



St Nicholas Church

The St Nicholas cemetery has been extensively cleared by the local volunteers and the community association. The cemetery is a registered Commonwealth War Graves, of which there are three stones but research has shown this does not give the full picture of the fallen in the great wars from the area. Many were either buried where they fell or there is no grave. There were also those who came home. In 2024 after extensive research the fallen ones and those returning home have been recognised with a poppy marker and a plaque on the grave of their parents or family grave. It is a very interesting insight into the lives of the everyday people who lost their lives in the great wars. It is well worth spending time here and taking in the history.



The church is open most days for drinks which are provided on an honesty basis. For further refreshments you may continue along Cumberworth Lane past the church and village school to the crossroads with the main A635 road. Here you will find a Post Office which is also a village store with sandwiches, drinks etc, also the Star Inn.

To continue our walk, turn down Balk Lane (opposite the church), admiring this attractive conservation area, and walk straight ahead, over a stone stile into the fields. Continue straight down the fields for a good half mile, into and through a small, attractive woodland and out onto to a lane which is now part of the Kirklees Way.



Bear left and through a gate and continue along the lane. Cross the country road (Copley Lane) and walk straight ahead along an attractive and clearly marked bridleway (still part of the Kirklees Way). This is High Moor Lane and eventually leads into The Knowle. Follow this street to the main A629 Huddersfield to Sheffield road. Cross the A629 and walk straight ahead on Yew Tree Road to the junction with Station Road.



View from Upper Cumberworth towards Shepley

The village of Shepley is well worth a look round. The Reverend Ben Swift Chambers of nearby Stocksmoor is credited with the founding of both Everton and Liverpool clubs. His final resting place is in the village cemetery. His grave often sports a football scarf. There are more interesting places and other stories to be found via the link.



Turn right for Shepley station – or left into Shepley village for drinks and refreshments at Co-Op and Black Bull PH.

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Historic photos from the Leslie Robinson collection.



## Denby Dale to Shepley Trail



Shepley Station - 1900



### Getting Here

Denby Dale is well served by Train and Bus services. We would encourage you to travel by public transport so as to minimise your environmental impact. Train, the Sheffield to Huddersfield line stops at Denby Dale as well as many other stations along the line.



Bus, there are several routes that pass through Denby Dale. The bus terminal is at the railway station.



