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THURSTONLAND VILLAGE WALK No3

This circular walk starts in Thurstonland, goes east to Woodend, then on to Storthes Hall, ascending to Farnley Tyas then back via Ludhill and Heights. There are many scenic views and beautiful woods on the way.

Distance: $6\frac{3}{4}$ miles

Start & Finish: Rose & Crown

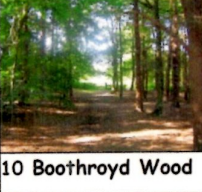
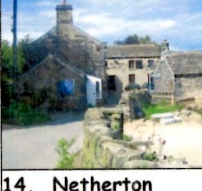
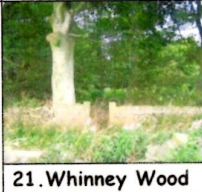
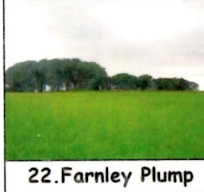
Time: $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours (allow 3- $3\frac{1}{2}$ hrs)

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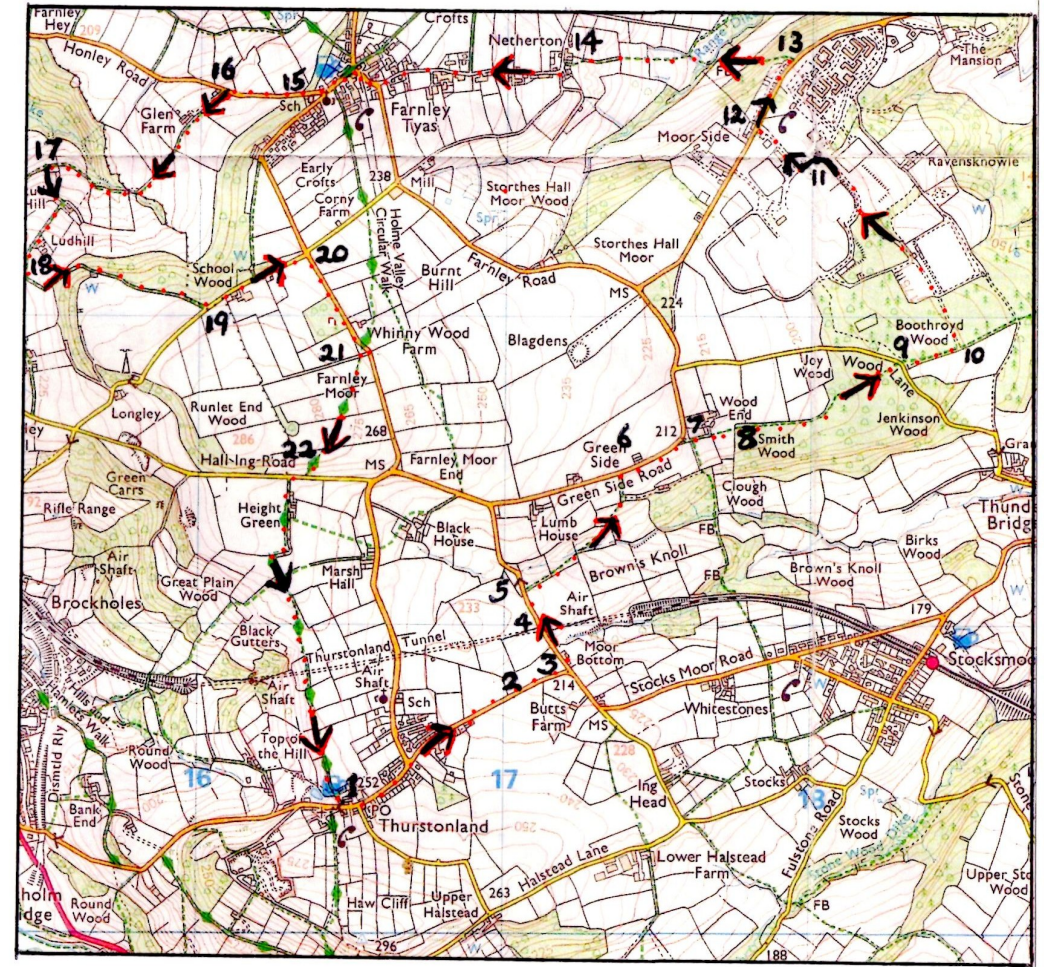
POINTS OF INTEREST ALONG THE WAY

