

OXSPRING

QUEEN'S JUBILEE WALK

2012



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INTRODUCTION

Old maps going back two hundred years or more do not mark a village on the site of present day Oxspring. Instead they mark the hamlet of High Oxspring. The original Oxspring undoubtedly lay across the River Don from the present village. Nowadays, Oxspring is a small but growing village community of approximately 500 households nestling in the Eastern foothills of the Pennines, a short journey from Barnsley and the M1. Sheffield, Wakefield, Leeds and Manchester are all within a 30 mile radius.

The Queen's Jubilee Walk has been created by the Parish Council to encourage residents to participate in the Parish's celebrations for the Queen's Golden Jubilee, and has been designed with families and regular walkers in mind.

Unfortunately, the walk is not suitable for either wheelchair users or pushchairs as we have tried, wherever possible, to follow the Oxspring boundary which is obviously over farm fields and way-marked footpaths.

GENERAL INFORMATION

There should be ample parking in the playing field car park on Sheffield Road, the B6462 (at the side of the Pinfold and just below the Wagon and Horses Pub). If the car park is full, there is additional car parking up the road at the side of the children's play area.

Although the paths are all way-marked footpaths, we recommend strong footwear as the ground underneath can be uneven and muddy if the weather has been inclement.

Walk 1

This is the shortest of the walks but all three walks start at this point.

Start the walk in the playing field car park on Sheffield Road, the B6462. Leave the car park by the main entrance gate and turn right on to Sheffield Road taking great care with oncoming traffic - walk approximately 30 metres on the grass verge towards the public footpath sign.

Turn right up the hill towards the bridge which crosses the Trans Pennine Trail.



Go under the bridge and continue up to the top of the hill. When you get to the top of the hill turn right along the marked footpath with the drystone wall to your left.

Continue along this path to the bottom corner of the field until you come across a gap in the wall to your right. Climb over the wall, turn right and continue along the edge of the field.

Approximately 100 metres in front of you, on your right, you will see a white sign and a stile with a way-marker on it which leads into a private garden. Enjoy the walk through this beautiful garden but please stick to the designated footpath which is clearly marked.

At the end of the garden there is a stile in the dry stone wall. Go over the stile, turn to your left and follow the path diagonally across the field towards another stile that you can see ahead of you in the wall to your left. Cross over the stile.

Turn right and follow the path up the hill to the next stile. Climb the stile and cross Roughbirchworth Lane towards the row of terraced houses you can see ahead of you. Turn right just before the terraced houses and follow the lane up between the houses on your left, and the farm on your right.

For those doing walk 1 - continue with the directions below:

For those doing walk 2 - follow the directions from Walk 2

When you get to the top of the hill, turn right through the galvanised gate and follow the path adjacent to the farm down to a bridge which you should cross.



Turn immediately left towards the Trans Pennine Trail. Turn left on to the Trail and head towards Oxspring.

Continue along the Trail until you meet the Oxspring Village Centre sign. Go past this exit and under the bridge.

Continue along the Trail until you can see your starting point (the playing field) on your left. Go across the bridge and take the steps on your right down to the field.

Approximately 2 miles

Walk 2

Turn left at the top of the lane for approximately 15 metres and climb the stile on your right. Cross over the farmer's field heading towards the electricity pylons and carry straight on into the next field. Go over the stile and continue straight ahead.

At the bottom of the field the path bends to the left and you should see another stile adjacent to a gateway. Go over the stile and head towards the bottom of the field crossing the next stile into the car park area. The fishing pond should now be on your left hand side.

Cross the car park and drop down on to the road then turn right heading towards the two 30 mile an hour signs in front of you.

Approximately 500 metres before these signs, there is a public footpath sign to your right. Climb the stile at this sign and cross the field with the river on your left hand side.

Continue straight ahead with the dry stone wall to your left hand side. Carry on down to another stile and climb over it and down the very steep steps on the other side.

For those doing walk 2 - continue with the directions below:

For those doing walk 3 - follow the directions indicated at Walk 3

At the bottom of the steps, turn right up a slight incline on to the Trans Pennine Trail and turn right heading back towards Oxspring.



Continue along the trail for approximately three quarters of a mile.

Go past the Oxspring Village Centre exit and under the bridge, continuing on the Trail until you can see your starting point (the playing field) on your left. Go across the bridge and take the steps on the right hand side of the bridge down to the field.

Approximately 3.5 miles

Walk 3

To continue with the final stage of the walk, go straight ahead and under the bridge heading towards the main Sheffield Road. Cross the road, turn left and head along the road towards Springvale, passing the school on your right.

Just before the Britannia Inn, turn right and head down the access road to the Dump-It Site with the children's playing area on your right. Take the footpath to the left of the Dump-It Site entrance, go over the small stone bridge (Boulder Bridge) and turn immediately right, keeping the river on your right.

At the end of this section bear left up the short incline to the next stile. Go over the stile into the farmer's field and head for the top corner, going under the power cables. Cross the stile at the top of the field with the wall to your right and the farm ahead of you.

Climb the next stile and go up the hill, with Whitefield Farm on your right hand side, until you meet the main road at the top of the incline. This is the very busy A629 road which you should cross with great care and turn left towards Hoylandswaine.

Head for a public footpath sign on your right (approximately 100 metres). Go over the stile at this sign and into the field, keeping to your left with the hedge on your left hand side. Carry on round the edge of the field until you come across a stone stile with two way-markers. Turn left over the stile keeping the wall to your right following the footpath straight ahead.

In approximately 100 metres cross a wooden stile and continue straight ahead, keeping the wall to your right hand side. As you approach the end of the path you will meet another stile with two way-markers and the farm directly in front of you. Climb the stile and turn right down the cart track.

At the bottom of the cart track, turn right shortly before the entrance to the farm yard. Go over the stile on your right and into the farmer's field.

After approximately 30 metres turn left over the stone stile into the woods, keeping the farm on your left hand side. Follow the path straight down through the woods.

When you get to the gated area at the bottom of the woods this is a place where you could go wrong, so please take care. Turn right over the wooden stile and then turn immediately left heading for the bottom corner of the field, keeping the boundary hedge on your left.

Climb over the wooden stile and go down the track through the wooded area and drop down towards a small wooden bridge which leads to a steep incline. Climb the incline and follow the path, keeping the stone wall to your right.

Carry straight ahead on the path. Where two paths cross in the woods you will see, directly in front of you, a path clearly marked on the trees immediately ahead of you.

Take this path and drop down the slope, crossing the small wooden bridge at the bottom of the hill.

Follow the path round to the right and then to the left and go up the steep climb until you see a stile in the dry stone wall.



Cross the stile and go into the field with the farm directly ahead of you.

Straight ahead of you, you should see a public footpath sign in front of the farm. Go through the opening and turn right up the steep farm track. This is a long, slow climb up and over the railway bridge. This track takes you straight up to the main road across from the abattoir. When you reach the main road, turn right and drop down towards the Travellers Pub.

Cross the main road and head straight down and back into the playing field where you started your walk.

Approximately 7 miles

