## Responsible Walking

This walk uses some of our many rights of way. A right of way is not owned by the council, it is a right to pass over private land. When you go out please remember that almost all the land you cross is in private ownership, and someone's livelihood will depend on the crops and livestock there. Our countryside is not just a beautiful place, but a working environment, please play your part by keeping it tidy for the people who walk and work there tomorrow.

Take a responsible attitude into the countryside, leave only footprints and take only photographs.

**Follow the Countryside Code:**

- Be safe - plan ahead and follow any signs
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Protect plants and animals, and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under close control
- Consider other people

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# The Thorpe Salvin Trail

## How do I get there?

Unfortunately Thorpe Salvin only has limited bus links to other areas in the borough, for up to date information call traveline on 01709 515151 or visit www.sypte.co.uk for timetables.

The walk starts at the Parish Oven public house.

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Public Paths in Rotherham are clearly shown on the OS Explorer Maps Nos. 278 and 279. Why not pick up a copy at your local bookshop and devise your own walks.

**Any enquiries please ring 01709 822932**

**Remember to keep a track of where you are in the description, occasionally waymarks get vandalised and we may not have had time to replace them.**

## Key

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# Doorstep Walk Short, Easy to follow and local

**Take a walk through the ancient woods of Thorpe Salvin and along the Chesterfield Canal, on this circular 3 mile walk.**

- This route is around three miles long, but allow at least a couple of hours or so to enjoy this circular walk.
- The Parish Oven public house on Worksop Road is a good base for the walk, however check opening times before planning your journey.
- You do not need to read a map.
- You do not need fancy equipment.

**Just follow the ORANGE Doorstep Waymark**

## Thorpe Salvin

The name Thorpe derives from the Norse for an outlying farmstead, while Salvin refers to 13th century lord of the manor Ralph Salvin. Thorpe Salvin is also home to Thorpe Hall (shown on the front cover), built in 1570 and said to be the inspiration for "Torquilstone" in the novel "Ivanhoe" by Sir Walter Scott. The now ruined mansion was built for Henry Sandford who died in 1582. Heraldic panels on the gatehouse point to the date of construction being 1565-82. In 1636, the hall was bought by Edward Osborne. When his descendant Thomas Osborne became Duke of Leeds, he moved out to a grander property in Kiveton Park, and the hall fell into disuse. It was partially demolished in the 1820s, with only the south front now remaining.

The rectangular-towered parish church of St Peter, a predominantly 12th-century structure with 15th-century additions, is emblazoned with Norman carvings, and has been nominated among England's 1,000 best churches.

Thorpe Salvin is also home to Sheffield Aero Club, probably the longest established flying training school and airfield in South Yorkshire. It celebrates its 75th anniversary in 2010. The airfield can be found on Netherthorpe Road.

# The Thorpe Salvin Trail

**1** Start at The Parish Oven public house. Turn left out of the car park and head out of the village on Worksop Road, past the Recreation Ground. As there are no footways along this stretch, carefully use the road edge. Please keep an eye out for traffic, especially if you are walking with children.

**2** As you reach the edge of the village, you will see a gap in the hedge on your left, with a kissing gate and a Rights of Way Sign. Follow this path by the side of arable farmland adjacent to Old Meadow Wood. The path will take you to another kissing gate in the corner of the field.

**3** After a short stretch of hedge lined path, take the set of steps leading down to a metal gate. Then follow the track by the canal and enter Hawks Wood. As you follow the track for approx 200m, you will arrive at a waymarked junction in the path. Turn right here and walk along the edge of the wood. As you walk you will be able to see the remains of Thorpe Hall in the distance.

**4** As you continue through the woods, look out for another waymarker post guiding you down the path to your right. Take care as you walk down the slope as you may find some tree roots growing out of the ground. At the bottom of the slope, you will come to a stone bridge which takes you over the canal and onto the tow path.

**5** Head along the towpath with the canal on your right, passing underneath Bridge 34 (Mind your head). Continue past the weir and over the boardwalk with white handrails. Eventually you will reach "Thorpe Top Treble Lock".

**6** Walk underneath Bridge 35 and then double back onto it, using the steps provided. Cross over the canal and enter back into the wood. As soon as you are in the wood, take the right hand path that runs parallel with the canal. The path will be waymarked for you with orange arrows.

**7** The path more or less mirrors the line of the canal until the fence line takes you away from the canal and out of the wood. When you come out of the wood, turn right and follow the track past the water treatment works, this track will take you back to the steps that you used earlier.

**8** Walk back up the steps and re-trace the first part of the walk back to The Parish Oven. Remember to watch for traffic as you walk back along Worksop Road.

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## Chesterfield Canal

Chesterfield canal built in 1777, skirts the southern boundary of the borough and its towpath (known as the Cuckoo Way), forms part of this Doorstep Walk. Originally the canal ran from the River Trent at West Stockwith, Nottinghamshire to Chesterfield, Derbyshire.

The canal was built to export coal, limestone, and lead from Derbyshire, iron from Chesterfield, and corn, deals, timber, groceries, etc. into Derbyshire. The stone for the Palace of Westminster was quarried in South Anston and transported via the canal.

It was fully restored by British Waterways in conjunction with English Partnerships and Planning Services, although it is currently only navigable as far as Kiveton Park

The restoration of the Thorpe treble locks (below) was completed in 2003

For more details, downloads of alternative route descriptions and themed guides check out our web-page on: **www.rotherham.gov.uk/prow**

## Hawks Wood & Old Spring Wood

Old Spring and Hawks Wood are ancient woodlands dating back to at least 1600. This means that there has been continuous tree cover since that time. For this reason ancient woodlands are one of the most important land types for nature conservation in England.

Hawks Wood and Old Spring Wood are very different in character. Hawks Wood has many young trees with a diverse ground flora whilst Old Spring is very dark because of the closely growing older trees. More information about these woodlands is available by calling Streetpride on 01709 822177 or visiting the council's website.

## Keith Ayling

Keith Ayling, who was the Chairman of the Chesterfield Canal Trust for 18 years, died in March 2010.

The beautiful stretch of canal, including 23 locks, between Shireoaks and Kiveton Park was restored during this period.

It is a fitting memorial to a canal champion.