7. Go through the gate and turn R onto Broad Lane. (Take care. Speeding vehicles.)
8. Look out for the house on your L. Turn L here onto Hall Lane [FP6] and walk past the house, through a kissing gate and past a path to your R until you pass a pond on your L.
9. Turn L on the continuation of the path which now has a wavy footprint.
10. At Morris Brook turn R and walk along the field edge with the field to your R before going L across a bridge and R through a gap into a large field so that the field boundary is now immediately to your R. Look out for and pass a waymark post on your R in line with a waymark post in the middle of the field (in front of a large tree).
11. Turn L and walk straight to the waymark post. At the post turn R and walk straight to the field boundary where a path [Appleton FP17] joins from your L. Continue straight on (slightly L) to take the path [Appleton FP18] to Lumb Brook Road.  
*{You should always follow the designated path even through crops rather than walk around the field edge unless the edge is the designated path. To use the field boundary to the S of this field would be trespassing.}*
12. At Lumb Brook Road turn L and take the R fork in the road at the Lily Pond.
13. Take the path to your R [Appleton FP19] opposite the cottages which will take you to Green Lane.
14. At Green Lane [Appleton FP26] turn R and follow this path until you reach the junction with the very narrow Dood's Lane.
15. At Dood's Lane turn R and almost immediately L to take a path through Ford's Rough which is part of Lumb Brook Valley. Dood's Brook is on your L.  
*{At this junction, Dipping Brook becomes Dood's Brook.}*
16. Exit through a kissing gate onto Dingle Lane, turn L and cross the bridge to reach the 'A' frame now about 80yds on your R. Take the path which is to the L of Dingle Brook to walk through The Dingle to Witherwin Avenue.  
*{At this location, Dood's Brook becomes Dingle Brook.}*
17. You pass under the 1997 arched Witherin Avenue bridge and keeping R walk past housing on your L until you reach the road (Dale Lane) where you turn R. In about 115yds you pass an access road to your L (for nos. 36 – 40) which is almost opposite the turning to your R.  
*{Around Dale Lane, Dingle Brook becomes Lumb Brook which ultimately flows into the*

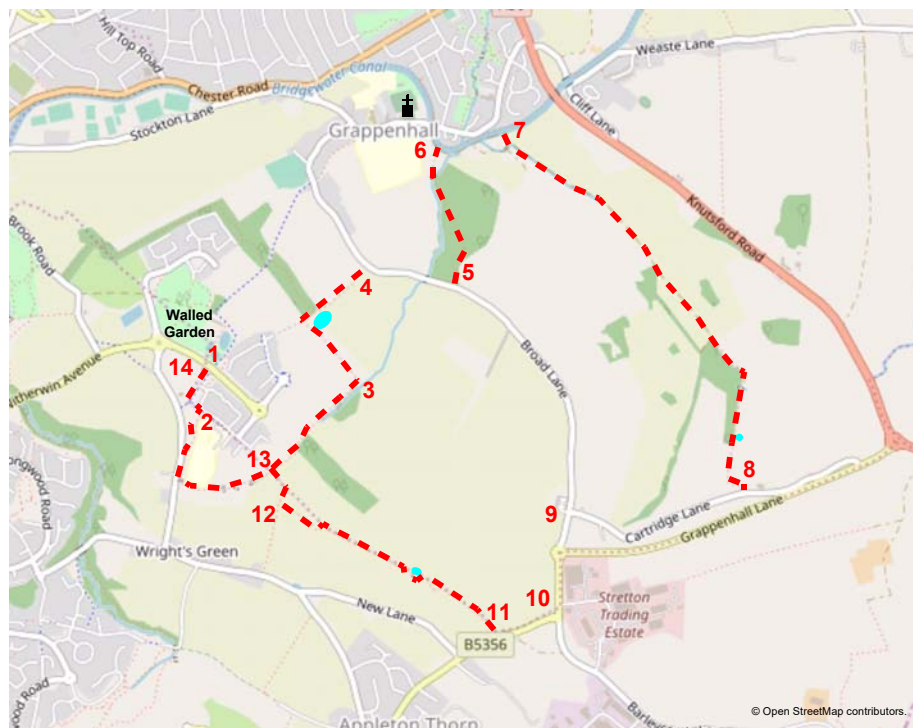
- Manchester Ship Canal.}*
18. The path here is [Appleton FP15] which leads to and crosses Lumb Brook Park (the first part is known as The Millennium Green). Follow the almost straight ahead path to Lumb Brook Road where you exit through a kissing gate and turn L for about 180yds.  
(You join the road at Witherwin Farm and pass the old lodge to Grappenhall Heys)
  19. On your R about 100yds beyond the lodge is a kissing gate leading to a wooded area (Parr Wood). The path takes a R, then L and then R around the housing (see map) to bring you via some ponds , bridges and steps to the surfaced path from Grappenhall Village to the Walled Garden.  
*{The views from near the start of this path can be superb when clear. St Elphin's Church spire is the third tallest in England.}*
  20. Turn R towards the garden. At the Walled Garden you can either follow the surfaced path L to your car or walk through the garden to exit onto Witherwin Avenue.  
(Why not look at the garden and visit the café if they're open?)
  21. You've arrived back at the start point of the walk.

## Walk 5 – Appleton Thorn via Canal Side

A 5.7 mile walk with a stile, steps and gates. About a mile of road walking (roads don't get muddy!). The paths can be muddy after wet weather. Walking boots are recommended.

**For your safety please read points 9 and 10 before commencing the walk.**

Time about 3 hours. Park near the Grappenhall Heys Walled Garden ([P1](#) - see page 9).



