



13 THE QUEEN OF VILLAGES

WALK DETAILS
3.5m/5.6km

GRADE: Easy
With gates.

SUMMARY
Starting at Rawcliffe's St James' Church this walk discovers some of Rawcliffes rich heritage and scenery around the River Aire and the area that once was a busy port.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT
Buses: Service 400 and 401 from Goole and Selby.
Service 88 From Goole and Thorne.

PARKING
Free parking in the vicinity of village green.
Map Reference: SE 684230
Post code: DN14 8QW

MAPS
OS Explorer 291
OS Landranger 105

REFRESHMENTS
Public houses and shops in Rawcliffe

NO PUBLIC TOILETS

FEATURES OF INTEREST
Before setting off on your walk take a few minutes to read the HERITAGE BOARD on the Green near the Church.



POINT 1-2
It is believed that the lane you are walking along was a narrow track in the 14th century. When the Chapel of Ease was built by the Boyntons in 1691, it was improved to create a link between the chapel and the river and called Chapel Lane.

POINT 2 -3
As you turn into riverside, the farm on your left (Hirst Farm) is the site of the home of Jemmy Hirst, the only Rawcliffe man to have gained recognition on a national scale.

POINT 3
HERITAGE BOARD
Read more about Jemmy Hirst and the village pinfold which was used traditionally as a pound for confining stray animals. Pinfolds were managed by a Pinder who was responsible for adequate feeding and watering of the animals until they were reclaimed by their owners for a fixed charge.

POINT 3 -4
As you walk along you will have a good view of Drax Power Station. It is the largest power station in the UK, providing about 7% of the UK's electricity supply in 2012.
Its name comes from the nearby village of Drax which in medieval times had a monastery, a castle and a parish church.

POINT 4
If you look to the west, you will have a good view of the magnificent Cowick Hall built around the same time as Rawcliffe Hall. It is the former seat of the Viscounts Downe and is now the HQ of Croda International. You can learn more of the history of the hall on Heritage Walk 2.

POINT 6
You may have read about the two Rawcliffe ferries on the HERITAGE BOARD.
You are now at the site of The Newland ferry. There was a public footpath that ran from here, across the fields to Field Lane in the village. The ferry boat was kept over the river at Eskamhorn Farm and was operated by the farmer. There was usually a long delay for people wanting to use the ferry as they had to wait for the farmer to finish his jobs.

POINT 7-8
In the Mill Lane area there was a windmill, one of three which have been situated in Rawcliffe over the years.

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- 1** From Rawcliffe Green HERITAGE BOARD, head across High Street towards Chapel Lane walking towards river.
- 2** At end of Chapel Lane turn left and walk to West End.
- 3** on left HERITAGE BOARD, then continue on road and take first right, after the old barn, to river flood bank and walk away from Rawcliffe.
- 4** Keep a look out, on the left for a gate beside a hedgerow with a WALK 13 way marker. Go through the gate, down the green lane, following it to right and then left.
- 5** At footpath junction turn right and then right again.
- 6** Through gate turn left alongside pond, through lower gate and left down farm track This point on river is site of historic Newland side ferry.
- 7** At main road turn right and then left up Mill Lane.
- 8** Just before railway line at top of lane, look for way marker on left. There is a footpath over a bridge. Follow path to field, Turn right keep to edge of field cross footbridge, turn right and then left.
- 9** Turn right on lane and then left on a track back to Rawcliffe Green.

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