



# British Walking Federation

## PT01 CHAIRMAN'S JUBILEE WALK



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**DISTANCE:** 11km

**ENTRY FEE:** £1.50 per walker (Cheques payable to the British Walking Federation)

**AWARD:** Cloth Badge at £2.50 each

**START VENUE:** Wombwell Railway Station Park & Ride S73 8UE

**OS MAP:** 278 **GR:** SE388024

**SAT NAV:** S73 8UE

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**APPROACH BY ROAD:** Leave M1 at Junction 36 and take the A6195 (Dearne Valley Parkway) towards Doncaster. At Roebuck Hill Roundabout take the first exit (B6096 to Wombwell). Go down Wood Walk and immediately after the X-roads at the bottom of the hill cross the railway bridge to the Park & Ride Car Park. There is a free Car Park on both sides of the road.

**CAR PARKING:** At the start.

**PUBLIC TRANSPORT:** Trains stop at Wombwell on the Sheffield to Leeds and the Sheffield to Huddersfield lines.

**TERRAIN:** Urban & woodland, mainly on pavements.

**REFRESHMENTS:** The walk goes through the centre of Wombwell where there is a variety of cafes & pubs.

### ROUTE DESCRIPTION (Updated 30<sup>th</sup> August 2024)

Leave the Park & Ride Car Park and follow road over the railway line. Turn left into Hemingfield Road. When convenient, cross to right hand pavement. Continue along Hemingfield Road bearing right just before roundabout to take the underpass beneath the Dearne Valley Parkway. Keep forward along Hemingfield Road and cross to left hand pavement. Follow road round left-hand bend, then as the road bends to the right and starts to descend, keep forward into Briery Meadows and in approx 50m bear slightly left onto tarmac path with field to left and houses to right. At end of path continue forward still with houses to right. At end of path, on reaching road, turn right downhill. At T-junction turn left and continue ahead on road (Beech House Road). Follow road round right-hand bend and as the road levels off and immediately after house number 34a turn left along a footpath between the houses. Follow footpath through kissing gate and along edge of field. Continue ahead through kissing gate to cross bridge over dual carriageway and then continue

forward on path ignoring all turnings with the golf course on your left. At top of hill turn left along road keeping golf course on your left. **(1\*)**

**Q1. What is the name of the golf course?**

Keep forward to enter Wombwell Park through blue gates and go ahead to follow path with grassed areas to each side. **(2\*)** Keep going forward and you will eventually reach a children's play area & skateboard park. Carry on to leave the park by blue metal gates similar to those where you entered the park. Bear right to road to reach crossroads. Turn right (Hough Lane) and follow road downhill to eventually reach traffic lights by Royal Oak PH (now closed). Continue forward into Church Street to pass St Mary's Church (dating from 1897). **(3\*)**

At T-junction turn left into High Street. **(4\*)** Continue forward passing the top of Station Road. **(5\*)** *(You now pass through Wombwell Town Centre.)* Keep forward along High Street.

**Q2. What animal is above the gate in the gap in the row of shops on the right?**

At crossroads, turn right into Snowden Terrace and then immediately turn left into Littlefield Lane passing church on right. At bottom, pass MOT Centre and take left hand path bearing right to go over bridge. At end of bridge descend to street level via steps or ramp. Turn left and then after approx 50m turn left between metal barriers onto Trans Pennine Trail (not signposted). Keep forward along this path to reach next road. Turn left on road. Continue ahead to reach roundabout. Turn right and then cross road via pedestrian refuge. Turn right.

**Q3. What is the height of the low bridge ahead?**

Take first left next to garage into Roy Kilner Road. At top of rise and when you reach the children's play area, turn right on signed tarmac footpath across grassy area towards the flats/houses that you can see on the opposite side of another road. On reaching this road (Aldham House Lane, although sign opposite says Aldham View), turn left on road and cross as and when convenient. Follow Aldham House Lane as it bends to the right and where it bends to the left go ahead into Smithley lane.

Follow this narrow road downhill and at the bottom cross the route of a disused single track railway line. **(6\*)** Follow the road around several bends until you climb and pass Smithley Farm. Immediately after passing the farm you cross a bridge over the railway. *(This is the line that goes through the station where you started the walk).*

**Q4. What is the number of the railway bridge? SHB\_\_**

Keep forward, climbing steadily to reach a T junction. Turn left along road for approx.100m and then turn right to pass between some large boulders onto a tarmac path *(You are now entering Wombwell Wood).*

Keep forward on tarmac path ignoring all turnings to reach end of wood at large rocks and continue forward to reach path T-junction. Turn left on path with wood to

your left. Continue along this path to reach marker post at path X-roads. Turn left on path following yellow marker sign to re-enter wood and then immediately turn right. Follow path as it meanders along keeping roughly parallel with edge of wood to your right. Just before path starts to go downhill, turn right on path to exit wood, and follow to small car park. Turn left on path between stone blocks towards Wombwell Dam. Follow path to reach ponds. Go ahead between two ponds, then turn left with larger fishing pond to your left. At end of pond keep forward and follow path as it gently rises and meanders through woods bearing to the right and then left just before the houses to reach road.

*(There are several tracks that go through the wood, but all eventually reach a road. For safety try to stay in the wood until you reach the houses but if you reach the road before this point, just turn right and follow the road until it reaches the houses. You should be able to make your way through to wood keeping parallel to the road. **PLEASE TAKE CARE THIS ROAD CAN BE VERY BUSY.**)*

Turn right along road to junction, turn left to return to Wombwell Station and finish the walk.

\* Points of interest along the trail.

**1\*** When you reach the entrance to the Golf Club building, you can (if you wish), enter and see the monument to the Lundhill pit disaster, as shown on the PT badge. There was a serious underground explosion in February 1857, killing 189 men and boys. A disaster fund was set up to which Queen Victoria donated £200.00 & Prince Albert donated £100.00.

**2\*** Wombwell Park was originally opened as a memorial to the men of Wombwell who died in the Battle of the Somme during World War 1.

**3\*** While Wombwell Park was opened as a Memorial, the actual War Memorial is immediately to the right at the T Junction. You may be surprised at how few men were in the 2nd World War, but many were prevented from joining the forces and were obliged to stay working in the Coal Mines.

**4\*** The car park, across the road, near the Town Hall was originally Wombwell Bottom Market Place, before it was closed and turned into a Car Park. In 1954, a platform was erected and from here HM Queen Elizabeth II made a short address before continuing her journey to Barnsley. She drove slowly along High Street & Barnsley Road, which were lined with school children.

**5\*** On the wall of the Town Hall in Station Road is a memorial to men who died in the Boer War.

**6\*** The disused railway line was a spur to Wombwell Main Colliery. The colliery was to your left and the field to the left as you came down the hill was a spoil heap. Wombwell Main Colliery closed in the early 1970's.

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