1. Take the footpath which leaves Witherwin Avenue on the opposite side of the road to the garden. The path is paved and crosses a stub of Stansfield Drive. The path then continues straight on to Lumb Brook Road but you need to take the L paved fork to walk to a waymark post on your R which has two yellow (footpath) discs facing you. (Have you parked responsibly?)
2. Take surfaced path [Appleton FP6A] to your R. This takes you just to the E of Lumb Brook Road and winds round to the L. Ignore any routes to your R but you may spot the waymark post against the hedge on your L at point 13 on the map where you move back into Grappenhall and your path becomes [FP6]. (The tall waymark post to your R in the middle of the field will be on your return route.) Continue with the hedge on your L and follow the path as it goes L up the steps over the bridge and R through the fields with the hedge now on your R.
3. At the copse the path turns L and meanders through a wooded area to reach a pond on

- your R. Just past the pond you go slightly uphill to reach a tee junction with a grass path. Turn R, ignore the path to your L, go through the kissing gate and walk to Broad Lane.
4. Turn R for 370yds then go L through the gate on [FP4] into Grappenhall Wood. *{Just in front of you there is a wood sculpture of a wizard.}*
5. Walk with the wood boundary to your R until, just before the power lines, the path takes a diagonally L route through the wood to reach a kissing gate and bridge over Morris Brook where the path continues to Canal Side [FP18].
6. Turn R and walk for 300yds alongside the Bridgewater Canal until you reach [FP5] on your R immediately beyond Australia Lane.
7. This path is just over a mile long and rises 115 feet to take you through fields to Cartridge Lane. You go over the stile and largely follow the boundary hedge on your R to a kissing gate, over a bridge, past a pond on your L and another kissing gate until you get close to the houses. Here you go through the last kissing gate then diagonally L towards the bungalow then R to emerge through a narrow hedge passage onto Cartridge Lane. *{Turning around about half way along this path can often provide interesting distance views on a clear day. The church spire is St. Elphins Parish Church in Warrington.}*
8. Turn R along the usually quiet Cartridge Lane to reach Broad Lane.
9. Carefully cross Broad Lane and walk facing the traffic, past the roundabout to the R turn B5356 to Appleton Thorn.
10. Turn R and walk for 250yds facing the traffic and using the grass verge where possible.
11. Just after the old road on your L you should see the path [Appleton FP17] on your R. Walk down through the fields with the hedge on your R. A few paces beyond the power lines (where hedges used to be) it takes a L/R dogleg then shortly meets a cross path at a Tee junction. (Please note that the dotted line on the map at the dogleg is the Parish boundary and is not a footpath.)
12. Turn R onto [Appleton FP18] and head straight to the tall waymark post in the middle of the field. Turn L and walk straight to the waymark post in the hedge. *{You should always follow the designated path even through crops rather than walk around the field edge unless the edge is the designated path. To use the field boundary to the S of this field would be trespassing.}*
13. Turn L and follow the route you took at the start return to Witherwin Avenue.
14. You've arrived back at the start point of the walk.  
(If the café is open you might like to enjoy refreshments after the exercise.)



The Wizard at Broad Lane (4)

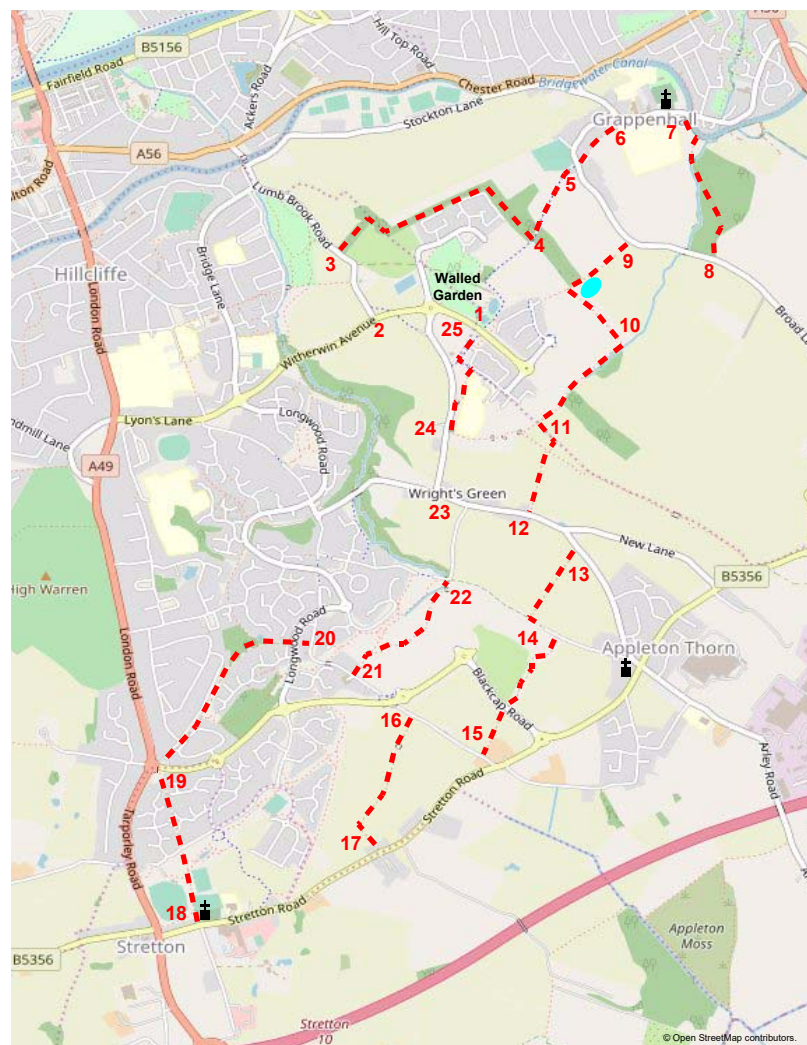
## Walk 6 – Pewterspear

A 7.9 mile walk with many stiles, field paths and kissing gates.

The paths can be muddy after wet weather. Walking boots are recommended.

At the time of writing, Appleton FP20 (point 21) is now through a building site but generally follows the sketch map.

Time about 3¼ hours. Park near the Grappenhall Heys Walled Garden (**P1** - see page 9).

