



# 7 CHURCHES, CANAL & COUNTRYSIDE

## FEATURES OF INTEREST



### WALK DETAILS

8.75m/14km

Short walk 7.75m/12.5km

### GRADE: Moderate

A mixture of road, field side, track and canal side walking. Uses a section of the Trans Pennine Trail.

### SUMMARY

A pleasant walk through rural West Cowick then following the Aire and Calder canal into Pollington before returning to Snaith via Dorr Lane, an ancient green lane.

### PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Buses: Services 400 and 401 from Goole and Selby.

### PARKING

Free parking at in Snaith station car park.

Post code DN14 9HY

Map reference SE643223

### MAPS

OS Explorer 290/279

OS Landranger 105

### REFRESHMENTS

Cafes and public houses in Snaith, public houses in East Cowick and Pollington.

### NO PUBLIC TOILETS

### POINT 3

Methodist Church  
HERITAGE BOARD.

### POINT 4-5

Mill Lane in West Cowick, so called because of a windmill, demolished in 1928, in the grounds of Mill House. Kiln House in Grange Road is on the site of one of a number of medieval pottery kilns in West Cowick.

### POINT 5

As you turn into the footpath off Grange Road the small area on your right houses the remains of a former Chapel and burial ground (2016).

### POINT 6-7

After crossing the motorway you go round a small wood, Shearburn Plantation.

The Shearburns were a very prominent family in Snaith throughout the 19th century. They were both major landowners and one of the town's solicitors and built the present Snaith Hall c1829. This area was part of their large estate.

### POINT 7-8

The point where you leave the canal side is the site of the Balne Croft Swing Bridge over the

canal. When it was constructed the canal cut the link from Balne Croft farm, on the south side, to Pollington, so the swing bridge was built to restore that link. Continuing down Balne Croft Lane you will pass between the remains of the rail bridge which carried a branch of the Hull to Barnsley line.

### POINT 8

Reaching the road, from the bridge, you can look along the Aire and Calder Canal to the largest lock on the waterways system or better still take a short RECOMMENDED DIVERSION along the canal and read the HERITAGE BOARD by the lock.

### POINT 9-10

Leaving Pollington you will see some buildings on your right which were once part of RAF Snaith, a World War II air base and home of 51 and 150 Squadrons, Bomber Command, which was actually in Pollington. This is where the Women's Auxilliary Air Force (WAAF) personnel were based. After the war the huts were used by Land Army girls.

### POINT 13-14

### HERITAGE BOARDS

Back in Snaith you will have the opportunity to learn about Snaith Priory, take an educational journey and see the Town Lock-up and Brewery.

