

# DRONFIELD FOOTPATHS & BRIDLEWAYS SOCIETY

*All our walks are suitable for any reasonably fit person and are generally 4-6 miles in length. It is advisable to wear walking boots and be aware that some areas may be muddy. **Take extra care when crossing roads**, even on minor country lanes.*

**Walk :2**

## **COAL ASTON AND SUMMERLEY**

**Starting from the Wesleyan Reform Church, Cross Lane, Coal Aston**

1. Walk down **Green Lane** to **Jubilee Park**. Take the diagonal path across the park and then down the alleyway into **Bents Crescent**. