

## WALK 23 CYCLEPATH FOR WALKERS

**START** Britannia at the north end; Healey Dell Viaduct at the south. But of course you can start anywhere along its length.

**NATURE OF WALK** If you're simply walking the cycle path, the surface is good throughout, so no special footwear is necessary. On the road sections, especially crossing Oak Street, Tong Lane and Hall Street, hold the hands of little ones. You will, of course, be sharing the path with cyclists, so stay alert, and give way to them, but try to treat them as friends: the vast majority are.

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Here's how the **schematic map** (or diagram) works. The **main road** (A671 – Market Street) is shown as a straight **yellow** north-south spine, and the **cyclepath** as a second **blue** spine, largely straight, but with bends to hint at the reality on the ground. Think of relative distances as approximate.

**Blue** dots show junctions on the cyclepath that intersect with minor roads (**pink**), or footpaths (**green**) that appear in **walking WHITWORTH** leaflets. **Yellow** dots show similar junctions along the main road.

**Red** dots and **red** numbers represent start points of other **walking WHITWORTH** leaflets. **Black** numbers indicate **walking WHITWORTH** walks that use a particular bit of the cyclepath or any other route shown.

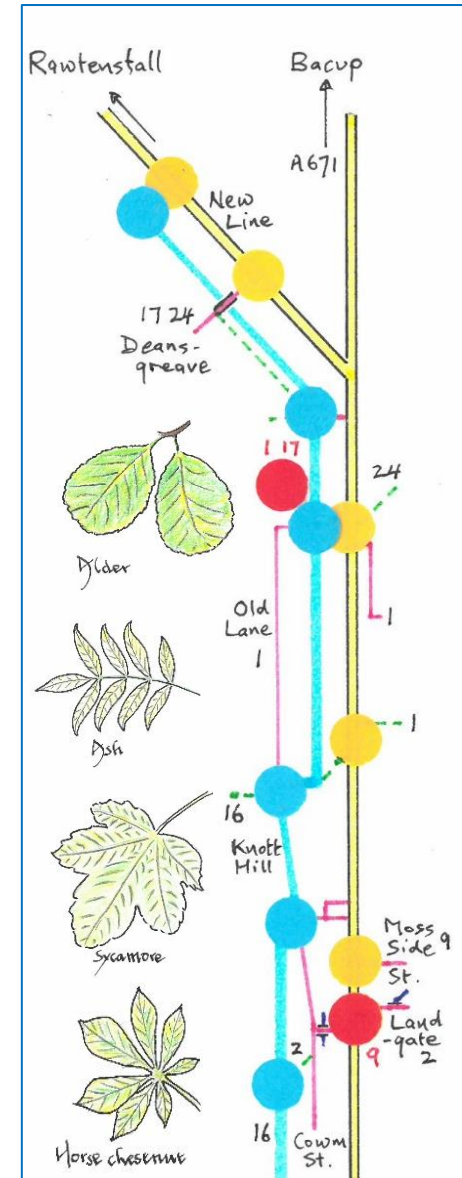
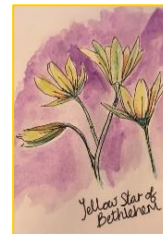
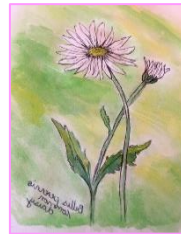
**Strolling Whitworth** routes are NOT shown – a bit too complicated to label clearly.

