

SHADWELL (VIA BIRKBY) WALK

Start Point: Main Street Thorner. LS14 3DX

Walk approximately 5 miles.

- (1) Walk down Main Street. As the road swings to the left, an unmade road goes off to the right towards the Ford. The footpath runs from the Ford, up Westfield Lane.
- (2) At the end of Westfield Lane continue in a straight line across an open field, to a stile at Carr Farm.
- (3) Over this first stile the path drops to another stile, and then goes to the left for a short distance before turning right at another stile



- (4) The path then continues with the hedge to the left, and a tape fence, expressed to be electric, to the right.
- (5) Eventually the field edge track ends, at a stile, leading out to the bottom of a field leading up to Birkby. The track that has to be crossed is badly rutted, and can be waterlogged in wet conditions.
- (6) The path continues across the field to a stile in the hedgerow near the far left hand corner.



- (7) The footpath then runs half right, uphill, aiming to pass between the two large trees on the brow of the hill. Beyond these trees there is a stile at the bottom corner of the residential properties.
- (8) The stile leads onto an enclosed path, with a garden fence on one side, and a post and wire fence on the other. This path can become overgrown (with nettles) and shorts may not be the appropriate apparel for this section of the walk. Fortunately it is a short section, leading out onto the made up road, over a stone stile.



- (9) Turn left, up the road, following the footpath sign to Coal Road, for about 40 yards. Here our route takes us off to the right. There is a signpost, but it can be hidden in the hedgerow. Pass through the pedestrian gate to the side of the main gate, and walk along the broad track.

- (10) As the track turns to the left, follow the way marker and proceed straight ahead, aiming for a stile in the far hedge, near a telegraph pole. Cross over this stile and head half left, towards the far corner of the field. This cross field path actually runs to a way marker at the edge of



the field before the corner, and continues along the field edge, eventually emerging onto the Coal Road



- (11) At the road, which can be busy (although it is due to be closed when ELOR is completed (late 2022)), turn to the left. After about 40 yards there is a gate in the hedge on the opposite side of the road, and next to this gate is a stile. There should be a signpost, but it was missing when this walk was prepared.

- (12) Over this stile the path continues in a straight line along the field edge, with the hedgerow on your left shoulder, emerging over a stile onto the even busier A58 Leeds – Wetherby Road. Cross the road with care to a stile on the opposite side of the road.



- (13) Over this stile continue across the field to a stile next to a gate on the opposite side. This stile leads out onto Hobberley Lane. From this point there is an amount of road walking.
- (14) Start by turning right and walking down the road, towards the houses in Shadwell. Eventually, after approximately 800 yards, Hobberley Lane ends, at a junction with Main Street, Shadwell.

- (15) For a longer walk there is the option of turning left here, and walking up the road, past the Village Hall, St Paul's Church and the primary school. After a right hand bend followed by a left hand bend in the road, take the track to the right next to Shadwell Fish and Chip shop. This track

- (16) Instead of taking this alternative, and going left, turn right and walk down the road, past the bus terminus, to the point where the road swings left. Just before the bend take the unmade road to the left (Crofton Terrace). At the cross roads turn right (Crofton Rise) and follow the road round to the junction with Bay Horse Lane (an extension of the Coal Road)

- (17) Turn left and walk up Bay Horse Lane taking care as there is no proper footpath. After approximately 500 yards turn right at the unnamed road (Stoney Lane) which leads to the A58 Wetherby Road.



- (18) Opposite the bus stop, which is to your left, take the signposted track, on the other side of the road (crossing the busy road with care) which goes up towards Eltofts. This unmade track goes uphill, to join another tarmac track at the top. Turn left here and follow the track past Eltofts Farm.



- (19) As the road levels out follow it to the left, past Eltofts House and Eltofts Grange.

- (20) The signed path across the field takes you down to Kidhirst Wood and Fishponds, but our route continues on the road, which very soon becomes an unmade track, and starts to run downhill. Where the track swings to the right, down towards Carr Lane, take the steps on the left up to the clear track running along the side of the hill (Scarborough Walk)



- (21) At the end of this level track, the route crosses the next field to a stile in the far right hand corner. This stile leads directly onto Carr Lane. Walk carefully down the tarmac road (no pavement), as far as Kirklands and down the footpath back to the starting point.

