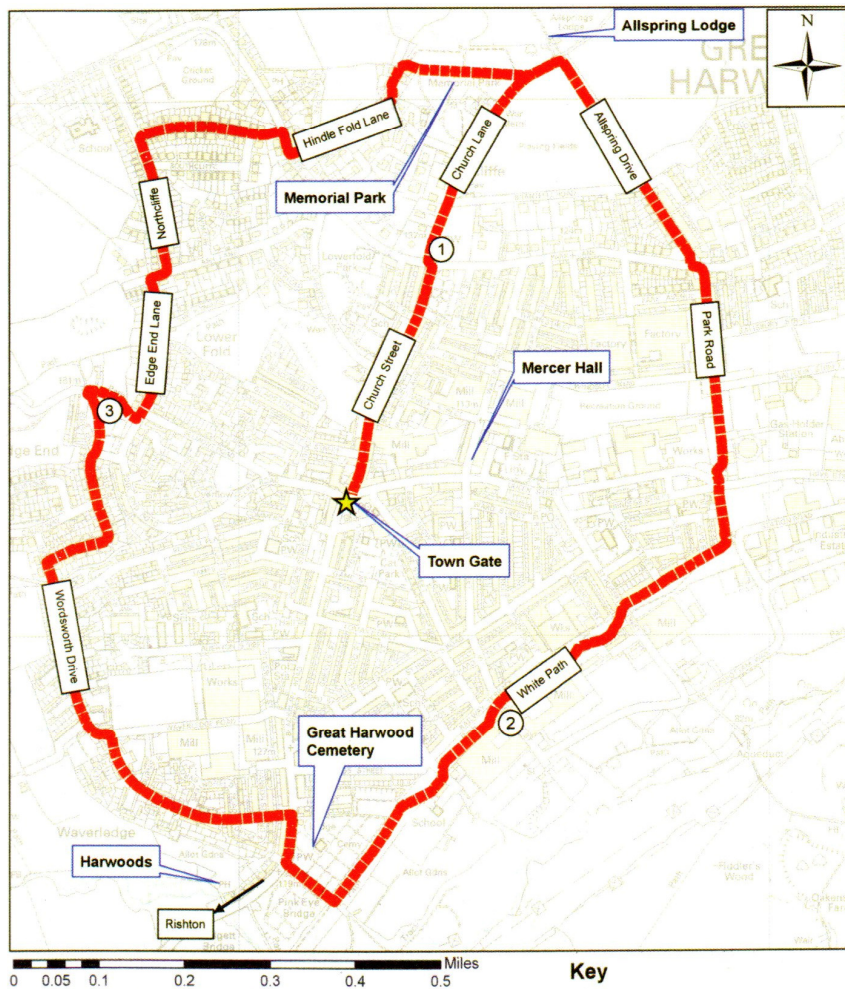


Round the Houses

Time: 1.30hr

Start point: Town Gate

Suitability: ♥♥♥ 😊



Key

— Round the Houses Route

★ Start Point

Points of Interest

1. St Bartholomew's Parish Church
2. White Path
3. Edge End Woods

This route can be walked as one long route, or broken up into different routes of less than 1 hour duration. The whole route is classed a level 3, but by dividing the route up, you can walk a level 1 or 2 walk. (See directions) The route is pushchair friendly, although there are 3 steps into Memorial park you need to consider. This route is a great for people who are unused to walking far. Start with the level 1 walk and then build up until you reach level 3.

