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St Columba's Church Becomes Temporary Vaccine Hub

In the autumn, the two churches of Stephen Hill and St Columba provided venues for flu vaccinations, so they could be done efficiently in the current circumstances.

Following this, the Primary Care Network asked to use St Columba's church as a Covid vaccination centre. Keen to serve the community and knowing that the vaccinations were the most important issue at the moment, the joint leadership team agreed that they could dedicate the St Columba's site to this purpose and use Stephen Hill for worship services and other permitted community activities, though of course, sadly, as vaccinations started, the November lockdown caused a decision to close the church for any other activities.

Preparations began before Christmas and involved much liaison between church members, the GP practices, NHS England and the Care Quality Commission and the first vaccinations began on 8th January, with 975 doses of Pfizer vaccine needing to be given over a 3-day time span. The team learnt that the batch delivered gave at least 150 more doses than the 975 stated, so the logistics of contacting those most in need became a challenge that the medical team were determined to overcome. This they did. Not one vaccine was wasted! Over the first week, delivery of two batches of Pfizer product enabled over 2000 people to be vaccinated.

It is important to recognise the commitment of the medics who cover this work in addition to their day jobs, the church community including Stephen Hill for being willing to respond to the new situation, and Tipton Congregational church who, with the other churches and members of the Crosspool community supply amazing volunteers as marshals and snow clearers.

To experience the medical staff, the church family and the community working so hard together, without complaint, for the common good is and will be an unforgettable experience.



Thank You

I have been trying to find a way to put a little thank you in the Clarion ...

Thank you to St Columba's folk and all the volunteers and health workers who were so efficient and friendly at the covid jab sessions because of mask I could not see their smiles but felt them and it was lovely to see how they dealt with so many elderly and infirm people without any fuss. Well done to everyone.

"Jean B. One of the elderly"

Due to the ongoing legislation on mass gatherings and social distancing, regrettably the January Open Meeting had to be cancelled



Crosspool News

CROSSPOOL FORUM

OPEN MEETING

Thursday 29th April 2021 at 7:00pm

St Columba's Church, Manchester Road, Crosspool

Local councillors, the police, council representatives and guest speakers, are generally on hand to listen to your concerns on local issues.

Keep your eye on the 'Spar noticeboard' and 'Crosspool News'

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Pass Over Snake Pass

When the current lockdown regulation is eased, why not enjoy the picturesque Snake Pass as a passenger traveling between Sheffield and Manchester on the X57 Hulleys' bus route, fare £8 single and £10 return. Concessionary passes are valid throughout the X57, making it particularly attractive for pass holders www.busandtrainuser.com/2020/10/26/i-used-my-pass-over-snake-pass/

Wise Watcher

Have You Spotted Crosspool's Newest Resident.

A lot of interest is growing among local school children as they go to and from school.

A young owl has taken up residence in the fork of rotten branch and can often be seen checking out the hustle and bustle around school times. Keep an eye out for a sighting.



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Crosspool Covid Community Quilt

I hope everyone is keeping safe and well. I wanted to share with you a sneak peek at the nearly completed community quilt. It has taken much longer than anticipated as I received 116 squares. The quilt is the same size as a king size duvet! The next big task is to quilt it and then it can be displayed. I can't wait to share all our s10 creativity with you all. You should be really proud of your wonderful squares and of coming together as one community through these difficult times. Stay safe and hopefully we can all have a get together in the not so distant future.

Many thanks,
Amy chambers



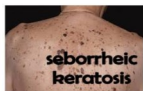
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Rainbow, Brownie & Guide units have been meeting 'Virtually' thanks to the availability of 'Zoom' & the girls continue to see their friends, earn badges & learn new skills. We've even been able to invite some special visitors along as well! Everyone from Santa, to Yoga teachers to animal handlers have been able to take part as well.

We know that there are so many people who are now getting fed up with the 'groundhog day' feeling that the Covid restrictions have created, so why not try something to break up your routine? There are many benefits to volunteering & the adults certainly gain just as much as the girls do in Guiding – if not more so. It's a good way to build up skills & improve your mental health

A large proportion of our lovely volunteers are also employed as Key Workers so don't have the same amount of time to be able to run the meetings & would really welcome some help. This could be as a regular volunteer at meetings, helping with some of the admin – especially accounts, or do you have a skill that could be shared with the girls via Zoom?

