

SWR-leg 5

1. **Page 35:** On reaching the Bridge Inn turn right into what is marked "Car Park" (end of leg 4)
2. Follow the lower path around the side of the mill pond and continue to follow the path along the valley by the side of the stream and over two stiles.
3. When the path enters a small wooded area cross the short stone bridge over the stream with a large pipe on the left and take the path up the flight of steps to the left which climbs up the bank over a wooden stile.
4. Head straight across the field towards the right hand edge of the wood ahead. **Overgrown and rapeseed**
5. On reaching the edge turn into the lane, follow this up to Plumbley.
6. Continue past the buildings* at Plumbley, past the T junction in the road. ***just a farm really**
7. Shortly after this there is a stone stile on the right hand side of the lane at the side of the gate.
8. Climb this stile and continue across the field towards another stile and gateway
9. Cross this and continue across the next field towards a small wooded area. **(line of trees)**
10. Cut through the woods **(line of trees)** and climb up the bank following the line of telegraph poles.
11. Follow the path up and over the hill until it meets a narrow track
12. Turn left a few yards along the track and then right at the T junction.
13. Drop down this track which quickly turns into a small path and runs down between the new housing at Mosborough.
14. On reaching the main Mosborough road called Mosborough Moor, turn left up the road
15. **Page 37:** After 100yds turn right up Owlthorpe Dive into The Beeches Estate
16. Where the estate roads bears right, enter Owlthorpe Lane beside Ridgeway Court and then immediately turn **hard left ignoring the straight on track** by the Public Footpath sign up the lane between houses
17. On reaching the ~~adventure playground~~ **picnic area (triangular area of long grass)** after about 100m go **slightly right** diagonally down through the wooden fence and then a gap in the hawthorn hedge in the bottom left corner of the next field.
18. Continue diagonally down the next field on a wider path to reach a gap by a Public Bridleway sign and a junction of 4 paths.
19. Carry straight forward at this point alongside the housing estate on your right, keeping to the main path downhill which soon becomes red tarmac
20. At the roundabout in the bottom by the Owlthorpe Medical Centre, locate street lamp ~~090903~~ **no numbers! Follow cycle path** immediately opposite and take the narrow path beyond it bearing just left of the midpoint between the two nearest electricity pylons in front of you (NNW on compass)
21. Cross the rough open ground towards the line of trees to reach Ochre Dike in the bottom
22. Drop down the stone steps, cross the stone bridge and bear right up the path by the houses to Donetsk Way.
23. Beware Supertrams when crossing this busy road, then climb up the path immediately opposite through the new houses. This is Brook Lane.
24. **Page 39:** Turn right at the top along Sheffield Road and past the old Hackenthorpe village school **(Didn't see a school)**.
25. Turn down the first road on the left – Main Street
26. In about 350 yds, just past the Hackenthorpe Medical Centre on the left of Main Street, turn right before number 32 down the tarmac footpath and continue down to Birley Spa Lane
27. Cross over and go down Rainbow Avenue
28. After about 200 yds down Rainbow Avenue, turn down a lane on the left and pass through the gap by a ~~wooden~~ **Steel** gate.

29. This lane leads into open country and the Shire Brook Valley.
30. Cross the Mossborough Link Road by the concrete bridge
31. Take the footpath sharp right after the bridge and then first left by the Public Footpath sign **Post but no sign** which leads down to the Shirebrook and a small bridge that crosses the brook
32. Cross this bridge and climb the steps up towards a small works. **Grey metal fence around works**
33. On reaching the minor road turn right and then first **(we think second)** left by the Public Footpath sign **(no PF sign, but there is a cycleway sign)**
34. Climb the tarmac **(starts as a stoney path, then becomes broken tarmac and very overgrown)** path towards Woodhouse
35. On reaching the flats go straight forward between the flats opposite to join Spa Lane at a bus stop
36. Continue down Spa Lane to the main road
37. Turn left and cross the road via the underpass
38. Continue up the slope into the square and note the ancient wooden stocks
39. **Page 41:** On reaching the old stocks in the centre of Woodhouse go straight forward along Cross Street (Royal Pub on left, foodmarket on right) and after a short distance where the street bears left, turn right down Vicar Lane
40. At the end of the lane go down the steep descending track towards the woods.
41. In about 50 yds take the wide footpath that bears left and continue to go steeply down the wooded area that is Shirtcliffe Wood
42. About halfway down to the valley bottom cross another path and descend by the stone steps that are provided
43. Continue to the stream and cross by the white railed bridge.
44. Follow the footpath that ascends steeply by the steps up the opposite bank.
45. Continue to follow the footpath and pass through the gap in the hedge and then the fence at the top of the wood and into the field beyond.
46. Follow the track ahead across the fields towards Myrtle Bank and on towards Handsworth Church
At this point we seemed to be doing OK, but came out onto the road and used our phones to find that we were probably 250m to the east of the path. We retraced but couldn't be sure we actually got the correct path, but did get to No. 48 below in the end.
47. On reaching the old stone gate post take the right hand fork and head directly for the church steeple
48. Cross Grange Lane which runs horizontal to the path and go up the narrow overgrown path that runs at the side of the allotment gardens up towards the church.
49. Keep to the left hand side of the church passing the Handsworth Parish Centre and up on to Handsworth Road
50. Cross the very busy Handsworth Road with care and just to the right go down St Josephs Road past the old Presbyterian church on your right and the old Handsworth School buildings on your left.
51. On reaching the Recreation Group (grounds?) on the right of St Josephs Road, take the footpath on the right where the road bears left
52. Pass between the first house and the Recreation Group (grounds?) to turn left at the white fence into Finchwell Crescent.
53. Go along the Crescent and cross Finchwell Road, bearing left to turn right into the Public Byeway opposite the ~~industrial estate~~ **new housing estate**
54. Continue along this rough track with garages on your left to join Waverley Lane at the far end
55. Follow the lane with fields on your right and shortly bear right parallel with the Parkway to pass a sports ground and then Waveley Cottages on your right.