(NUMBERS REFER TO POINTS ON THE MAP)

	These three houses once formed a large H-shaped yeoman's house built in the mid 17 th century & with Manor House Farm and Upperfold formed the village nucleus.		The nearest field was once part of the village's common land until the Enclosure Act of 1805. A spoil heap from the railway tunnel below is visible in the distance.		The white house was once The Druids Arms. It only sold beer and had a short life as a pub, probably serving the navvies who built the nearby railway tunnel in 1850
1. Lowerfold		2. Town Moor		3. Moor Bottom	
	This is one of two air shafts serving the 1631yd long tunnel below. Used in the construction of the tunnel, it also allowed smoke to escape.		Many shops have come and gone in the village, but here at Rose Cottage there were once famous tea rooms, popular between the wars.		In 1851 there were 30 working farms in Thurstonland township - Woodend was one but it is now, like many others, purely residential.
4. Air shaft		6. Greenside		7. Woodend	
	Smith Wood (and the adjoining Jenkinson Wood) contains many beautiful mature beech trees as well as many species of fungus in autumn.		Boothroyd Wood is mainly coniferous, edged with sweet chestnut trees. The undergrowth is not as lush, due to the acidic nature of the soil.		Between 1904 & 1991 Storthes Hall was a psychiatric hospital and a major employer in the district. Now, few of the original buildings remain.
8. Smith Wood		10. Boothroyd Wood		11. Storthes Hall	
	These houses were originally built to house workers at the hospital (which was self sufficient - it had farms, orchards and even piggeries!)		Netherton, at the bottom of Manor Road is close to the site of Farnley Brewery. A woollen mill was also nearby in the valley below.		Farnley Tyas First School has been here since 1864 when it was donated by the Earl & Countess of Dartmouth.
12. Storthes Hall Lane		14. Netherton		15. Farnley School	
	There were once four 'Ludhills' - the word 'lud' means loud - places bearing this name were often near streams.		In this copse once stood a water tower to supply Thurstonland - said to be dearest water due to the great height it had to be pumped!		The distinctive silhouette of Farnley Moor Plump can be seen for miles around. 'Plump' is an old word for 'clump'.
18. Ludhill Farm		21. Whinney Wood		22. Farnley Plump	

ROUTE

Cross road from the pub, turning left, cross Hawcliffe Lane (1) to go down village on RHS until de-restriction sign. Cross to LHS & continue (2) to bottom of road, turning left (3), (Brown Knoll Rd). Walk RHS (4), over brow of hill until FP sign - go right over wall (5), down to stream & up to gate/stile - LEFT up to road. Turn right (6) & go RHS to bend (7). Here, go straight on up drive to end, into field, left, and continue straight on into wood (8). Path is straight on (after corner of wall to left it is indistinct). Cross lane (9) going straight on for 200yds (about $\frac{1}{2}$ way along side of field to right) - turn LEFT (10) at obvious gap in trees & walk through wood, past sports field towards floodlights, round barrier & LEFT at main ring road (11) ("Arboretum" visible ahead). Take 2nd right and up to main road (12). Here cross, go right, keeping LHS until FP - left after last house (13). Down & cross stream, then bear RIGHT & then LEFT uphill (ignore paths to right) to kissing gate. Right & up, up, uphill to buildings (14). Bear left here - tarmac road and up (again!) to T-junction. Cross and right, left (past pub), cross again before church & downhill RHS past the school (15) on your left (Honley Rd) - no pavement for a few yards. Soon (16) cross to FP before 1st house on left. Past second "gated" house, then gently downhill & right at bottom, down stone steps to stream. After valley opens out, turn SHARP LEFT (17) after a stone wall on left. Head up field, right at farm & up track, past 2nd farm (18), curving round to left then right & up track to road. Here cross (19) turn left and then right at X-roads (20) KEEP TO RHS AND SINGLE FILE. Right at track (21) and left over stone stile. After 3 fields, descend through gorse-lined path & turn right (22) and then left down Heights Farm track. Follow FP & then a track & enter field over wooden stile - turn left & leave field over another stile by side of gate. Straight on forever until reaching the main road & then left back to pub.



PLEASE TAKE CARE CROSSING IN THE CENTRE OF FARNLEY AROUND POINTS 15 & 16 AND ESPECIALLY BETWEEN 19 & 21