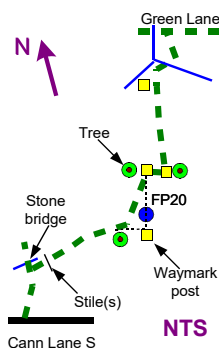


1. Walk along Witherwin Avenue past the Astor Drive roundabout to reach the R turn to the lower section of Lumb Brook Road.  
(Have you parked responsibly?)
2. Turn R and walk past Witherwin Farm and the old lodge to Grappenhall Heys.
3. On your R is a kissing gate leading to a wooded area. The path takes a R, then L and then R (see map) to bring you, via a kissing gate, to the surfaced path from Grappenhall Village to the Walled Garden.  
*{The views from the first part of this path can be spectacular. St Elphin's Church spire is the third tallest in England.}*
4. Take the wide, surfaced path to your L. This takes you across fields and past the Grappenhall Cricket Club to reach Broad Lane.
5. At Broad Lane you cross to the path [FP3] which is Narrow Lane and walk towards the village.
6. At Church Lane you turn R to walk through the village towards Grappenhall Bridge. (Take care on the cobbles which are a part of this lovely village's preserved heritage. Why not have a look at St Wilfrid's Church?)  
*{St Wilfrid's Church is very welcoming, has a fabulous carving of The Last Supper above the altar and has a knitted mouse trail for the children – they love it. Is the carving of a cat outside above the W window that of the Cheshire Cat?}*
7. At the canal bridge (Grappenhall Bridge) you turn R onto Canal Side [FP18] for about 100m. Your path is on the R between two houses. Take this path [FP4] which takes you into Grappenhall Wood. You soon go over a stream and take the cleared path through the wood to the field boundary shown on your map. You turn R to head down to Broad Lane.  
*{Just before you exit to Broad Lane there is a wood sculpture of a wizard.}*
8. Go through the gate and turn R onto Broad Lane. (Take care. Speeding vehicles.)
9. Look out for the house on your L. Turn L here onto Hall Lane [FP6] and walk past the house until you pass a pond on your L. Turn L on the continuation of the path which now has a wavy footprint.
10. At Morris Brook turn R and walk with the field edge just to your L before going through a gap so that the boundary is now immediately to your R. Look out for a waymark post on your R in line with a waymark post in the middle of the field.  
*{The middle of the field waymark post shows that if you were going to go SE you must go to the post then follow the path off the field rather than walk around the field edge. To use the field boundary to the S of the field would be trespassing.}*
11. Turn L [FP6A] and walk straight to the waymark post where you turn R [Appleton FP18] and walk straight on to follow the path to Lumb Brook Road, ignoring the path that runs to your L [Appleton FP17] towards Appleton Thorn.
12. At Lumb Brook Road turn L and take the R fork in the road at the Lily Pond.
13. After a few yards you take the path to your R [Appleton FP19] which will take you to Green Lane.
14. At Green Lane turn L [Appleton FP26], walk past [Appleton FP19] on your L, past the bungalow on your R and then R through the kissing gate onto [Appleton FP25]. Follow this well used path to Blackcap Road. Cross the road and go through the kissing gate to continue on [Appleton FP25] to the stile at Walnut Tree Lane.  
*{HMS Blackcap was the name of the airbase that used to be on the airfield which is now the trading estate located just to the R of the map.}*
15. Turn R and walk past the bungalow on your R to almost the bollards near the end of the lane (which meets Dipping Brook Avenue). Turn L over a stile to take a field path [Appleton FP22].
16. This path keeps the hedge on your L through three fields. In the third field when you 'run out of hedge' continue in a straight line to the tall waymark post in the middle of the field (usually with a tyre around its base!) and turn sharp L towards the housing where the path

becomes [Appleton FP4S] and then joins Stretton Road.

*{You cross Dipping Brook in the 2<sup>nd</sup> field. Please note the access rule given in point 10 above; you must walk to the waymark post.}*

17. Turn R and walk, as much as possible, on the grass verge and facing the traffic on this busy road. After passing the school and the church your path is to your R.  
*{St. Matthew's Church is a Grade II Gilbert Scott building with an interesting clock faces. On the S side it reads "Time is not all" and on the W, "Forget not God".}*
18. Take this surface path [Stretton FP1] which runs along the W wall of the church grounds before opening out into Pewterspear Green. Keep to the main path heading N as there are many side paths. Cross Pewterspear Green Road and continue on the path.  
*{This interesting path has a number of pseudo Roman features to reflect its route roughly along the old Roman road to London (London Road).}*
19. At the A49 Owen's Corner roundabout you cross Longwood Road and take the path [Appleton FP30] (Old Pewterspear Lane) which heads NE between London Road and Longwood Road. Follow this path to Longwood Road where you cross and take the path [Appleton FP21] to Cann Lane South. (Should this last path be waterlogged then turn L down Longwood Road for about 180yds and take the first R into Cann Lane South to pass the end of the path.)
20. Turn R and walk along Cann Lane South for about 300yds (past Dipping Brook at the white railings on both sides of the road and past the housing) to the white Cann Lane Farm House where you find a path to your L with a curved hedge entrance and a finger post.
21. Take this path [Appleton FP20] to Green Lane. (As the route is not particularly obvious the sketch map to R should help.) After about 130 yds at the **low level** stone bridge over a culvert you turn R and cross the stile(s) into a field. Keep R to reach a pond on your L. Turn L around the pond to the two large trees and head for the next marker post (out of sight). Cross the stiles and bridges over Dipping Brook to Green Lane.  
(The path actually goes through the pond but you can keep dry!)
22. At Green Lane you go almost straight across to Dood's Lane (signed Wright's Green) which takes you to Lumb Brook Road where you go L.
23. Follow the road round to the R at the Dingle junction and walk to Dairy Farm on your L.
24. Here you will see a path [Appleton FP6A] to your R through kissing gate. Take this path, turning L to reach the L then R paths near Stansfield Drive.
25. You've arrived back at the start point of the walk.  
(If open, why not look at the garden and visit the café?)



Stretton Church Clocks (17)

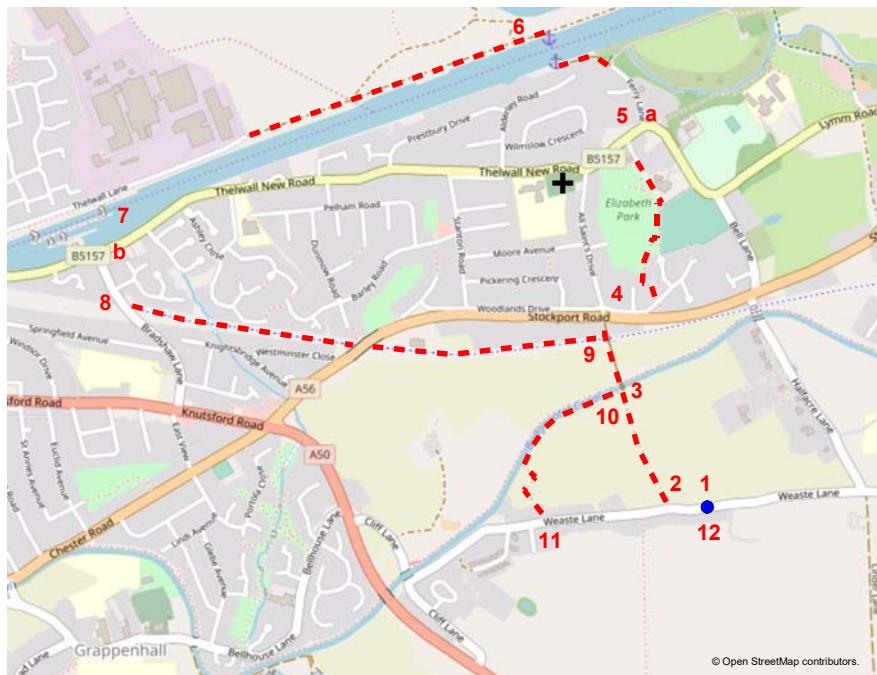
## Walk 7 – Latchford Locks via the Penny Ferry

A 3.5 mile walk with no stiles or gates and some field paths.