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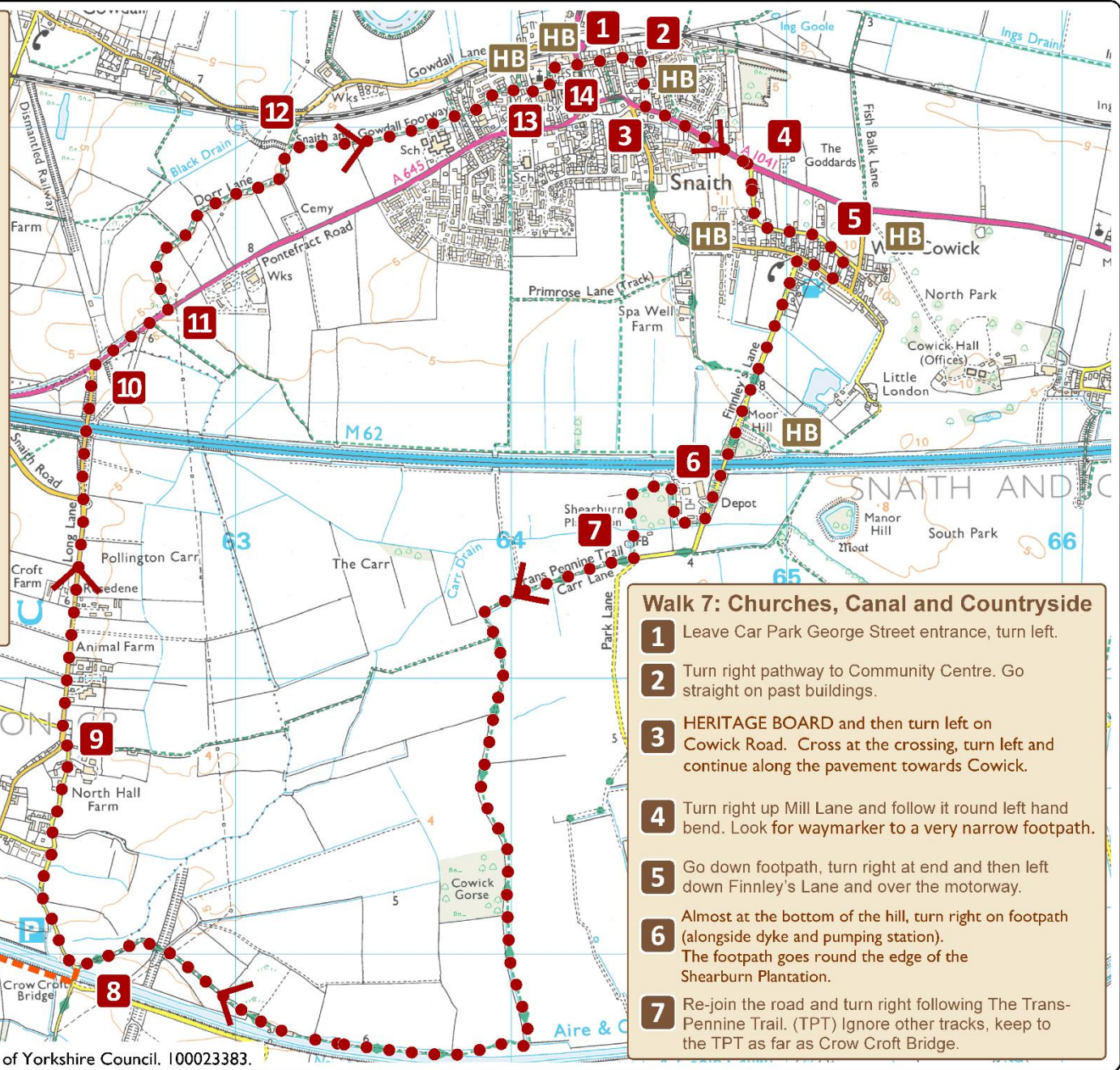
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- 8** — **RECOMMENDED DIVERSION.** Go over the bridge on the left. Follow path down to canal bank. Turn left under bridge and walk to Pollington Lock HERITAGE BOARD. Then re-trace steps to Crow Croft Bridge. Go over the bridge again and turn left.
- 9** At the main road (Long Lane) bear right.
- 10** At the major road cross the road and turn right towards Snaith.
- 11** Turn left on a track (Dorr Lane) and follow to the top of a slight hill to a footpath junction.
- 12** Take the right fork towards Snaith. Keep following the footpath to Church Lane.
- 13** HERITAGE BOARD Snaith Priory Church. Then walk along the road in front of the church.
- 14** Turn left down Buttermarket HERITAGE BOARD then, right on Mill Street. Straight across the main road to George Street and return to the station car park.
- HB** HERITAGE BOARDS



- Walk 7: Churches, Canal and Countryside**
- 1** Leave Car Park George Street entrance, turn left.
  - 2** Turn right pathway to Community Centre. Go straight on past buildings.
  - 3** HERITAGE BOARD and then turn left on Cowick Road. Cross at the crossing, turn left and continue along the pavement towards Cowick.
  - 4** Turn right up Mill Lane and follow it round left hand bend. Look for waymarker to a very narrow footpath.
  - 5** Go down footpath, turn right at end and then left down Finley's Lane and over the motorway.
  - 6** Almost at the bottom of the hill, turn right on footpath (alongside dyke and pumping station). The footpath goes round the edge of the Shearburn Plantation.
  - 7** Re-join the road and turn right following The Trans-Pennine Trail. (TPT) Ignore other tracks, keep to the TPT as far as Crow Croft Bridge.