If you'd like more information, or would like to register an interest, then have a look at our website: <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/>

Broomhill Library - still open to Click & Collect!

To make sure we are open in these uncertain times please keep an eye on the website: broomhill-library.org.uk, Telephone: 0114 273 4276 or email: enquiries@broomhill-library.org.uk.

At the moment the Opening times for telephone enquiries - to call in or return your books, (even if they were not collected from Broomhill originally or collect some you've requested), are:- Wednesday 1.30 am - 4.30 pm and Saturday 10.00 am to 1.30 pm. Tuesdays, closed for the time being.

To request books from the library- collect a form-download online email or just ring in your requests -Please remember to give your library card number. Books can now be ordered that belong to other libraries in Sheffield and delivered for collection from Broomhill.

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Crosspool Action Group

A woman was walking her dog on the Tapton and King Edward sports field in the late 1990s and was stopped by someone who told her that she wouldn't be able to walk her dog on the fields in future because of the proposed two PFI schools to be built and that the fields would be fenced in. This caused alarm with local residents who had used the fields for very many years for recreation and exercise. A small group of "active" residents got together to oppose the closure of the fields. They lobbied the City Council quite vigorously opposing any such closure and in fact opposing some of the measures the developers wanted to introduce which would have ruined the green environment around the schools. There was no way the development would be stopped as it had already got planning permission, but what could be done was to eke out concessions from the developer and the schools themselves. Through much lobbying a liaison group was agreed where local residents, the schools, Councillors and the developers would meet regularly to try and resolve issues. These meetings continued to a lesser extent when the Forum developed. The greatest achievement was to have the school fields recognised as "public open space" where the local residents could continue to enjoy them. In this "Covid year" imagine what it would have been like if they were fenced in with no public access.

In the year two 2000 residents found out that the Kings Head pub had closed with little or no notice and that it was to be demolished. At ten o'clock one night a neighbour alerted other concerned residents that a bulldozer had arrived on site, the car park, and that they were pulling the pub down early the next day. The same concerned residents who were involved with the schools along with a few others gathered at the Kings Head with the intention to halt the demolition. The contractors moved in and started to remove the roof so the demonstrators moved in and occupied the building with roof material dropping onto them. A local Councillor joined the demonstrators and had a halt called on the contractors. They withdrew and gathered in the car park. The police arrived and tried to persuade the demonstrators to move out. The demonstrators said they would if the contractors could show that they had the legal right to demolish the building. They couldn't because no permission had been granted to demolish the building. The police moved out as it was a civil matter not a criminal matter. The contractors retreated.

At this juncture it should be made clear the occupation by the demonstrators was about the demolition of one of Crosspool's oldest buildings. Also, the Group adopted the name of Crosspool Action Group even while involved with the schools.

The Action Group collected in excess of one thousand signatures from local people against the demolition of the building. It was occupied for several days and nights before injunctions were taken out against the protesters. They moved out. Yes, the battle was lost but some concessions were made, the City Council recognised that some buildings, such as the Kings Head, that was not a listed building, could be listed as a "building of local interest". The developers got what they wanted and obviously the residents of Kings Court. The protestors, the campaigners, the Crosspool Action Group as they were known, grew to include more residents and the *Forum* was formed. This became Crosspool Forum as it is now known. The activists slowly left the Forum as they were "activists" and the Forum is what we have today.

Best wishes for the Forum, but don't forget its "genesis".

Terry Howard, resident, activist and campaigner.

The idea for the Crosspool forum came in late 2002 under the auspices of Dave Aspinall, (the then Sheffield Council's South West Area Co-ordinator), and was launched in June 2003

The action group formed the nucleus but the Crosspool Forum took on a wider roll within the larger community and "activists" lost interest in a more general community led organisation. I'm sure they would re-emerge if ever needed. Crosspool Forum steering committee member

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Tree Recycle Goes Ahead

Having been officially advised that trips for waste management and Community work/volunteering were permitted during the current lock down, in the interest of protecting the environment, the Crosspool Forum took the decision to go ahead with what has become a popular community event over the past few years, the Recycling of the communities discarded Christmas trees.