Please check the ferry times before starting the walk and take coins for the ferry – see below.

Time about 2 hours without stops and not allowing for the ferry time.

Park on the S side of Weaste Lane (**P2** - see page 9).



1. Walk W for about 100yds to the wide field path to your R [FP12]. (Have you parked responsibly?)
2. Walk across the field towards the Bridgewater Canal bridge (Pickering's Bridge). (Notice the path to your L before you cross as this is the path that you'll take on your return.)
3. Cross the bridge and walk to Stockport Road. (Note the Trans Pennine Trail (TPT) just before the road.)
4. Cross the road into All Saint's Drive and immediately turn **R** into Woodlands Drive. As you round the bend past Gately Close you'll see a fenced passageway [FP10] just beyond the 2<sup>nd</sup> house. Turn L and keep L. This will take you the surfaced path through Elizabeth Park and to the rear of the Little Manor Hotel. (Ignore the path [FP9] to your R as you reach the hotel.) Go through the metal kissing gate into the car park and keep L to exit through another metal gate onto Gigg Lane [Br22] to reach Thelwall New Road.

5. Turn R and then L into Ferry Lane at the Pickering Arms and the Old Post Office. At the end of Ferry Lane you go to the L of the metal gate straight ahead of you (ignoring pedestrian and vehicle turnings to the R) to continue on the grass path taking you to the landing stage where you can see the instructions for obtaining a crossing.  
See Note below if the ferry isn't running.  
*{Note the inscription on the pub; it may not be all it seems – and Thelwall isn't a city! The signs 'Private Road' restrict access to that part of the road but as it is a PRoW you have pedestrian access to walk through.}*
6. When you alight you are in Woolston and need to turn L towards the locks, keeping the Manchester Ship Canal to your L. Where the track becomes a road (now in Latchford) you go around a road barrier and continue to the houses on the R of the road (Lock Villas). On your L is the foot access to the locks.  
*{The area beyond the ferry stage is Woolston Eyes SSSI. There is restricted access to the site; members have key access. The site is renowned for its wildlife; mainly birds but also butterflies and wild flowers.}*
7. Cross the large and then the small lock by whichever route is made available by the keepers. Exit to Thelwall New Road across the sluices to then cross diagonally L to Bradshaw Lane.  
(If a boat is entering or leaving the locks you may be asked to wait for safety reasons as the mooring ropes known as hawsers can kill someone if they snap under strain.)
8. Just before the old railway bridge you go through the A Frame on your L and walk on a long uphill to the old railway track bed, which now forms part of the TPT. You pass under the A56 Stockport Road and arrive at the next bridge (Pickering's Lane TPT bridge). (This part of the TPT is tree lined and provides a pleasant shady walk on a hot day.)
9. Go under the bridge and take the path or steps on your R to go up to the bridge level. Turn L and walk across the canal bridge Pickering's Bridge).
10. Take the path to your R [FP13] and walk with the canal on your **R**. This path (sometimes muddy in places) will take you to Weaste Lane. (It is not the towpath which is on the N side of the canal.)
11. At Weaste Lane turn L and walk on the pavements.
12. You've arrived back at your car. (You might choose to turn the car and drive W as Halfacre Lane is not the easiest when turning out onto the A56.)

### NOTE:

The ferry doesn't operate in bad weather, when the canal sluices are being used or when there's no available ferryman. In that event, retrace your steps to Thelwall New Road at the corner by the Pickering Arms and turn R to walk for just under a mile to Latchford Locks (point **a** to point **b** on the map.) The road walk isn't particularly interesting, apart from All Saint's Church (see page 7), but adds very little distance to the walk. At the locks, turn L into Bradshaw Lane and continue from point 8 above.



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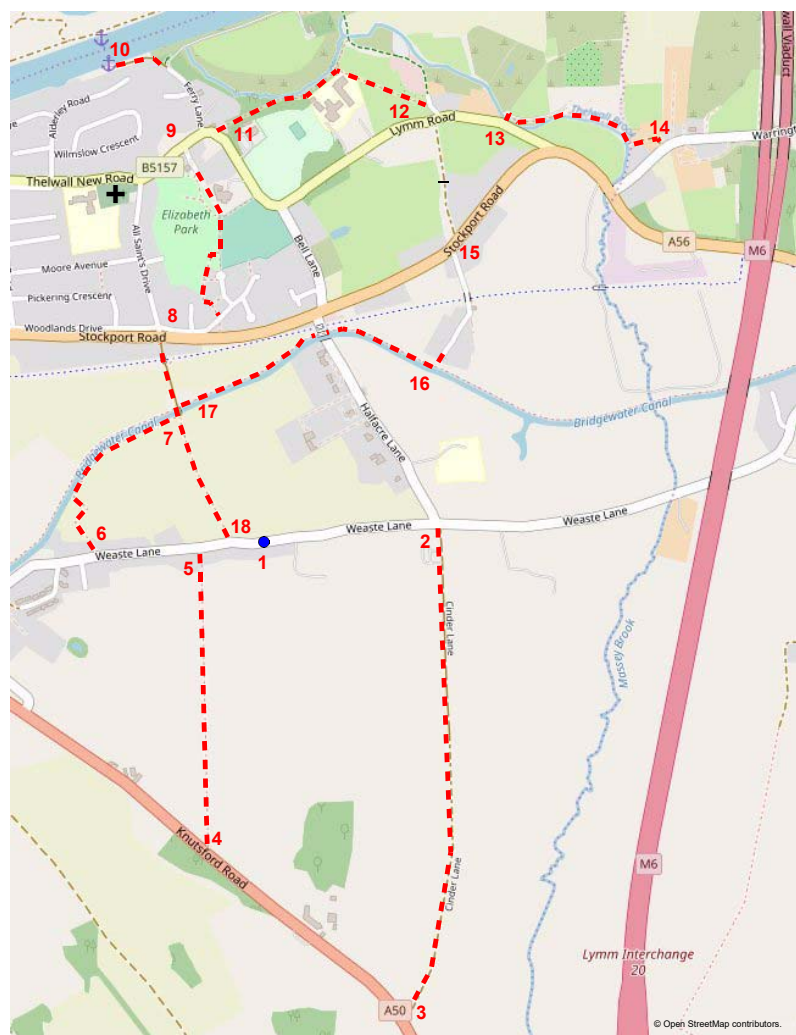


Ferry Landing Stages

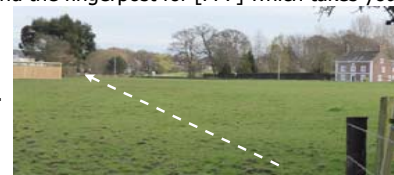
## Walk 8 – Thelwall and the Penny Ferry

A 5.2 mile walk with stiles and unavoidable gates.

