

**THIS TRAIL IS VALID UNTIL 31ST DECEMBER 2016**

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**WHITE CROSS WALKERS  
WENTWORTH &  
ELSECAR HERITAGE TRAIL  
PT NO. 156**

**DISTANCE 10 Km.**

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<p>Do you want free certificates for the walkers? Yes/No* *delete as appropriate</p> <p>ENTRY FEE(S)      If you would like your cards returned to an address outside the UK please add £1 in total towards return postage)</p> <p>..... Walkers @ £1.00 per person                      £.....</p> <p>Excess postage (if applicable)                              £ .....</p> <p><b>Total amount enclosed</b>                                      £ .....</p> <p>If you need the stamps on new insert cards please tick box <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>Please send completed form and fees, IVV books/insert cards, and an S.A.E. (large enough for A5 certificates, if required) with sufficient postage, to:</b> <b>Stuart McNab 16, Wayland Avenue, Ward Green, Barnsley, South Yorkshire. S70 5HY</b></p>	<p><b>START/FINISH:</b> Village Car Park, Wentworth, ROTHERHAM (on main street adjacent to “Rockingham Arms” Public House) OS Landranger Map 111 Grid Ref. SK387981. The Car Park is now free of charge, but the maximum stay is three hours. <b>If you intend to do both this trail and PT 157 on the same day it is suggested that you start this walk from The Market Hotel (para. 15, line 1.) and park at Elsecar Heritage Centre Car Park (free) Grid Ref. SK383998</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ROUTE DESCRIPTION (Updated 20/01/2016)</b></p> <p><i>Virtually all the buildings in Wentworth are owned by the Wentworth Estate; they can be easily recognised by their distinctive green paint. Cottages belonging to the estate in other local villages can be similarly picked out.</i></p> <p>1. Leave the Car Park and turn right on the road. Take the first right (Clayfield Lane) and follow it to a right hand bend with a bench and litter bin on the left hand verge. <b>Question A: What is the name of the council shown on the litter bin?</b></p> <p>2. Do not continue on the road but cross the stile to join the signed public footpath. Go ahead up the field edge, with fence on left, under power lines, to field corner. Ignore a stile on the left and turn right on the field edge, with hedge on left, to stile in next field corner.</p> <p>3. Go ahead over stile and continue in same direction over three further stiles to join a track. Turn right to road, then turn left on road to reach a T-junction. <i>Shortly before the T-junction you pass a disused windmill. This was in use until the 19C when it was replaced by a new one on Mill Lane (also disused) which you will pass later.</i></p> <p>4. Turn left on road (Cortworth Lane) and go ahead passing the former estate kennels and the old building yard. (Now craft workshops). <i>Just beyond the entrance to the Old Building Yard is a wooden gate on the left. From here you will get an early view of the Needle’s Eye folly which you will visit later in the walk.</i></p> <p>5. Continue forward over Coaley Lane and approx 200 metres later, near a bus stop sign, turn left into the drive of Cortworth House. In 100 metres, where drive turns left, go ahead through a kissing gate and up field edge, with hedge on left, to reach road (Street Lane). Turn left on road through the hamlet of Street passing a BT telephone box on your right. <b>Question B: What is the number of the telephone inside the box?</b></p> <p>6. Continue to T-junction and cross road to cottage. Turn right for a few metres, then go left up bank to pass through a kissing gate and join a signed footpath. <i>Just to the right of the gate is a square stone pillar about two feet high with a hollowed top</i></p>																				

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; this is the old “plague stone”. When plagues occurred regularly, villages often limited access to prevent the disease from spreading. If goods etc. were brought to the village they were exchanged on the boundary, the payment and any change would be placed in vinegar in the hollow top of the stone to disinfect it.

7. Go ahead along field edge, with hedge on left, soon reaching the remains of a kissing gate on the left, which gives access to the “Needle’s Eye“ folly.

*The folly is on private land but the Estate have no objection to people visiting it providing they return the same way and do not trespass any further. Built between 1730 and 1745 by the 1st Marquis, supposedly so that he could win a wager that “he could drive a carriage through the eye of a needle.” As the folly is built on the old private carriage road from North Lodge to Rainborough Lodge at Brampton Bierlow, this is a possibility.*

8. Continue on the footpath, initially with hedge on left, over several fields and stiles, away to your left are views over the village to the distant Pennines. Keppel’s Column, another of the estate follies can be seen to the left of the village and slightly behind you.

9. Cross stile by tree and start to descend, enjoying good views forward to Hoyland and Elsecar villages. Continue downhill, with fence on left, to cross another stile. Follow path across centre of next field to cross yet another stile. Continue across next field half -left aiming for a stile in bottom left hand corner. Cross stile and go ahead for approx.10 metres to a path junction.

