

11. Wainstalls

Old and New

Duration: 1 Hour

This walk takes you around one of Calderdale's most attractive, mountainous, and windswept villages, taking in old and new cricket grounds, and some interesting buildings and pubs.

Start at the **Cross Roads inn** – halfway between Mount Tabor and Wainstalls – where you can also park. Can you see the white **wind turbines** in the far distance on Ovenden Moor? These are controversial local landmarks!



Instead of taking Mount Tabor Road into Wainstalls village, walk down Wainstalls Lane. There are some amazing views down to your left – a mix of beautiful greenery and mill buildings. Can you spot **Booth Cricket Club** in the far distance, hidden slightly by a line of roadside trees?



Broad Fold – home of Booth CC

Keep going downhill. Take the first right (Wainstalls Lodge Lane) and then an almost immediate left on to a bridleway which becomes Kell Lane. Look out for Kell Beck House on your left, and cows and cottages on your right.

At the end of Kell Lane, turn left and walk for a few hundred yards until the road you're now on (Castle Carr Road) splits into two. You are now high up in the clouds, with the **Calderdale Way** about to zig-zag through the hillside to your right. Take the left fork of Castle Carr Road – a path - and then take another left. Then turn left again on to Saltonstall Lane. Keep on this road until you come again to Wainstalls Lodge Lane on your left.

Turn left up Wainstalls Lodge Lane, but instead of turning left up Kell Lane, carry on up Wainstalls Lodge Lane, which eventually becomes Rough Hall Lane. On your immediate right you eventually encounter a lovely old fashioned village school (**Wainstalls Junior & Infants**).



The crest of the local school

Go straight at the crossroads you have just arrived at on to Tree Lane. On your right you will see a patch of land that was once home to Wainstalls CC (there is a community centre there as well). This land backs on to the **Delvers** pub (once known as New Delight), which you will soon arrive at.

At the end of Tree Lane, turn right on to Cold Edge Road, which will bring you out at the Delvers pub, which once had a team in the **Halifax Licensed Houses Cricket League (1922-30)**. Pop into the Delvers for a drink or some food – whatever takes your fancy at this stage!

Rejoin Mount Tabor Road, heading out of the village. On your immediate right, look out for a handsome house that was once a church building. This ex-chapel - **Mount Pleasant** - had a cricket team back in the early twentieth century: Mount Pleasant Wesleyans CC.



An undated Wainstalls CC team photo

Keep walking down Mount Tabor Road. You may even spot the local bus that traipses from Halifax Bus Station to Wainstalls once every hour or two! On your left you'll come to the Cross Roads pub - where you started the walk. Adjacent to the pub lies the former home of the modern-day **Wainstalls CC**. When the Halifax Cricket Association league folded in 2005, Wainstalls CC folded too - a crying shame given the modern pavilion building they had recently erected.

WAINSTALLS CRICKET CLUB



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