Time about 2¾ hours without stops. Park on the S side of Weaste Lane (P2 - see page 9).



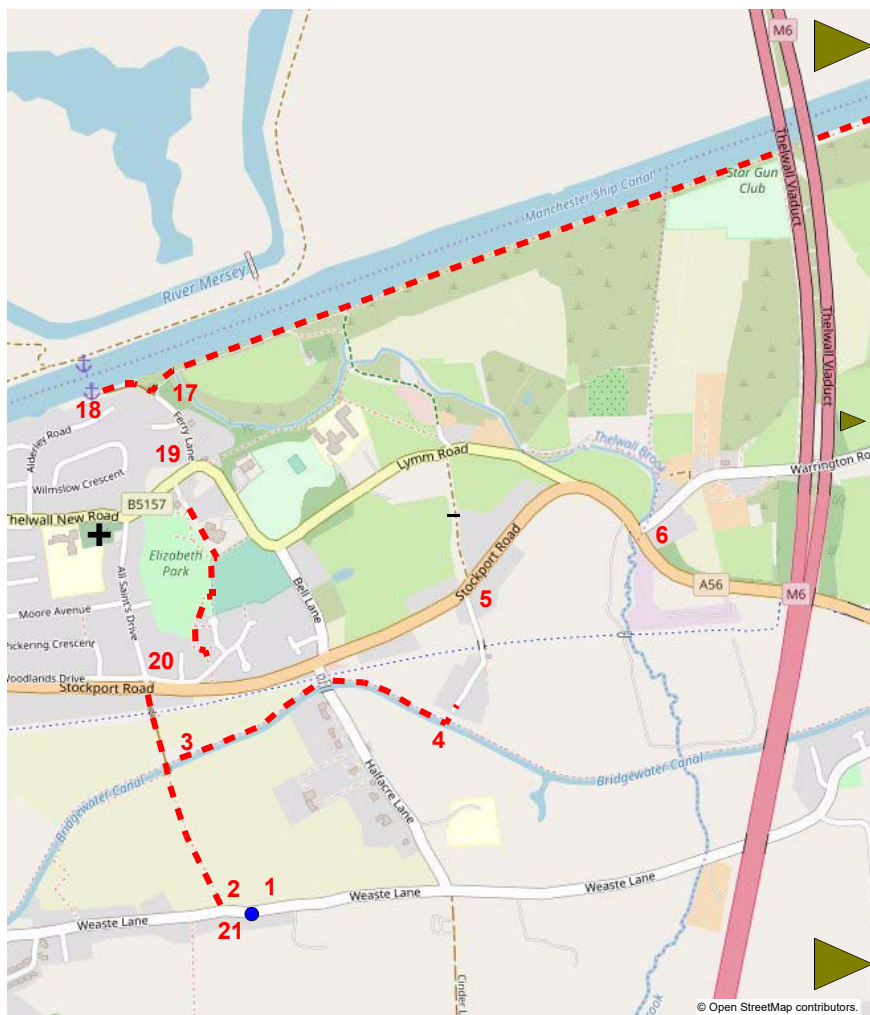
1. Walk E for about 480yds to the bridleway [Br17], Cinder Lane, on your R which is opposite Halfacre Lane.  
(Have you parked responsibly?)

2. Walk the route through the fields to the A50, Knutsford Road.
3. Turn R and walk, on the pavement, down the noisy, litter strewn A50 for 650yds.
4. Turn R to take [FP16] back to Weaste Lane. (The last few yards, near the houses, can be slightly overgrown and in need of your secateurs but still passable.)
5. Turn L at the road and after 260yds look for the fingerpost on your R.
6. Take the path [FP13] between the houses and follow it to the canal where you have to turn R towards Pickering's Bridge – Bridge 19.  
(The path is a grass path, just after the white bungalow No. 27, opposite the bus stop and it has a fingerpost. Please don't confuse it with a wide field entrance before No. 27.)
7. You go up to the bridge and turn L on [FP12] over the bridge, over the TPT to the A56 Stockport Road.
8. Cross the road into All Saint's Drive and immediately turn **R** into Woodlands Drive. As you round the bend past Gately Close you'll see a fenced passageway [FP10] just beyond the 2<sup>nd</sup> house. Turn L and keep L. This will take you the surfaced path through Elizabeth Park and to the rear of the Little Manor Hotel. (Ignore the path [FP9] to your R as you reach the hotel.) Go through the metal kissing gate into the car park and keep L to exit through another metal gate onto Gigg Lane [Br22] to reach Thelwall New Road.
9. Turn R and then L into Ferry Lane at the Pickering Arms and the Old Post Office. At the end of Ferry Lane you go to the L of the metal gate straight ahead of you (ignoring pedestrian and vehicle turnings to the R) to continue on the grass path taking you to the landing stage where you can see the instructions for obtaining a crossing.  
*{Note the inscription on the pub; it may not be all it seems – and Thelwall isn't a city! The signs 'Private Road' restrict access to that part of the road but as it is a PRoW you have pedestrian access to walk through.}*
10. Retrace your steps along Ferry Lane to Thelwall New Road.
11. In front of the 'Old Post Office' on your L you find the fingerpost for [FP7] which takes you to Laskey Lane alongside a stream and behind the Parish Hall and Chaigeley school. As you reach the end of the school boundary wall, ignore the steps to your L, turn R into the field. Walk in an almost straight line to the R corner of the fence at the property that faces Laskey Lane. Go through the gate to the lane.  

