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THURSTONLAND VILLAGE WALK No 4

This is a LINEAR walk, so -
PARK and **RIDE** and **WALK!**

PARK: Thurstonland

RIDE: 341 bus to Almondbury

WALK: back to Thurstonland

This walk takes in two beautiful woods, great scenery, two pubs (as well as a bus ride!)

Walking distance: 4½ miles

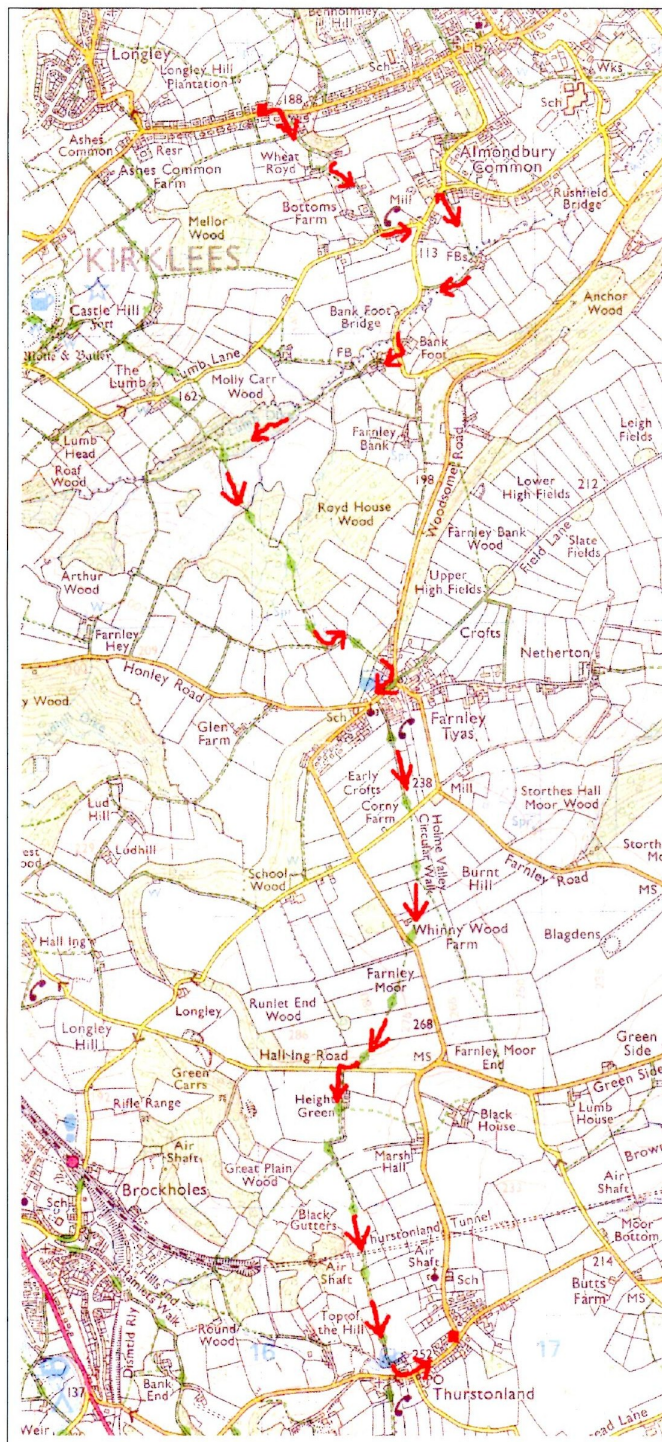
Time: 1½ hours (allow 2 hrs)

Start/ Finish: War Memorial bus stop

For bus times from Thurstonland, go to www.wymetro.com or text 63876 (METRO) to 45018747

This leaflet has been produced on behalf of Thurstonland Village Association.

Visit www.thurstonland.org.uk for more information about this walk.