On Sunday morning, 10th January 2021, around 300 trees' were individually dragged down to the precinct to be recycled into mulch. This was later used on the flower beds and in woodland areas of Lydgate Green.

To ensure that everything ran smoothly and strict safety guidelines were observed, Forum volunteer marshals were on hand all morning to supervise a drop and go approach, socially distancing, one-way queuing and the wearing of face covering. To help keep everyone safe during the recycling, these measures were executed with some military decorum.

Thank you to the tree surgeons team and the volunteer marshals who work tirelessly throughout the morning. A special thank you Direct Travel for the use of their forecourt and to everyone for your interest in protecting the environment and for your understanding that these steps have had to be taken to help keep our Volunteers and attendees stay safe during these unprecedented times.

All proceeds from donations on the day are used in our local community.



Christmas Tree

Thank you to all the "Forum Volunteers" for all your hard work. As always the Crosspool Precinct Christmas Trees looked lovely.

AB and family

Help Required to Maintain your Village Green



Lydgate Green

During the past ten months our local open spaces have become safe havens for exercise and when not in lockdown are places for people to meet up at a safe social distance.

With the vaccine rollout likely to take many months to complete these areas of natural beauty will become widely used again once the weather improves.

"Friends of Lydgate Green" are looking for local volunteers who have an hour or two to spare to help out and maintain the flower beds so that everyone can enjoy them at their best.

If you are able to help and enjoy fresh air and exercise please don't hesitate to get in touch with the Crosspool Forum and we will pass your details onto the dedicated team of volunteers who regularly tend the green on behalf of the local community.

Deciding to leave his career in construction to go into a new venture, Ian said "Since I opened the Fruit and Veg Patch within Flower Design it's gone from strength to strength and I'm looking forward to the future. I've enjoyed meeting you all and would like to thank everyone in Crosspool for your amazing support".

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Meet your local business

A quarterly spotlight on Crosspool businesses



This quarter we caught up with Chris at Hudson's Kitchen

How long have you been in Crosspool? We have lived in Crosspool for 10 years and opened Hudson's in November 2017

What makes "your business special?" We are a family run business and work hard to provide fresh, homemade meals to cater to a variety of tastes and diets.

Do you employ local people? All 10 our staff are from the local area.

How have you adapted through the Covid outbreak? We were in the process of adjusting the menu when we were forced to close. We decided to quickly adapt our website and introduce the Burgers and Hot Dogs on a Takeaway and Delivery basis. We have also become available on platforms such as Just Eat, Uber Eats and City Grab and now deliver to a 4Kmt radius. It has been a rollercoaster ride; however we wanted to keep staff employed and give the local community an option to still treat themselves during these testing times.

What are your best sellers at the moment? We have had great feedback on our Burgers and Hot Dogs since introducing them. The NY Deli Burger seems to be the popular choice.

What has been your favourite moment so far? It has been a difficult time with the constant adaptations required throughout the pandemic, however the support and feedback that we have received has really lifted our spirits!

What is your favourite season? Even though we love the sun, we are a family that enjoy Christmas so we will have to stick with "Winter".

Do you think local business is good for the community? Local businesses create a hub for the area. In the modern day where you can order pretty much anything online and receive it by the morning, it's great to see that Crosspool residents still use local businesses on a daily basis. It's a credit to the community and businesses alike.

What makes Crosspool special? Crosspool is a friendly community, with people keen to lend each other a hand. Also, within 10 minutes drive you can be in the town centre or the Peak District!

Did you get any feedback from your Christmas window display? It's lovely to receive thankful messages every year about the window. This year in particular we received lots of messages saying it had cheered people up. Each year we adapt the window with more content and it's great to see the smiles on the kid's faces (as well as the adults)!

What do you think of the Christmas tree display? The work Crosspool Forum does for the community is fantastic. The Christmas tree display brings a real sense of festivity to Crosspool.

Any general comments? We are open for delivery and collection Thursday to Saturday 8:30am to 8pm throughout the pandemic and you can order online

www.hudsonskitchen.com or call us on 0114 449 5341.

We would like to thank everyone for all the support that we have received through the pandemic. It has been great to have the community behind us and hopefully we can see you dining in again soon!

