

# 6. Park Life: Kirkburton & Shelley

Duration: 1 Hour

*Take a journey through two adjoining villages with spectacular views*

Commence your walk on Riley Park and walk up the driveway to **Kirkburton Cricket Club**. This is set in picturesque scenery, and well worth a look. Note the fantastic view of the Emley Moor transmitter. Retrace your steps back to Riley Park and turn right and follow Riley Park right round till you find the **Lych Gate** to **All Hallows Parish Church** to your right.



Kirkburton CC's pavilion – and the nearby parish church

Walk up the stone steps, go through the Lych Gate and into the church yard. The church has a pretty Lych Gate; while parts of the graveyard are quite over-grown, there are some interesting 18<sup>th</sup> century gravestones to see. Walk around the back of the church; this brings you out onto the B6116 Huddersfield Road opposite the **Kirkburton Masonic Hall**, and turn right into Huddersfield Road. Bear right following the perimeter of the church onto Box Ings Lane.

After 50 yards Box Ings Lane forks, so bear off to the left. After a further 50 yards the path splits into three - bear off to the **right-hand dirt path**. This is a very pretty footpath which goes on for a mile or so, bordered on both sides by mature trees, making a pretty tree tunnel effect. However, the path is very rough in places

making it unsuitable for some walkers and pushchairs. The pathway forks midway; keep to the right and continue.

At the crest of the hill take a moment to pause to admire the views towards **Shepley**. Proceed on the path down the hill for approximately 100 yards. Here you will find a wooden stile to your left; go over the stile, leaving the Box Ings footpath. Keep the wall at the top of the field to your left and walk along the top of this field and the next field.

The views of the surrounding countryside are quite stunning at this point. At the end of the second field is a wooden stile, climb over this and proceed through the passageway. At the end of the passage proceed straight ahead onto **Hawthorne Way**. Hawthorne Way terminates in a snicket; go through the snicket onto Westerley Lane.



Bear off to the right to continue on Westerley Lane. Just around the corner is **Shelley Cricket Club** (above). If the main gate is closed, you can access the ground by walking a further 50 yards on Westerley Lane where there is a pedestrian gate on the left. The ground is overshadowed by **Emley Moor Transmitter** (above). A further 10 yards on Westerley Lane is a sign for a public footpath on the left. Turn up this footpath and walk along the side of the football pitch.

At the top of the pitch is a blue bench to the left, which is ideal for pausing to admire the views. Continue on the footpath which leads into **Westerley Close**; at the end of the close turn left into Westerley Way leading to Huddersfield Road (B6116). Turn to the left walking on Huddersfield Road for a mile and a half, to just beyond **All Hallows Church**. Take a left turn down Low Gate; at the bottom of Low Gate turn left, then almost immediately right onto the signposted footpath. Follow the footpath to its termination on **Riley Park**.