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



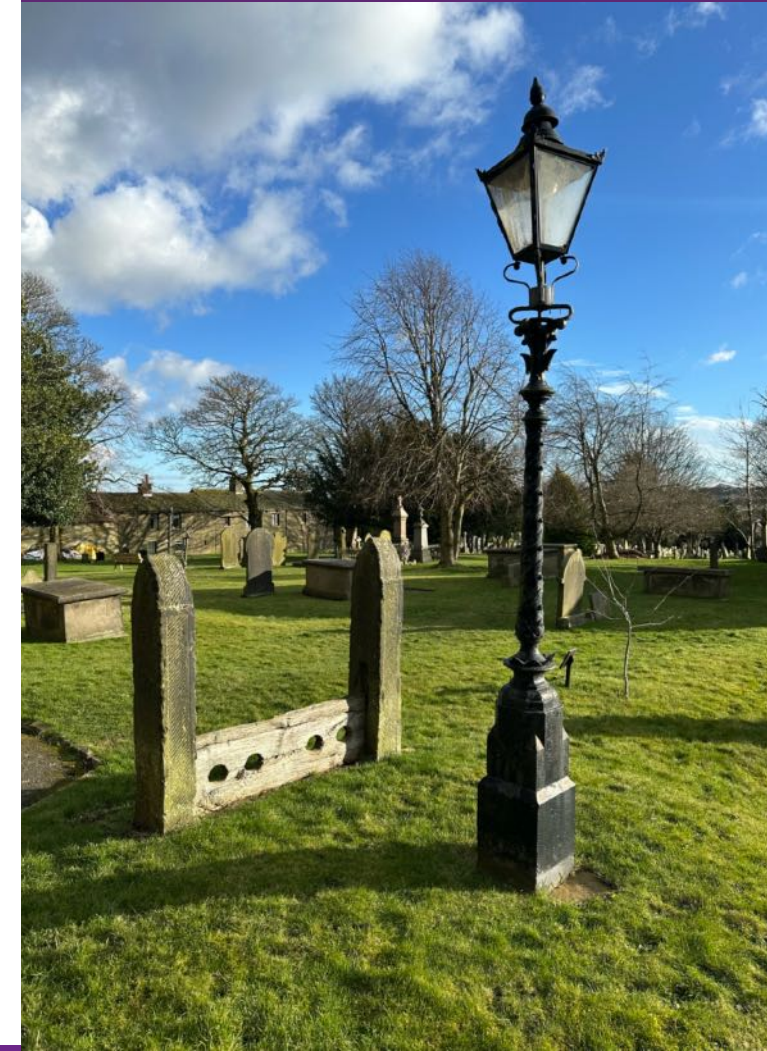
### Denby Dale Walkers are Welcome

Please check out our website for further information. We are supported by Denby Dale Parish Council.



Walking in and around Denby Dale

# The Denby Dale to Shepley Trail



An easy 3-mile walk from Denby Dale station to Shepley station. Stout footwear is advisable.

## Denby Dale to Shepley Trail



Denby Dale and Shepley stations are on the Penistone Line, along which trains run from Huddersfield to Penistone, Barnsley, Meadowhall and Sheffield.

The Huddersfield to Penistone section in particular is a wonderfully scenic line through beautiful countryside. It climbs 367 feet during its thirteen and a half miles and boasts four impressive viaducts and six tunnels. The first trains ran on 1st July 1850, when the line was part of the Lancashire and Yorkshire railway.

Begun in October 1877, the present stone viaduct finally opened on Whit Sunday, May 16th 1880.

The stone viaduct was built alongside an earlier timber viaduct, which opened on July 1st 1850. Described in a Sheffield newspaper as having a "cobweb appearance" this wooden viaduct was always unpopular with the more fearful travellers and was replaced after just 30 years.

Of its 21 arches the "skew" arch across Barnsley Road is a remarkable engineering achievement. You can find details about the Penistone Line, and the Penistone Line Partnership link



The first wooden viaduct in Denby Dale

### Start : Denby Dale Railway Station

Leave the station through the small car-park and turn sharp left across the bridge over the railway line.

Take the track to a wooden stile and into the field ahead. Continue straight ahead keeping the fence to your RHS. Where the fence turns right bear R across field to gate in corner.



Construction of the new viaduct in Denby Dale

Gradually fine views unfold; particularly of Denby Dale viaduct (behind and left), towards High Flatts (ahead and left) and of the village of Upper Cumberworth and its church (ahead and right).

During construction of the railway line the deep cutting near Denby Dale Station, across an area of farmland known as The Bromleys, had exposed outcrops of coals, sandstone, brick clay shales and fire clay which persuaded Naylor's to purchase the site and move from Scholes to Denby Dale, where they manufactured clay pipes until 1993. The fields to your right have been extensively excavated for minerals.



Enter a narrow, sometimes overgrown path, bounded by two fences, alongside the former Bromley Farm landfill site. On reaching the access road to the recycling site, do not cross over straightaway but veer left to a stile and across the grass to the public footpath sign.

Cross here and enter another path between fences to a gate to the field ahead. Bear slightly left across the field to a gate that leads to a footpath that passes between two bungalows to emerge onto Cumberworth Lane. Turn left and walk towards St. Nicholas' church.

The current church was built in 1870, though a church/chapel has existed on the site since the 13th century. Walk round the church to see the old village stocks, near the main door.

Also worth noting is the circular stone with a central pillar, perhaps the oldest stonework in the cemetery. This is a wayside cross, 10th to 15th century and one of many around the area that are often forgotten and unseen.



Construction of the new viaduct and part of old wooden original