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A Big Issue

Whilst having my daily chinwag with Mo, the Big Issue seller outside of the Spar in Crosspool, told me that he had been robbed getting off the bus to his home! The person had taken his rucksack, coat etc.



I went home and thought I must have something in the attic that will help to keep him warm, but alas there wasn't anything, so I posted on S10 Sales and Swaps for donations to help Mo out! I was absolutely dumbfounded by people's trust and kindness when I was inundated with wonderful donations of clothes and money. One lovely, amazing, kind, unbelievable couple knocked on my door and gave me £50! They didn't know me or knew if I was trustworthy! I told my family that I couldn't believe the trust and kindness. I'm still overwhelmed, thank you!

Hopefully you know who you are? Such wonderful clothes donations, they were so fantastic that I wanted to keep them for myself (kidding)

Eventually with Crosspool Forum we decided on a date to photograph me presenting the donations at Mo's decorated spot outside of the Spar.

Mo was unbelievably over the Moon. The lovely Crosspoolers who donated, made Mo's Christmas and his sons and family in Pakistan.

Hayley Midwinter x

Crosspool Community Calendar

Just a few copies of this years calendar are still available so if anyone has not been able to get a copy due shielding or quarantining and would like one, please contact the Forum.

A big thank you to GT News, Charisma, Enhance and Crosspool Pet supplies for their invaluable help with calendar sales over the past few months.

All proceeds from the calendar sales go towards maintaining the character of Crosspool and improving community amenities.

Please send in any of your past or present landscape, (*portrait for front cover*) photos of local scenes/attractions & events, for possible inclusion in future editions of the Crosspool Calendar.

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Local Policing



Once again another lock down, burglary figures have reduced but that doesn't mean we can get too complacent.

Burglaries between 27 Oct 20 & 27 Jan 21, 21 in Crookes and 2 within Crosspool.

Sandygate Park Road, a rear patio door was smashed and Coldwell Lane a front door was kicked in. Burntstones Drive, attempt burglary, door handle tampered with.

Burglary offences are currently being investigated by The burglary team (Op Furnace) . Several arrests have been made and offenders are being processed.

Arson at King Edwards School on Darwin Lane. Considerable damage carried out on a canopy. There are ongoing investigations to identify several males and females involved. If anyone has any information please contact SYP.

Incident on 26 Jan 21, where a vehicle was being pursued to apprehend the offenders of a crime that had taken place in another area. The pursuit came to a halt in Crosspool . After giving chase offenders arrested and are being dealt with for numerous offences.

We have had several reports of a 20 year old white male knocking on elderly vulnerable folks doors and asking for money. He calls himself "Danny". He will state that he is homeless and is wanting money to get a bed for the night or to get to a sick relative who resides out of district. People have been giving him money just to get rid of him. He's not threatening in any way probably more charming. He calls at early hours of the morning and late evenings.

Any incidents like this please report to us via the 101 or online via SYP website.

Just before Christmas we received third party reports regarding males trying to steal dogs whilst they are being walked.

This occurred on Bolehills and in Whitley woods. So please report any incidents of this nature. Please keep your dog on a lead and keep your eye on your dog if they are approached by stranger.

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Care in Crosspool

As our main purpose is to provide a friendly visiting service to those who are isolated or house-bound, we've had to adapt our services in recent months. However we continue to do the best we can for those who need us.

Instead of visiting we have stayed in touch through regular phone calls; it is still possible for our volunteers and clients to have a cuppa and a chat even when it isn't face to face! When the weather permitted there were many distanced chats taking place across driveways or through windows.

Some of our volunteers are shopping or running other errands for clients; we've even fetched things like wool or potting compost so that those who are shielding can continue with their hobbies.

One of our volunteers has a car boot full of books, and has become a mini mobile library!

We've enjoyed providing whatever support we can; it has helped us to remain busy and to keep our spirits up!

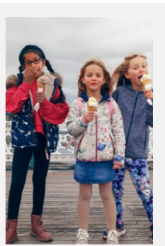
If you feel inspired to join our lovely group of volunteers, or if you, or someone you know could be helped by "Care in Crosspool", please get in touch. Phone 2670045, or email Jude Murphy at

careincrosspool@gmail.com.