12. Turn R to Lymm Road where you turn L for about 150yds.  
(Please note that the black track shown on the map from here to point 15 does not have public access rights.)
13. (The footpath between 13 and 14 may not be usable; it is subject to flooding. If this route isn't an option then use Lymm Road and Stockport Road to reach point 15.)  
Turn L across the bridge on [FP8] over Thelwall Brook and go R over the stile which is to the R of the large metal gates. Walk on the grass to the R of the private road keeping to the R boundary and to the L of the brook. After crossing another stile or two, you enter a riding yard [Lymm FP11] where you turn R and then L around an exercise/show area before making your way through a small gap in a hedge to walk in front of a bungalow which allows you to exit onto Warrington Road.
14. Turn R along the road and use the pavement on the R of the roads to reach the next point.
15. Turn L into Dean's Lane [RB14] walking over the Trans Pennine Trail (TPT) and between the houses to reach the canal towpath.
16. Turn R along the towpath [FP21] to walk over Halfacre Lane (signed Thelwall Underbridge) and to reach Pickering's Bridge - Bridge 19.
17. Go under the bridge (you can now see the sign on the bridge) and take the path to the top of the bridge where you turn R on [FP12] to cross the open field towards Weaste Lane.
18. Turn L and you are almost at the start point of the walk.

## Walk 9 – Lymm Sow Brook and the Penny Ferry

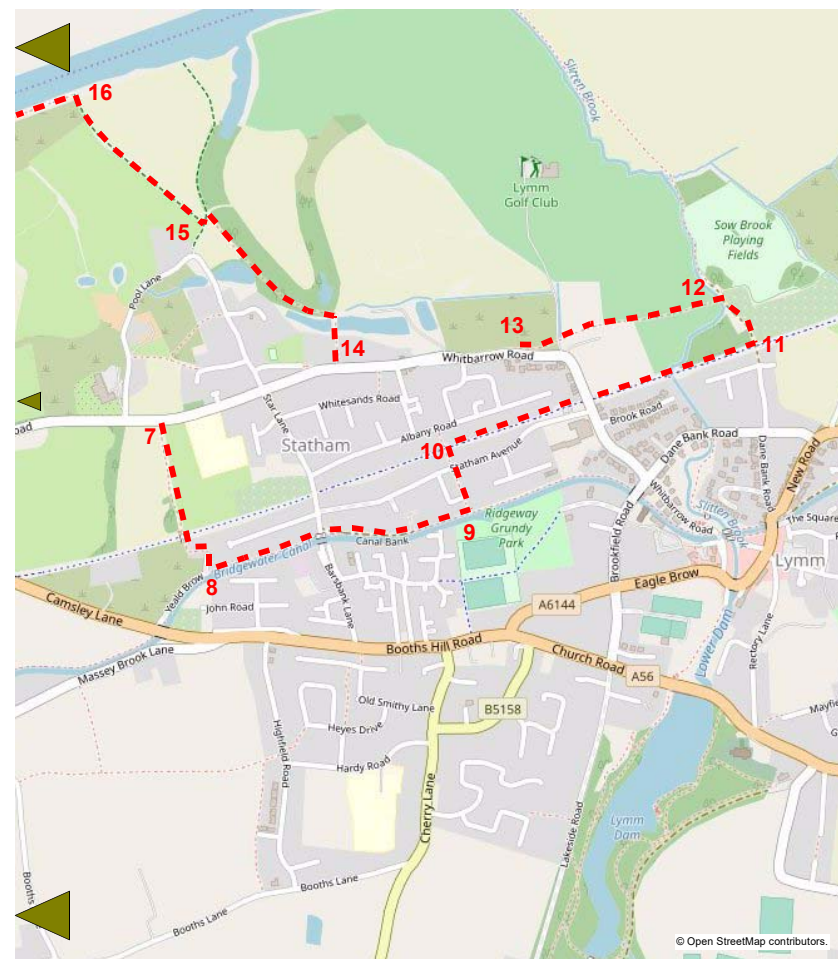
A 6.3 mile walk with gates and stiles.

Time about 3¼ hours. Park on the S side of Weaste Lane (**P2** - see page 9).



1. Walk W for about 100yds to the wide field path to your R [FP12]. (Have you parked responsibly?)
2. Walk across the field towards the Bridgewater Canal bridge (Pickering's Bridge).
3. Cross the bridge and join the towpath [FP21] by going L and L. You should now be walking

4. with the canal on your R. After you pass over Halfacre Lane walk for about 300yds to Dean's Lane [RB14] where you turn L.
5. Walk past the houses and over the Trans Pennine Trail (TPT) to the A56 Stockport Road.
6. At Stockport Road, cross the road and turn R to walk past Lymm Road to Warrington Road. Turn L along Warrington Road (there's no pavement until the bend), under the M6 Thelwall Viaduct to the Statham Lodge Hotel at Pool Lane. Within 90yds., after Pool Lane, your path [Lymm FP10] is on your R through the kissing gate.  
{The A56 at the junction with Warrington Road is called Thelwall Bridge. Before the A56 was 'improved', the bridge over the brook was more obvious. It is the point where Massey Brook, which rises near the A50/M6 Junction 20, becomes Thelwall Brook.}
7. Take this path and walk straight up the edge of the field to cross the bridge over the TPT before the path turns L in front of some cottages then R to reach the canal.



