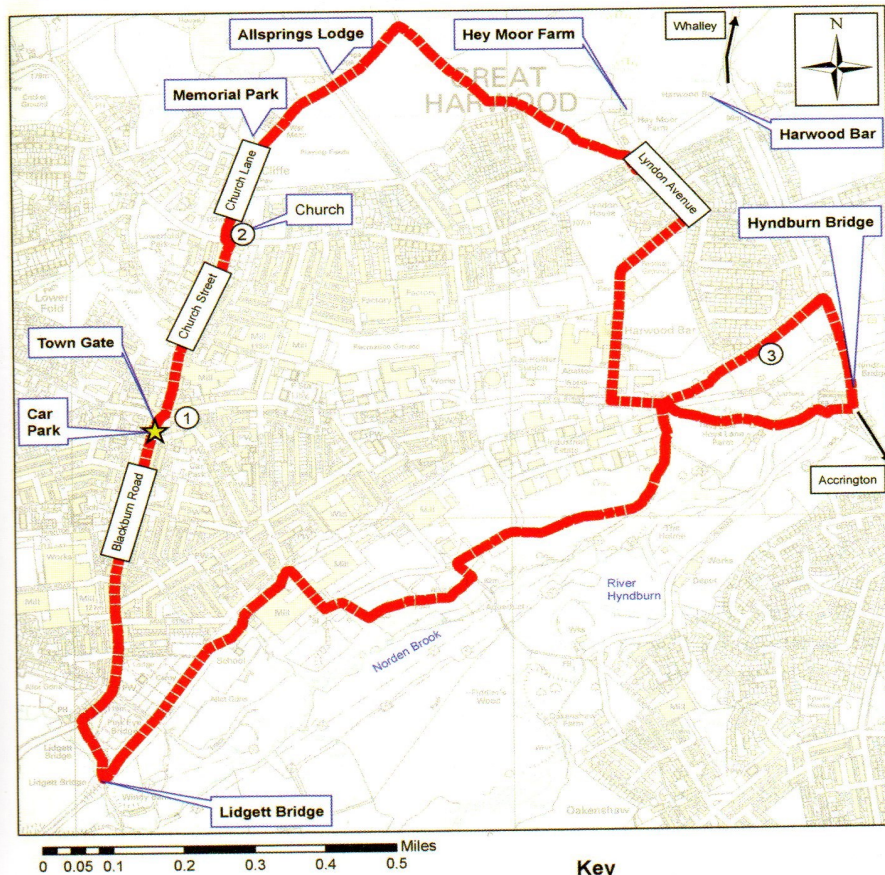


**By Hyndburn Bridge**  
**Time: 1.45 hr**

**Start point: Town Gate**  
**Suitability:** ♡ ♡ ☹



**Points of Interest**

1. Town Gate
2. St Bartholomew's Church
3. Old Railway Site



Allsprings Lodge

- The main car park in the centre of the town, on Blackburn Road is the starting point of this walk. Set off past the town market square. (1) Keeping to the pavement on the left of the main road, continue up Church Street and past the Cross Axes Hotel. You pass Bank Mill House on your left then Churchfield House on your right, at the top Saint Bartholomew's Parish Church is in front of you. (2)
- Carry straight ahead into Church Lane taking the right hand pavement. Soon Memorial Park is passed on the left and the playing fields on the right. At the end of the road by Allsprings Lodge, carry straight on by a notice board depicting the start of Great Harwood Nature Trail.
- Go down the lane until you reach a left hand bend. Climb the stile here then turn immediately right on to a grassy path following the hedgerow. Springs, common in Great Harwood, rise in the field to your right and are responsible for the patches of Common Rush and the boggy nature of the path.
- The path is now down the fence line to a stile and then continues in the next field with the fence on your left to a further stile. The indistinct path now makes diagonally across the field until the far corner of the field is reached, then take the stile by Heymoor Farm.
- Turn right to the main road and cross over to Lyndon Avenue. Go down the avenue, then on the first bend immediately after Lyndon Court take the path on your right.
- The path here runs alongside some football pitches on your right, these are used by Great Harwood Rovers. Follow this path until you reach the next road. Carry straight ahead until you reach the main road then turn

left until you are opposite Alan Ramsbottom Way, (the entrance to the towns industrial estate.) At this point take the footpath off on your left. The way is now along the site of the old railway track. (3)

- Eventually the path reaches the main Whalley–Accrington Road. Turn right and follow the road past the end of Hyndburn Road until you reach Hyndburn Bridge Pub at the bottom. (There is a lovely view of the river winding its way past the cottages of Water Street).
- A footpath sign shows the way – beside the pub and soon on the right of the track steps lead down to an iron bridge set amongst the trees.
- Now follow a lovely path through the trees with Harwood Brook tumbling down on your right. Soon you reach Hyndburn Road again where you turn sharp left and go up the road which leads to the industrial estate.
- After only a few yards a track leads to your left, take this and turn immediately right up a slight slope and onto open ground where a fine view is had across to Clayton-le-Moors.
- Follow the path down until you reach a fork in the path, take the right hand fork, and continue along this footpath until you reach the road. Then keeping the road on your right continue to follow the footpath until you reach the allotments. At this point follow the track down to your left and take the first footpath on your right which winds its way through with allotments on both sides.



The Lane to Tottleworth

- Eventually you arrive back at the road. Turn left and then immediately

right up the hill between both the Palatine and Deveron Mills.

- Turning left after the mills the walk follows paths recently made along the old railway track. Continue past the town cemetery on the right until you reach a bridge which crosses the lane to Tottleworth. Take the steps leading down to the left. At the bottom turn right and follow the track to the main road.
- Turn right on Blackburn Road past houses which show the development of the town in materials and design. The most modern are built of brick, and these are followed by garden-fronted houses. The terraced sandstone houses were built around 1850 and on the right N<sup>o</sup>s 67, 69 and 71 are the oldest dwellings with low roofs built in 1780. Eventually you will reach the start of the walk at the car park on your left.

### Points of Interest

1. Town Gate - *The main building around the square is the Town Hall an imposing building built by the newly formed Urban District Council in 1897. In the town square is the Mercer Memorial Clock Tower erected by the council in 1903 in memory of John Mercer, inventor of 'mercerised cotton'.*
2. St Bartholomew's Church - *The earliest relevant document found is dated 1335 but the present church is mid 16<sup>th</sup> century. The tower is much older whilst the Tudor doorway has an old oak door.*
3. Old Railway Site - *The soil tipped in the course of making this new path probably came from the nearby Ribble Valley where limestone is present. This explains the number of lime loving plants now growing here, such as Mullein, which are certainly not native to Hyndburn.*