ROUTE DESCRIPTION

Starting at Almondbury

From bus stop on Kay Lane (No 45021117) cross road & walk down Wheatroyd Lane, going through gap in hedge on LHS in front of farm near end of lane. Bear L & down path, enter & cross field to L, out onto drive, down to road (Lumb Lane) and go L & L again at junction (Sharp Lane). Uphill, then R at FP sign in front of Almondbury Common junction and down path and field to cross 2 FBs over stream at bottom. Up steps to house, right on lane & straight on to road (Sharp Lane). Turn L, over bridge & R into farm drive (Royd House Farm). Straight on and enter wood over stile. After 300yds, go left at redundant stile. Cross field RHS & enter 2nd wood. Over several small stone bridges, then up & up, leaving wood and bear L near seat at top of hill. Go through wooden gate, and follow track up. Right at main road and R again at junction in Farnley. Past pub, cross road & up track at FP sign before church. Straight on, crossing lane and bear right - aim for large house. Round back of house, then cross road - DANGER - fast road. Left & then R up track, over stile to L. Cross fields, drop down to road, R then L down track to Heights Farm. Into field, R then L then straight on towards Thurstonland in the distance. At road, left and down past pub to war memorial.

POINTS OF INTEREST ALONG YOUR WAY

 1. Wheatroyd	These houses stand on the site of Almondbury Workhouse. In 1777 it had 60 inmates, but closed in 1862 when a new workhouse was built in Deanhouse, Honley.	 2. Castle Hill view	This conspicuous Iron Age fort had a village on it in the early C14th. The site was a venue for large political and religious meetings, and once had a beacon on it as well as the pub!	 3. Northfield Mills	Almondbury, once larger than Huddersfield, held sales of home-woven cloth in the nearby churchyard. This mill, remnant of the textile past became flats in 2003.	 4. Al'bury Common	The last bull baiting took place on this common in 1824, the bull coming from Flockton. Bears & bulls were kept specifically for baiting at 'Feasts' All animal baiting was banned in 1835.
 5. Rushfield Dyke	Now only a small stream, this has been a boundary for centuries. The valley was shaped by a much larger and more powerful river, perhaps from glacial meltwater.	 6. Molly Carr Wood	This beautiful deciduous wood is full of bluebells in late spring, and was the site of many Whitsun "Sings" in the last century. "Carr" means 'a swampy place'	 7. Farnley Tvas	The round flower bed was on the site of the village pump. Baldwyn Teutonicus ('Tyas' for short) was a Norman who lived at Woodsome and owned the estate.	 8. Enclosed Fields	The common land around Farnley and Thurstonland was enclosed by rich landlords about 1800. These fields probably predate this time and are called 'Celtic' on old maps
 9. Nr Whinney Wood	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!	 10. Farnley Plump	The distinctive silhouette of Farnley Moor Plump can be seen for miles around. 'Plump' is an old word for 'clump'.	 11. Heights Farm	In 1851, 3 families of 21 souls lived here! The Lant (urine) Hole seen on the white north wall, a collection point for this valuable commodity in wool production.(Cleansing)	 12. Barncliffe	The ridgeway path, called 'Baintly' is named after a cruck barn. Ancient paths, called 'highways', were dry compared to valley paths. It lies on resistant stone known as Grenoside rock.
 13. Cruck Barn	The small building (now part of № 5) may be the oldest building in the village. Once it was a cruck barn and the supporting 'crucks' are still visible inside - it could of 16th century construction	 14. Rose & Crown	There were 3 pubs in the village in 1851 - The Druids, The New Inn and the R & C, then run by James Gill. Both pub & farm were probably built in the 17th century.	 15. War Memorial	When consecrated in 1948, the memorial pre-dated both the building of The Green (1951) and the 'semis' of Moor Top Ave and Town Moor (1967/8)	 16. Bus Stop	This was the first solar-powered bus stop in Kirklees. Built in 2007, its lights are powered by panels on the roof. Actual times of the next available bus can be found by texting. "Gr8"!