



SPROTBROUGH AND CUSWORTH PARISH BOUNDARY WALK

Sunday 19TH May 2024

Come and join us for the first walk around the boundary of Sprotbrough and Cusworth Parish.

In medieval times 'Beating the Bounds' was a regular practice throughout the country in which parishioners walked the boundary to assert their rights to the land and prevent encroachment by neighbouring parishes. It may also have served to teach youngsters the limits of their parish. The 'beating' refers to the symbolic beating of the ground and notable landmarks on the perimeter with sticks. The custom generally took place during three days known as Rogation Days which fell between the 5th Sunday after Easter and Ascension Day.

The parish boundary is approximately 11 square kilometres. Parts of the western boundary are not accessible by public rights of way therefore the proposed walk is approximately 15km and takes in many parish highlights including; Cusworth Hall, River Don, Sprotbrough Flash SSSI, Sprotbrough Conservation area and Newton Conservation area. The Roman Ridge and Trans Pennine Trail form part of the route (map of the route is on the reverse).

Marshals will accompany walkers at each stage. Appropriate clothing for off road walking conditions should be carried and walking shoes or boots are advised. The route is mainly along pavement and good field paths (all public rights of way). There are a couple of stiles in stages 1 and 2 of the route. Participation is at the individual's risk and discretion. Please take note of the weather conditions for the day and plan accordingly.

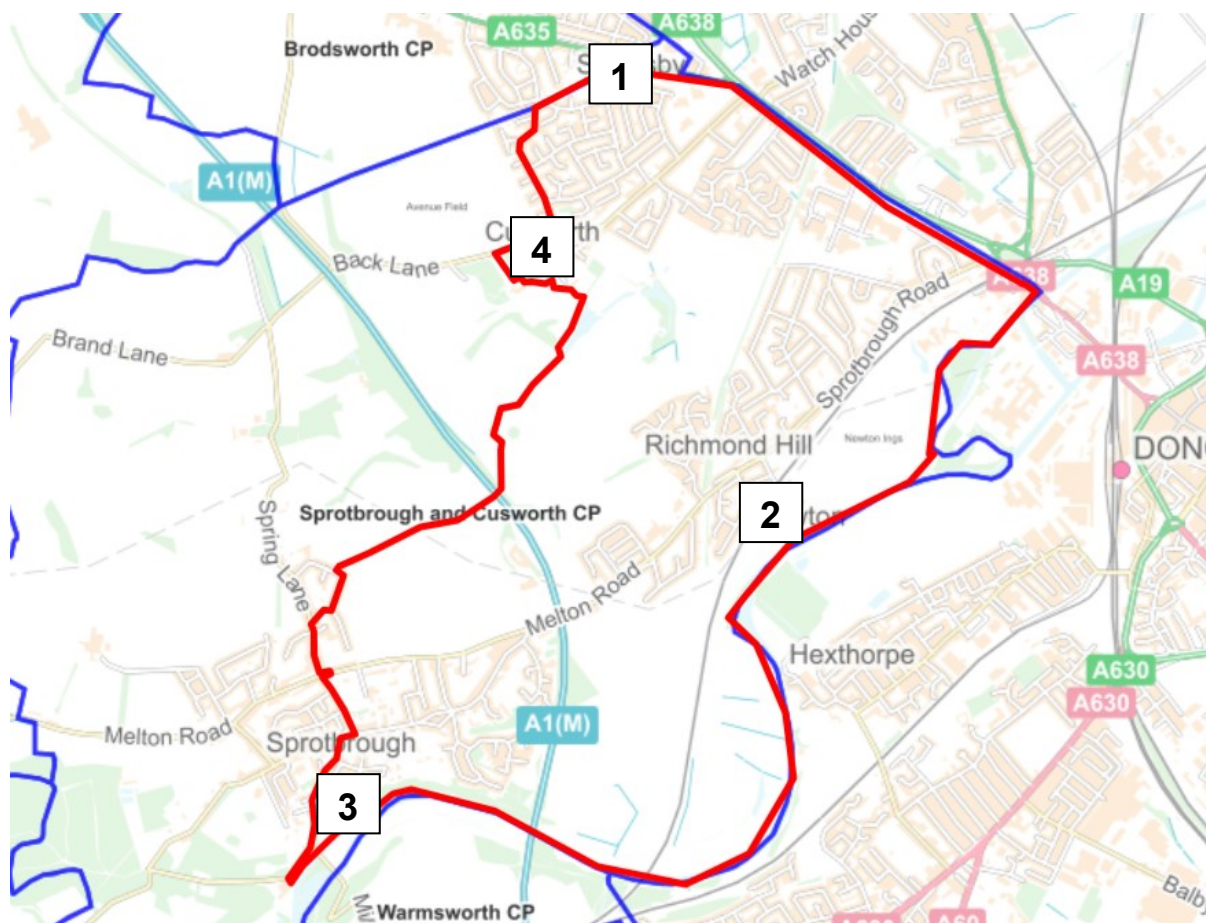
Walkers may join the walk at any of four stages. The times for joining the walk are as follows:

Stage 1 (START) 10am 3.8km	Scawsby Community Centre, Barnsley Road, Scawsby, DN5 8QQ	Parking/ toilets available at the community centre.	Walk follows boundary line to the Roman Ridge, Barnsley Road and York Road to Marshgate where the walk follows the River Don to Newton Farm.
Stage 2 6.4km	Newton Farm, Newton Lane, Sprotbrough 11am arrive 11.15am leave	Parking/ toilets available at Goldsmith Community Centre, 259 Sprotbrough Road, Sprotbrough, DN5 8BP (walk to the farm to meet the group)	Walk follows the river to the Don Gorge and Sprotbrough Flash SSSI. Parts of this section is the national path the Trans Pennine Trail. There are styles within this section and uneven paths. Planned refreshment stop at the Boat Inn/ riverside.
Stage 3 3.7km	Boat Inn, Nursery Lane, Sprotbrough 12pm arrive 12.30pm leave.	Limited parking next to the river. Parking at Boat Inn (charges may apply). Refreshments at Boat Inn and coffee cart next to river.	Walk leads up to Sprotbrough Church (steep climb along Boat Lane) to Melton Road. The walk follows the public footpath across fields to the north of Melton Road, under the A1 to the ponds at Cusworth Hall. Planned refreshment stop at Cusworth Hall.
Stage 4 1.3km	Cusworth Hall, Cusworth Lane, Cusworth 1.30pm arrive 2.00pm leave	Parking (charges apply) at Cusworth Hall. Toilets Refreshments at Butlers Tea Rooms/ The Brewhouse	Short final section of the walk through Scawsby and Barnsley Road Playing field to Scawsby Community Centre. Suitable for wheelchairs, pushchairs, scooters etc.
FINISH 2.30pm APPROX	Scawsby Community Centre		

If you would like to join us for the walk please email;

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Map of the route (red line)



You can join the walk at any of the stops marked above. We will wait 15 minutes at stop 1 (Newton Farm) and 30 minutes at stop 2 (Boat Inn, Sprotbrough) and stop 3 (Cusworth Hall).

Stop 1 – Start/ Finish – Scawsby Community Centre – 10am

Stop 2 – Newton Farm, Newton Lane, Sprotbrough – 11am to 11.15am

Stop 3 – Boat Inn, Nursey Lane, Sprotbrough – 12pm to 12.30pm

Stop 4 – Cusworth Hall, Back Lane, Cusworth – 1.30pm to 2.00pm

Finish – Stop 1 – Scawsby Community Centre – 2.30pm

Times are approximate

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