

After just under a km, take the signposted path to the left and proceed up to Clayton Hall Farm. Do not turn right down the concreted farm access road but proceed straight on after the farm, alongside a hedge on your right. Go over a stile and turn diagonally left down the hill, looking for a stile at the foot of the tallest tree facing you, that enters a thin wood. Cross a stone slab bridge and exit the wood. Follow the path over three fields with stiles, and enter Bilham Road. Turn right and walk to the end of the road. Turn left and cross the road to enter a sign-posted path running behind the bungalows of Holmfield Close.

Follow this for a short distance, joining a wood on your left and exiting into a small car park at the entrance of Cliffe Woods. (Do admire the fine stone sculpture here and read the plaques). Enter the wood but take the downward path immediately to your right. After a short distance, opposite some stone steps, turn right down the field. Enter another thin wood, cross the stream, turn right and immediately bear left, up some steps into a field. Proceed alongside a fence on your right, cross a stile and bear right along a wood and at the corner, go diagonally down towards the houses to a stone stile onto a narrow path alongside the houses. Turn right onto Lower Common Lane down to the Day Nursery.

Both walks

The short walk back to The Crown offers a wealth of local history insights.

The Day Nursery was originally Scissett’s National School, built in 1861 to cater for the growing number of older children; closed as a Senior School in 1940 with the opening of Skelmanthorpe Secondary Modern School (now Scissett Middle School); but continued as a Junior School until 1972. Turn left alongside it onto Barnsley Road. Note on your left

Marshall Mill House – Marshall Mill, the ancient corn mill, stood directly opposite. As you follow the right-hand bend, the flats to your left, Marshall Mill Court, stand on the site of the old mill dam. The river Dearne forms the boundary between Scissett & Clayton West.

Turn left at the junction with the A636 Denby Dale - Wakefield Road. The imposing building on your left (now residential flats) was Scissett Co-op main stores, the following building the Co-op butchers; and the current Scissett Stores was the first village school, opened in 1841.



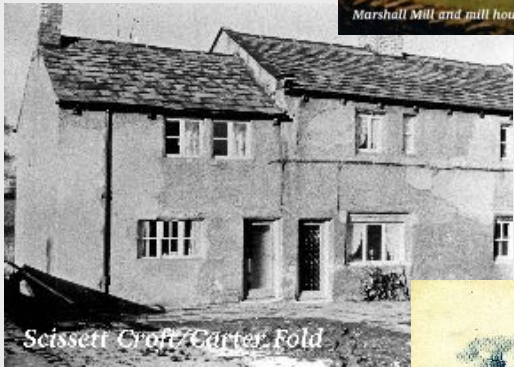
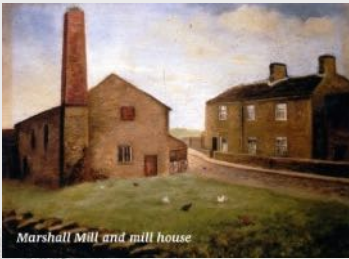
Across the road, set back alongside the bus-bay, Scissett Croft (later Carter Fold) stands on the original settlement site before the Industrial Revolution came to Scissett in 1830 this alone was referred to as Scissett.

Further along, on your left, houses 177-181 were the famous Burhouse’s Stores.

Continue back to The Crown, the sole survivor of 3 “royal” pubs (The Queen’s Head & The British Queen were just beyond) which once stood on the main road. At The Crown fine ales are served and walkers are welcome.

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Getting Here

Scissett is well connected by Bus services. We would encourage you to travel by public transport so as to minimise your environmental impact.



Scissett is served by buses from Denby Dale Huddersfield (via Skelmanthorpe and Denby Dale) and from Wakefield and Holmfirth



Local services can be found by the link to our website.



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Walking in and around Denby Dale

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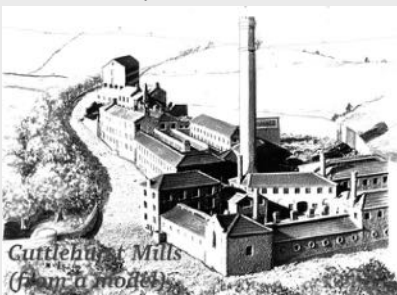


A choice of walks of different lengths revealing Scissett’s fascinating history and the wonderful nearby countryside. The full walk of 9 miles is of moderate difficulty – a shorter family walk of 4 miles is included both walks can be shortened by 1 mile. Stout footwear is advisable

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Starting-point: The Crown

Both walks From The Crown turn left along the main road passing Nortonthorpe Mills, now home to small businesses but previously textile mills developed by Joseph Norton on the site of Highbridge



Corn Mill. Turn left down Cuttlehurst ("cattle meadows") over the River Dearne at Highbridge and then cross over into the makeshift car-park on the right. Take the track (Bagden Lane) starting

at the top right corner of the car park, alongside the base of the demolished Cuttlehurst Mills, started by Benjamin Norton in 1801 and hugely developed by his son George.