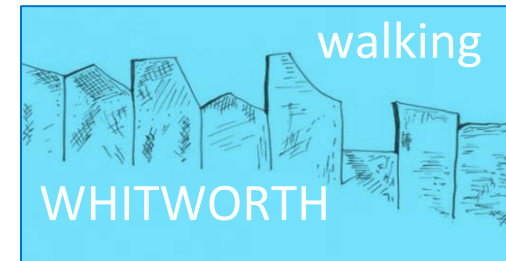
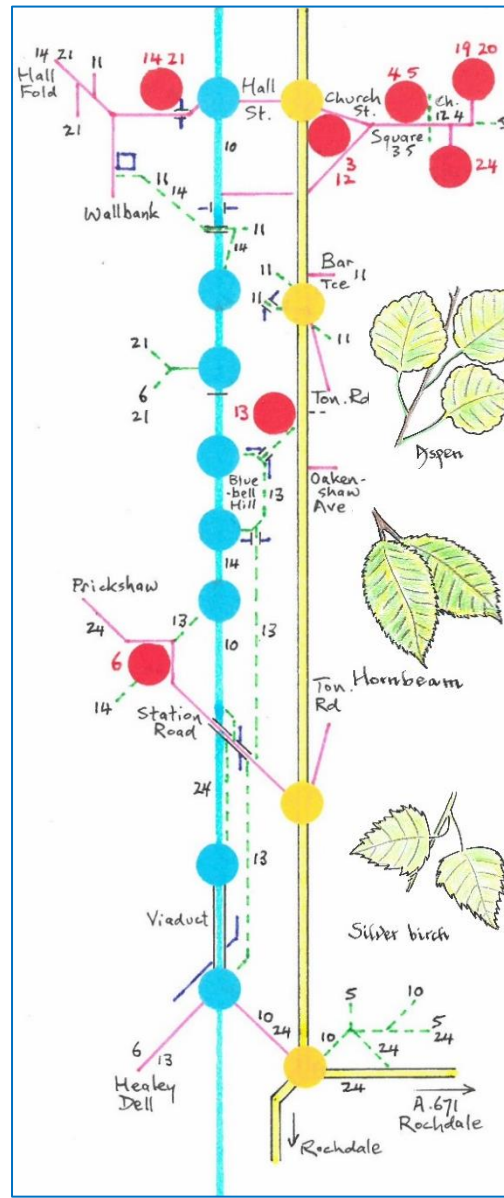
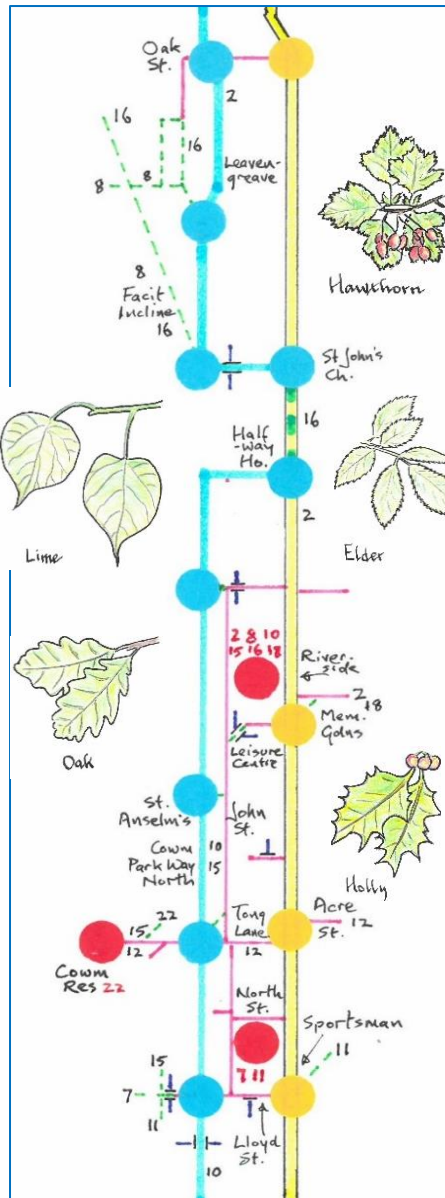


Some regular walkers know their flora and fauna, can tell at a glance the type of woodland, for example, that they are walking through. Some of us are not so knowledgeable, so, with a little bit of space available in this leaflet, we wondered if illustrations of some of the tree-leaves and flowers we walk amongst and enjoy wouldn't go amiss. Steve's Leaves courtesy of Mr Flood; flowers (and beasts!) from Leanne Davidson.

The placing of an illustration on the diagram does not, sadly, mean that that particular tree will magically be beside you at that particular place – you might have to work a bit harder than that!

Below – top left, then clockwise: Common Daisy (*Bellis Perennis*), Yellow Star of Bethlehem (*Gagea Lutea*), Plume Thistle (*Cirsium*), Dog Rose (*Rosa Canina*) and Yellow Flag (*Iris Pseudacoris*). Plus Heron and Rabbit.





Whitworth's cyclepath has been a boon, for walkers as much as cyclists, and a stroll along it from Britannia to Healey Dell is easy and pleasant, despite the sections on minor roads. It's just as pleasant the other way round, even if you're now travelling uphill – the gradient is gentle, but for one 20-metre heave. If you're walking the whole of the 7km or so of the cyclepath, just follow the blue Cycle Route 92 signs, whichever direction you're going.

This leaflet is designed as a diagram rather than a conventional map to show how and where the cyclepath links to other walks in the **walking WHITWORTH** series, so that it can be used as a way of access, and help to vary familiar routes. A huge thankyou to those who worked so hard to make it a reality. Now it's up to all of us to keep it in good nick! JF

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