Please remember to leave a phone number if you call! Our office cannot be staffed at present, but we check messages daily and respond to them all.

Thanks to the vaccine, the outlook for 2021 is positive, so we're really looking forward to visiting our clients again in the coming months; having face to face chats, going for walks, and seeing the Crosspool community at our coffee mornings.

Stay safe everyone, and see you soon.



census 2021

Census 2021 will provide a snapshot of modern society

Households across Crosspool will soon be asked to take part in Census 2021. The census is a once-in-a-decade survey that gives us the most accurate estimate of all the people and households in England and Wales. It has been carried out every decade since 1801, with the exception of 1941.

It will be the first run predominantly online, with households receiving a letter with a unique access code, allowing them to complete the questionnaire on their computers, phones or tablets.

"A successful census will ensure everyone from local government to charities can put services and funding in the places where they are most needed," Iain Bell, deputy national statistician at the Office for National Statistics, said.

"This could mean things like doctors' surgeries, schools and new transport routes. That's why it is so important everyone takes part and we have made it easier for people to do so online on any device, with help and paper questionnaires for those that need them."

Census day will be on March 21, but households across the country will receive letters with online codes allowing them to take part from early March.

The census will include questions about your sex, age, work, health, education, household size and ethnicity. And, for the first time, there will be a question asking people whether they have served in the armed forces, as well as voluntary questions for those aged 16 and over on sexual orientation and gender identity.

Results will be available within 12 months, although personal records will be locked away for 100 years, kept safe for future generations. For more information, visit census.gov.uk.

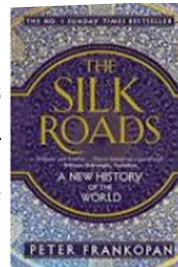
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King Edward VII School would like to wish all our friends, neighbours, community members and businesses in Crosspool a Happy New Year.

In the midst of the Coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19), it has been a very productive and exacting year so far. Staff and students have responded incredibly well to new systems, routines and to a completely new structure to the School day (staggered starting times, finishing times and lunch times). All have displayed great resilience, warmth, good humour and a sharp focus on teaching and learning.

The School continues to flourish in challenging circumstances and this is very important to our students, parents, carers, staff and governors. For example, one of our Year 7 students completed an outstanding piece of work in History as part of an enquiry, 'Why should the Silk Roads be included in the School curriculum?' It was based on the best-selling book 'The Silk Roads' by Professor Peter Frankopan, a celebrated Oxford historian. At the end of the enquiry, students wrote a letter to the author explaining why the Silk Roads are important. The History Department nominated the student's work as the best in the year and sent it to Professor Frankopan. Professor Frankopan replied to the student's letter to congratulate him on his outstanding achievement.



A Year 12 student, who is an exceptional musician, was featured in an article recently in Brass Band World because of her amazing talent. She started playing the cornet at the age of eight and has won many awards and played at amazing venues, including Symphony Hall and The Royal Albert Hall. She played the principle cornet in the Championship Section Yorkshire Area, aged only thirteen! Wonderful!

Our students and the School continue to support local communities, such as bulb planting at Crosspool, and charities such as the Sheffield Children's Hospital Charity and Save the Children. We are very proud of this work.

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A Crosspool Christmas Like No Other

After the year we have all just experienced, Christmas was always going to be a little bit different for everyone. Then in line with the UK Government guidelines on Wednesday 2nd December we saw the lockdown restrictions being eased. Although most local shops and businesses were allowed to fully reopen their doors for Christmas, strict restrictions remained in force for Churches, Restaurants and Inns but rather than dampen people's spirits it strengthened our community resolve to pull together and make the best of it.

In the precinct on one Saturday leading up to Christmas Joys, Brass Quartet managed to play Christmas carols. Thanks to the Crosspool Forum volunteers and the huge support of local businesses, on the Sunday the precinct shops were adorned with festively decorated Christmas trees.

Residents of Crosspool, undaunted and determined to lift everyone's morale, went the extra mile decking their homes and gardens with wonderful sparkling displays of Christmas lights and festive stained glass window exhibits for everyone to enjoy and delight in on their evening walks around Crosspool.