After a short distance take the signposted path to the right and follow the path through the attractive park of Bagden Hall, now a hotel & restaurant famed for its afternoon teas but originally a mill owner's mansion built by George Norton. At the end of the path, go through the kissing gate, turn sharp left and proceed up a farm access track for about 120 metres, when you will see an opening up some steps to the right. Go up through this onto a path that runs alongside a fence on your left. Follow this through a kissing gate and enter a thin wood, exiting through a gap in a wall.



Follow the path heading towards the stile in a gap mid-way along the hedge facing you, crossing a small bridge on your way. Then continue over another stile and exit up some steps onto Bagden Lane. It is worth taking a short detour of 200 metres up the lane to the right onto Pool Hill, where a seat on the left offers an excellent panoramic view.

Return to where you entered the lane. (1) Take the almost immediate signposted path right, along a farmer's access track. Follow this for about one km and pass through the 2 farm-buildings of Denby Hall Farm. Ignore the sign to your right and take the signposted path to the left almost immediately afterwards, proceeding alongside the back of the farm on your left, with a man-made pond to the right.

After a short distance enter Deffer Wood and stick to the

main path going straight in front of you. After a short distance, and a couple of bends, reach a T junction and take the path to the left. After another short distance at another T junction turn left again. After about one km, leave the wood via a gate back onto Bagden Lane. At point 2 the walk can be shortened by a mile by continuing along the lane between points 1 & 2, omitting the Denby Hall/Deffer Wood section.

Turn right and walk along the lane, ignoring a left turn down Wheatley Hill Lane, proceeding by Hollin House Lane - the lane is not busy but due care needs to be taken. Continue for just under a km, ignoring a footpath signpost to the left opposite Hollin House Farm (a dairy farm specialising in whole milk products should you care to buy any). Proceed for a short distance to a yellow-signed stone post to the left at point 3.

Shorter walk



For those doing the short walk: take this path to the left up the field, parallel to some telegraph poles, to a gate from which once again there are fine views across the Dearne Valley and westwards. The summit of West Nab is visible on fine days. Follow the path down, through a gap, beside a hedge on your right and onto Upper Common Lane.

Turn left along the lane and almost immediately take a signposted path through a kissing gate and follow the path down to the corner of a wood passing a redundant stile on your right. Follow the edge of the wood for 60 metres to a corner. Turn left and follow the path diagonally across a field and through a gate (over a stile if the gate is locked). (NB If the path is not visible, head across the field to the top righthand corner.) Follow the track towards a



wind turbine on your left, alongside the historic Wheatley Hill Farm.

Take the right-hand path at a junction over a makeshift stile just beyond an old metal kissing-gate and enter a thin line of trees. Walk to the end of the trees exiting via a makeshift gate and follow the path diagonally down left, to Lower Common Lane. Turn right down to the Day Nursery.

Longer walk

For those doing the longer walk: a short distance after passing Hollin House Farm, take the signposted path to the right, across a field, over the stream and wooden stile, across another field with the farm on your left through a kissing-gate into a thin wood.

Exit the wood, cross a small field, over a stile and turn left onto a track leading to the road, turn right and pass Winter Hill Farm.

After a short distance turn left in a thin line of trees onto a bridle-path in front of the High Hoyland stone sign. Follow the bridle-path, with fine views across the Barnsley valley on your right and a wooded slope on your left. Exit onto Litherop Lane, turn left and up to High Hoyland Church.

If you want to see a fine view, detour into the church yard and walk to its far edge.

Exit by the church main gate and take the narrow signposted path immediately right, running besides the church. Follow it down to a hedge and turn left along a wide path, part of the Barnsley Boundary Walk.

After a short distance, exit onto Jebb lane and turn left. After a short distance, leave Jebb Lane at a T junction and turn right down Litherop Lane.



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Map and directions