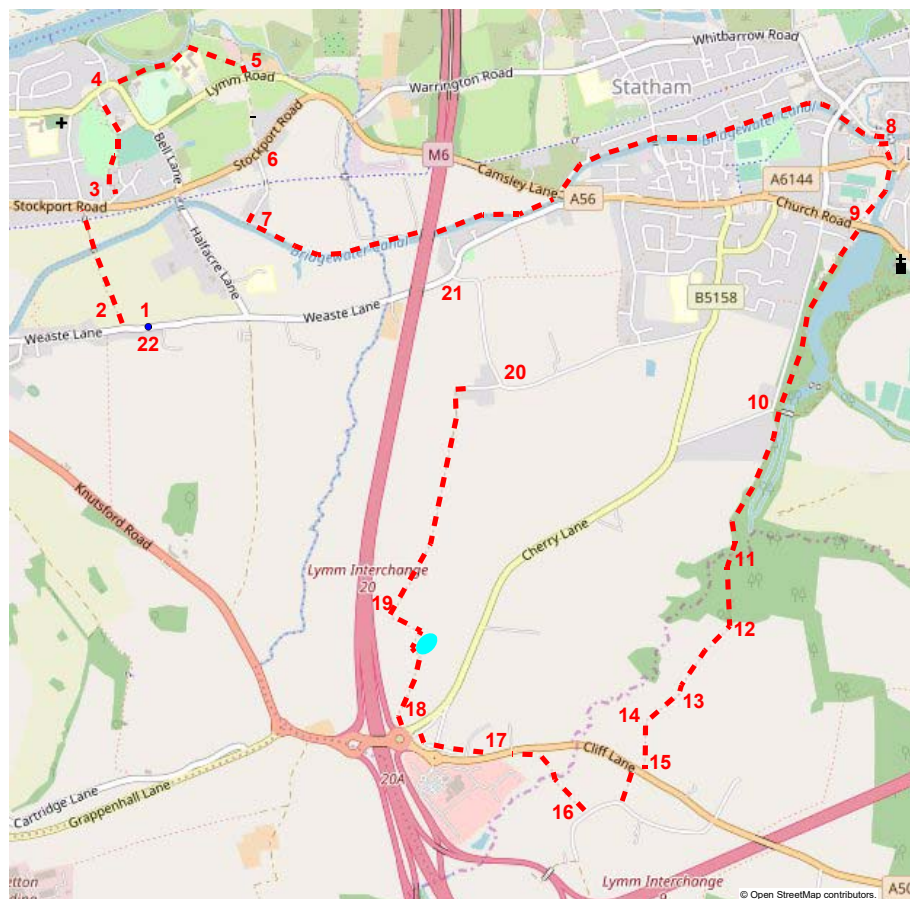
8. Turn L onto the towpath [Lymm FP43] and walk with the canal on your R (hopefully!) to the Barsbank Lane bridge (where cars can gain access to the towpath). Look out for the path [Lymm FP17] now about 380yds. ahead and almost hidden by the hedges.
9. Turn L walk along this narrow path which is hedged on either side. You cross the end of Statham Drive on your L then cross Statham Avenue before reaching the TPT.
10. Here you go up 6 steps and turn **R** to walk along the trail. (Please check that you are walking in the correct direction. Your next road crossing point should be Whitbarrow Road and NOT Barsbank Lane.) Walk on to Lymmhay Lane after passing over the Sow Brook bridge.
11. Turn L onto Lymmhay Lane. [Lymm FP19] for 140yds. where, just after a couple of brick buildings in a metal fenced compound, you should find a path to your L [Lymm FP18].  
*{You are at the Sow Brook area of Lymm. Water from Lymm Dam flowed as Slitten Brook to power the now abandoned slitting mill machinery (producing wire and nails) at Slitten Gorge. This stream now flows as Sow Brook into the Manchester Ship Canal (MSC). Can you see an unusual evergreen tree between the 2<sup>nd</sup> building and the path? This is a well camouflaged 'phone mast.}*
12. Go L, cross the bridge and go up the 6 steps to carefully cross the Lymm Golf Course. Follow the well defined path behind Whittbarrow Farm to cross the Golf Club private road and finally reach Whittbarrow Road. (Before you go through the gap in the hedge please be aware that you are stepping straight into the traffic which will have no chance of seeing you before you emerge. Please listen and look before you step through the gap.)
13. Cross the road and turn R where there is a pavement. As you pass no. 74 on your R you get a pavement on the R. Between 80a and the next house you'll find a fingerpost and a stone access control post which is the start of [Lymm FP16].
14. Take this path and walk through a kissing gate to the Meadow View Fisheries and then through an open field before reaching the crossroads. A farm track and [Lymm FP15] which is a cul-de-sac path leading to the Manchester Ship Canal (MSC) are off to your R.
15. Turn L and after a few yards turn R onto [Lymm RB14]. Walk this path to the L turn just before the MSC.
16. Turn L noting that you are now on a permissive path; permission granted by the MSC owners. You walk alongside the canal in a near straight line, passing through two gates and ignoring tracks to your L until you reach the kissing gate that lets you onto Ferry Lane [FP19].  
*{The waymarks are white rather than the usual yellow denoting a footpath or blue for a bridleway. White waymarks denote a permissive path which can be revoked at any time by the landowner.}*
17. Turn R and walk to the ferry. (Often a tranquil place with interesting views and birdlife.)
18. Retrace your steps and then walk to Thelwall New Road by the Old Post Office and the Pickering Arms.  
*{Just before the last house on the R of Ferry Lane there's a 'half timbered' black and white building set well back from the road. It is a wastewater pumping station!}*
19. Turn R along the road for 60yds. And then take the narrow Gigg Lane [Br22] which shortly becomes [FP10]. After you pass the houses on your L go through a metal gate onto the car park at the rear of the Little Manor Hotel and keep R to exit through a metal kissing gate into Elizabeth Park. You ignore the path [FP9] to your L and continue to walk on a surfaced path towards the R corner of some housing. Here your path is well defined as it takes you to Woodlands Drive where you turn R.
20. When you reach All Saint's Drive turn L and cross the A56 Stockport Road to the track which is Pickering's Lane [FP12]. Walk across the TPT and Pickering's Bridge over the Bridgewater Canal to follow the path which will take you across the field to Weaste Lane.
21. Turn L to reach your start point.

Notes

## Walk 10 – Lymm and The Bongs

An 8.5 mile walk with stiles, steps and unavoidable gates.

Time about 4½ hours. Park on the S side of Weaste Lane (**P2** - see page 9).



1. Walk W for about 100yds to the wide field path to your R [FP12]. (Have you parked responsibly?)
2. Walk across the field, crossing the Bridgewater Canal bridge (Pickering's Bridge) and the Trans Pennine Trail (TPT) to reach the A56 Stockport Road.
3. Cross the road into All Saint's Drive and immediately turn **R** into Woodlands Drive. As you round the bend past Gately Close you'll see a fenced passageway [FP10] just beyond the 2<sup>nd</sup> house. Turn L and keep L. This will take you the surfaced path through Elizabeth Park and to the rear of the Little Manor Hotel. (Ignore the path [FP9] to your R as you reach the

hotel.) Go through the metal kissing gate into the car park and keep L to exit through another metal gate onto Gigg Lane [Br22] to reach Thelwall New Road.