The Whole Route—Level 3

- Starting at the Town Gate, cross over Queen Street and continue up Church Street. At the top Saint Bartholomew's Parish Church (1) is in front of you.
- Carry straight ahead into Church Lane. Soon Memorial Park is passed on the left and playing fields on the right. At the end of the road by Allsprings Lodge, walk down Allsprings Drive. Cross over Park Lane at the bottom and continue left before heading down Park Road.
- Cross over Heys Lane and then continue straight down Station Road. At the bottom, bear right into Hameldon View. Where the road meets St Huberts Street, you should be able to see a footpath (known locally as the White Path) that runs along the old railway line, pick this up and continue to the right, along the path. (2)
- Follow the path until you reach the cemetery, here take the road off to the right, through the centre of the cemetery. When you reach Blackburn Road, cross over with care, and continue up Shakespeare Avenue.
- Proceed to the t—junction and then turn left up Wordsworth Drive. As the road bends to the right, continue straight on up Highfield, and then take the first road on your right, Edgeside. Follow this round to the left.
- At the end continue straight on, along the footpath, leading into Edge End Wood (3). Follow this straight through and at the end turn right, following the path down hill. Turn left along Fielding Lane, which turns into Edge End Lane. Follow this straight ahead as the road, narrows down to a footpath and then back into a road. At the top turn right into Ash Lane and left up Northcliffe. Take the second right along Westcliffe.
- At the end, cross over Cliffe Lane and continue almost straight along Hindle Fold Lane. Follow the road round to the left and then at the end go up 3 steps and into the top of Memorial Park.
- Take the path off to the left and follow it round and down the hill, at the bottom it bears to the right, and then round to the left before bringing you out onto Church Lane. Turn to your right and proceed straight down the hill, back to the Town Gate.

Option 1 Level 1

- Starting at Town Gate, go right, down Queens Street. Follow the road straight until you reach St Hubert's Street on your right. Turn down here, past St Hubert's Church. At the bottom you should be able to see a footpath (known locally as the White Path) (2) that runs along the old

- railway line, pick this up and continue to the right, along the path.
- Follow the path until you reach the cemetery, here take the road off to the right, through the centre of the cemetery. When you reach Blackburn Road, turn right up the road. Continue until you reach Town Gate, where you started.

Option 2 Level 2

- Starting at the Town Gate, cross over Queen Street and continue up Church Street. You pass Bank Mill House on your left. At the top Saint Bartholomew's Parish Church is in front of you. (1)
- Carry straight ahead into Church Lane. Soon Memorial Park is passed on the left and playing fields on the right. At the end of the road by Allsprings Lodge, walk down Allsprings Drive. Cross over Park Lane at the bottom and continue left before heading down Park Road.
- Cross over Heys Lane and then continue straight down Station Road. At the bottom, bear right into Hameldon View. Where the road meets St. Huberts Street, you should be able to see a footpath (known locally as the White Path) (2) that runs along the old railway line, pick this up and continue to the right, along the path.
- Follow the path until you reach the cemetery, here take the road off to the right, through the centre of the cemetery. When you reach Blackburn Road, turn right up the road. Continue until you reach Town Gate, where you started.

Points of Interest

- Saint Bartholomew's Parish Church - *The earliest relevant document found is dated 1335 but the present church is mid 16th century. The tower is much older whilst the Tudor doorway has an old oak door.*
- White Path - *This footpath follows the route of the North Lancashire Loop line. The trains used to run in a cutting under this new path, with bridges that linked the streets on either side. When the railway line was closed, this cutting was filled in, up to the level of the bridges. The bridges still remain under the ground though their side walls were taken down to make one long continuous path. This path links to the Leeds-Liverpool canal and Rishton.*
- Edge End Wood - *The Great Harwood Prospects Panel work on this site nearly every month - they do woodland management, hedgerow planting and generally maintain it, to encourage more people to use it.*

SAFETY

Footpaths are not always kept in perfect condition and are often overgrown and subject to differing weather conditions, some of the routes pass close to some dangerous areas and there are also busy roads to cross. Great care must be taken on all the walks especially if children are in the party.

It is extremely important that the right footwear is worn and proper stout walking boots are recommended as the walks contain some rough terrain, it is also important that you dress appropriately for the weather conditions.

We would recommend that you take an Ordnance Survey Map of the area of at least 1.50 000.

The walks are not long and should not take longer than 3 hours at an easy pace, but this will vary with individual needs, plenty of water and food for yourself or party should be taken, a simple first aid kit and mobile phone are also advisable.

All starting points on the walk are within easy walking distance from the town centre. If parking close to the starting point and there is no car park available, walkers should park carefully and considerately taking note of all local restrictions.

The walks are done at your own risk and whilst every care has been taken to ensure the accuracy of the route directions, changes do occur. Hedges are removed, fences moved, stiles changed and footpaths rerouted over time. The Civic Society except no responsibility for this or anything else that occurs whilst on the walks.