All generations took the opportunity to follow the Crosspool Nativity trail around the Crosspool shops, stopping along the way to admire Hudson's "Christmas Wonderland Display" depicting a snow capped mountain railway scene in a themed landscape.

Strolling up the footpath to the Tapton Congregational Church nativity doorway, visitors were just blown away with over 80 decorated jam jars for the churches 'Night of Lights', and along the way admiring people's creativity in decorating a wooden thanksgiving tree festoon with home-made baubles and messages of remembrance and hope.

On the 21st December Members of Stephen Hill Methodist church zoomed into a virtual carol service, and sang along at home to traditional, local and modern carols. Featuring some from YouTube and some sung live by Bob and Margaret.

The 20th December saw a delayed bedtime for many of our younger children as Santa gave everyone a wave as he rode along our local streets on his sleigh to the sound of "Jingle Bells".

Then on Christmas Eve the sound of five members of Loxley Brass Band could be heard and seen as they played carols on the corners of local streets.

Though we couldn't come together as normal to celebrate Christmas as we would have liked, the people of Crosspool did themselves proud and the "Joy of Christmas" came to Crosspool.



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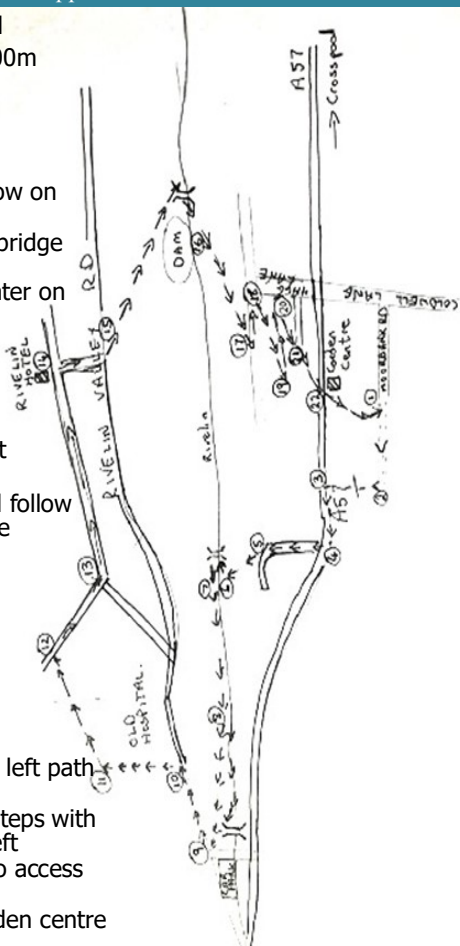
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A Rivelin Walk from Crosspool – approx. 4 miles

Some steep climbs and boots or strong shoes advised

- 1 Start at the end of Moorbank Rd, follow track for 600m
- 2 Take footpath on right hand side, descend ,cross two fields to main A57
- 3 Turn left on A57 for 100m then turn
- 4 Right down footpath just past bus stop
- 5 Turn left at bottom of track and look for yellow arrow on right directing you down to Rivelin
- 6 Follow path to side of stream, turn right and cross bridge over river and join main Rivelin trail
- 7 Turn left and follow Rivelin trail past a Dam and water on your right
- 8 The path splits fork right to avoid stepping stones and left for a bit more adventure
- 9 At packhorse bridge turn right and proceed up to main Rd and turn right
- 10 after 100m cross Rd and take footpath sign on left up by the old King Edwards Hospital .
- 11 At the stile and gate turn right through woods and follow arrows , exit the woods and climb hill to Coppice Lane
- 12 Turn right down lane to Rd.
- 13 Turn left on Rd and head towards Rivelin Hotel
- 14 At Hotel turn right down steep hill
- 15 Cross Rd and bear left descending to Dam and cross over the bridge
- 16 Go straight ahead up hill to metalled Rd
- 17 Turn left by parking area, ignore first track and
- 18 Ascend footpath sign on right
- 19 A diagonal path takes you uphill , after 400m take left path and continue ascending
- 20 At path junction turn right uphill and continue up steps with a number of benches on your left with fields on the left
- 21 At the top of Den Bank either taker path on left to access Hagg Lane or go straight on to come out on A57
- 22 Turn right and ascend the steps at the end of garden centre and you will be back at the start of the walk.



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