4. Turn R and in front of the 'Old Post Office' you'll find the fingerpost for [FP7] which takes you to Laskey Lane alongside a stream and behind the Parish Hall and Chaigeley school. As you reach the end of the school boundary wall, ignore the steps to your L, turn R into the field. Walk in an almost straight line to the R corner of the fence at the property that faces Laskey Lane. Go through the gate to the lane.
5. Turn R to Lymm Road where you turn L for about 150yds. to Stockport Road where you go R for about 350yds.
6. Turn L into Dean's Lane [RB14] walking over the TPT and between the houses to reach the canal towpath. (Please note that the black track shown on the map from here to point 6 does not have public access rights.)
7. Turn L along the towpath [FP21] to walk for 1.75 miles (with the canal on your R!). You go under the M6 Thelwall Viaduct, A56 Camsley Lane (Ditchfield Bridge 21), over Barsbank Lane, past the Lymm winding hole, under Brookfield Road (Bridge 22), past Whitborough winding hole, over Whitbarrow Road (Aquaduct 22A) and leave at the A6144 Lymm Bridge No. 23. (The towpath becomes [Lymm FP43] just before the M6.)  
{A winding hole (pronounced as in winding the clock) is used to allow narrow boats up to 70 foot long to turn around. It is a V shaped indent in the opposite bank.}
8. Leave the towpath, go over the bridge and take the path [Lymm FP39] immediately on your R. As soon as you can turn L do so and walk down the cobbles to Bridgewater Street and straight on to Eagle Brow where you cross diagonally L to the short road The Dingle. From here you walk [Lymm FP21] with the Lower Dam on your L to the flight of steps which will take you up to the A56 Church Road.  
{A short excursion in the village will allow you to see Lymm Cross (middle 17<sup>th</sup> C) which is a Grade I listed structure (visible ahead of you when walking across Lymm Bridge) and possibly visit a place of refreshment. Just before you walk through the Dingle look for the dinosaur footprint at The Grove which is on the opposite side of the Lower Dam to The Dingle.}
9. Cross the road and walk [Lymm FP4] with the Dam on your L. Numerous paths go off to your R and, nearer the far end of the Dam a couple to your L. Ignore these paths to walk in a fairly straight line parallel to the Dam until the path emerges at Crosfield Bridge which is the junction of The Avenue and Lakeside Road.  
{The Crosfield bridge, which has seen better days, was built by William Lever of the Warrington chemical manufacturing factory as part of his industrial plans for this area. However, a deal with John Brunner, whose Northwich factory later became owned by ICI, resulted in the plans being shelved.}
10. At Crosfield Bridge cross the bridge to take the continuation of the path [Lymm FP4] and walk for just less than ½ mile firstly with the stream on your L and then the wood on your L until you descend the 25 steps to the small wooden bridge.
11. The bridge (Scholars Bridge) is over Bradley Brook which now goes out of sight to your R as you climb up the 18 steps from the brook. The path [High Legh FP22] takes you through a wood; it's fenced on both sides to ensure that you don't trespass – or get lost!  
{Scholars Bridge replaces the stepping stones that gave children lots of fun but were not liked by adults who found them slippery when wet; and they usually were!}
12. At the end of the wood turn L and R, go over the stile and walk with the field hedge on your L.
13. At the end of the field go through the stile onto the farm track and go over the stile on your



- R before the farm gate across the track. Walk diagonally to your L to the stile in the field boundary hedge well to the L of the tree in the hedge. (Don't follow the L & R hedges; your legal path is the diagonal line.)
14. Go over the stile and walk S to the stile in the hedge onto the busy A50 road.
  15. Look diagonally to your R for your path before you cross the road straight to the path [High Legh FP21]. Walk with the hedge on your L to the road (Withers Lane) where you turn R.
  16. Before you reach the sharp L bend at the house your path [High Legh FP20] is on your R at the field gate/gap. Walk with the hedge on your R to almost the bottom R corner of the field. Here, either you'll see a path to the bridge over the small stream (Bradley Brook which is at the High Legh/Lymm Parish boundary) **or walk to the corner** where you'll find the stream and then you go R for a few yards. to find the bridge. As you cross the bridge the path becomes [Lymm FP1]. This path takes you into a field where you turn R to follow the hedge line towards the A50 road. At the road hedge the path turns L and takes you to the exit to the road opposite the Fire Station. (The gate here has been removed. Be careful here it's a busy road and you have a blind corner to your R.)
  17. Cross the road and turn L towards the M6 junction. Walk past the Fire Station, across a local service road and take the small path which will take you straight past Cherry Corner and dogleg to the roundabout.
  18. Cross Cherry Lane and look for the fp and stile close to the roundabout between the M6 and Cherry Lane exits.
  19. Cross the two stiles [Lymm FP2] and walk into the field where you keep the hedge on your R. Walk round the pond and follow the hedge on your R, walking towards the motorway. *{The traffic noise may not be all that pleasant but you should get some good views.}*
  20. At the end of this hedge turn R, walk to the R corner of the field with the hedge on your R and take the path (between the trees and the hedge on your R) which will turn R to pass some cottages and Boothshill Farm.
  21. At the Booth's Lane corner turn L and walk to the L bend at the Yew Tree Park building.
  22. Ignore the path [Lymm FP6] to your R and walk to Massey Brook Lane where you turn L and walk under the M6 motorway. The road becomes Weaste Lane. Once you're past Halfacre Lane on your R look out for your car.  
(The path opposite Halfacre Lane [Br17] is the Cinder Lane bridleway which takes you to the A50 near junction 20.)

## Update information

Changes to the walks since this document was originally produced are detailed here. Every effort is taken to ensure that this document is correct but the MCFS cannot be held responsible for errors and changes that occur post-publishing. If you know of any changes please contact the Society or the Parish Council.

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May 2020 **Walk 9 – Lymm Sow Brook and the Penny Ferry** – Page 31

Lymm FP 10 (point 7). There is currently no access to the Bridgewater Canal (point 8) whilst the TPT bridge is awaiting repair. The alternative route is through the kissing gate at the TPT bridge going L on the TPT to the 1<sup>st</sup> road crossing (Barsbank Lane). Turn R and then at the canal bridge go L up to the canal and follow the remainder of point 8 instructions. I'm aware that for a limited period it may be necessary to close the kissing gate. This should be signed at point 7 and your alternative route will be to stay on the road until you reach Star Lane where you turn R and walk to the canal bridge as above.

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Gr+Th FP 8 (point 13) **should NOT be used** until the legal action relating to the land use and access is resolved. The walk instructions give the alternative route.

May 2020 **Walk 6 Pewterspear** – Page 23.

Appleton FP 20 (point 21) is now through a building site but generally follows the line shown on the sketch map. You currently walk between the builders fencing. After the building is complete the walk will be updated to show the revised route detail.