10. Turn right, and ignoring all side paths, follow this path as it eventually swings left downhill. Pass under two sets of power lines as you head towards Elsecar Heritage Centre. Go ahead over a level crossing with the Heritage Centre (which you will visit later) to your left, to reach a T-junction with the road.

**Question C: As you reach the junction there is a large sign fixed to the building on your right. What activity does it advertise?**

11. Turn right on road passing Elsecar church, then a long row of old stone cottages to your left. These cottages were built to house the miners and their families.

**Question D: Opposite the cottages are the premises of a coach company, What is the company name as shown on their coaches?**

*The Earls Fitzwilliam were benevolent mine owners and conditions in their mines were much better than in most other mines in the area. The larger houses at the far end of the village would have housed the mine officials.*

12. As you approach the bridge turn right through a fence gap with bridge wall to your left. Continue on the path as it swings through 180 degrees to join the canal towpath and head back towards the Heritage Centre. Continue on towpath until reaching the canal basin, then go ahead on track with railway to your left.

*The disused canal was the Elsecar branch of the Dearne & Dove Canal which was mainly used for carrying coal. The branch was 2½ miles long with 6 locks. It was opened in 1798 but closed in 1928 due to mining subsidence.*

*Across the railway line is a tall narrow building with the date 1787 on the door lintel. This building houses the Newcomen atmospheric pressure beam engine, the only survivor of this type in it’s original location. It was built in 1795 by John Bargh of Chesterfield to drain Elsecar New Colliery thus allowing exploitation of deeper seams. The Elsecar New Colliery closed in the 1850’s and was replaced by other collieries, close by, which were also drained by the beam engine. The last one, Elsecar Main Colliery opened in 1908 and .*

*closed in October 1983. The beam engine ran until 1923 when it was replaced by electric pumps, although it ran briefly in 1928 when these pumps were overwhelmed by flooding. Recent restoration work means that the engine can once again be operated, albeit hydraulically, and regular open days, with hourly visits, are now being held.. (Details on web-site.)*

13. At the end of the track pass through a metal barrier to cross the narrow road. Go ahead through the double wrought iron gates into the Heritage Centre and continue forward with the steam railway on your left.

**(Note: dogs are allowed in the Centre providing that you clean up after them. If you prefer not to visit the Centre then turn right down the narrow road, just before the double gates, and left at the T-junction to rejoin the route at “The Market Hotel”**  
*Elsecar Heritage Centre is based in the former workshops and ironworks owned by the Earls Fitzwilliam , which supported their mining activities. It was taken over in 1947 by the National Coal Board and was the area’s Central Workshops, but the decline of the mining industry made it surplus to requirements. It was taken over by Barnsley Met. Borough Council in 1988, together with the beam engine. The restored buildings now house antique shops, specialist shops and craft workshops, with a cafe, toilets and an exhibition hall. A regular programme of events is based at the centre and on the associated steam railway. Opening hours are 10 a.m. To 6 p.m. Monday to Sunday.*

14. Turn right with the road into Ironworks Row and continue to Brambles Cafe. If you wish to explore the Centre, please ensure that you return to this spot to continue your walk. Leave the Centre through one of the two exit doors in the wall adjacent to Brambles Cafe which lead to a narrow track.

15. Turn right to reach the road, then turn left, passing in front of the Market Hotel. In approx. 30 metres, cross the road to join an enclosed footpath to the left of house No. 17. Follow this path as it swings left passing cricket and rugby pitches to your right and ends at a tarmac track. Turn right, passing through barriers, to reach the road.

16. Turn left on the road to reach a crossing track with a Trans-Pennine Trail sign, on the right. Turn left into the track, which has a street sign “Skiers Hall”, on right hand corner. Ahead on track, pass between buildings and ignore a stile on the left. Turn left at a multi-way signpost signed “Timberland Trail (West)” , passing through woodland. At another multi-way signpost turn right over a wooden bridge.

17 Go ahead on path, initially with Elsecar Reservoir (formerly a canal feeder) on your left. Path swings right to a gateway/stile at the road. Turn left on road and at the junction turn right, passing a disused windmill, to reach a T-junction. Turn left on road soon passing a few houses on left and right. The last houses on the left are the village almshouses.

**Question E: The last house on the right is at a farm. What is the name of this farm?**

18. Go ahead, passing “Wentworth” sign; then, as the road bends left, cross to join an enclosed footpath and follow it to a tarmac track. Cross the track to enter another tarmac track opposite and go ahead with the school on your right. Pass the old church/churchyard, now disused, on your left and continue on the track with the new church on your right.

19. Pass through a metal barrier and continue to the gates at the road. Turn left on road to a T-junction at the war memorial. Turn left on the road passing the Post Office to return to the village car park.

CONGRATULATIONS ON COMPLETING THE TRAIL, WHICH WE HOPE YOU ENJOYED.