56. After a gate the lane becomes a rough track again and drops down to a graffiti decorated bridge over the railway

57. **Page 43:** Cross the bridge and turn sharp left. Follow the track alongside the railway line and curving round to the right. A new path goes alongside Parkway all the way to the roundabout by the crossing.

and go straight forward on a red shale track

~~Leg 5: (2015) The usual path at side of the Parkway is blocked by a construction site but there is another path nearer the Parkway that goes off to the left soon after the Quarry Road rail bridge your runners need to go and spot this as it isn't sign posted.~~

~~Ignore the red shale track on the right the wooden stile on the left and the second red shale track on the left~~

~~Continue along the track parallel with the Parkway for about half a mile to turn sharp left to reach a wooden stile~~

58. **Come out** onto the road which passes under the Parkway (Take care here as this junction is usually busy. The pavement is on the right side as you cross under the bridge)

59. Once under the Parkway, negotiate the roundabout at the far side.

60. Bear left to go up the path by the Public Footpath sign and enter the woodland ahead

61. Carry straight forward at the cross path onto the golf course fairway (be careful!)

62. Follow the worn path forward across the fairway between two greens towards the treebelt ahead to reach a waymark and a warning sign at the edge of the trees

63. Continue forward to pass through the treebelt and reach a second waymark at the edge of the next fairway.

64. Continue along the right edge of this fairway to the right of two large bunkers and reach a Public Footpath sign by the airport perimeter fence .

65. Go straight forward between the concrete fence and the perimeter fence to join a yellow shale track **The path is signed and slightly to the right. Ignore the main Trans Pennine Trail path that goes leftish.**

66. Follow this track forward to climb steadily up and over the hill in front, ignoring the track on the left before the wire fence and the track on the right before the crest of the hill (**just after the top you will see the Sheffield Arena and Don Valley Stadium over to the west**)

67. Continue with the fence on your left and drop down to turn left at a crossroads

68. Bear right at the next junction to turn sharp right after a pond and continue steadily down the hill (**straight on past the statues of two hugging people**) towards a small industrial estate in front

69. Cross a wooden bridge in the bottom along the narrowing path alongside the industrial estate boundary fence and through the gorse bushes

70. On reaching the cleared area, pass across the front of the new building which is at right angles to the way ahead

~~71. Pass through the gate in a tall steel fence (or the gap on the left if the gate is closed) to reach Barleywood Road, to a cul-de-sac~~ **No gate visible at all, so turned left out of the courtyard and onto the road. Turn right and follow the road down past MacDonalds.**

72. **Page 45:** Turn left down the **Cately Road**, then first right into **Coleford Road** and cross Greenland Road at the end of **Coleford Road** by the pedestrian crossing

73. Once over the busy road turn right and carry on along the left hand side for about 200 yds

74. On reaching a post box opposite Whitebreads Yorkshire Depot turn left into Palmer Road

75. Bear right at the top before the Fiery Fred pub and then carry straight forward (following the bus route) into Coleridge Road (**renamed something else!**)

76. Continue along Coleridge Road and in about ¼ mile just before the bridge, turn left down onto the canal towpath **Dot says it finished here this year.**

77. The finish is almost in view here and you go forward and up the steps at the first bridge to get there. Once over the canal bridge turn left down into the stadium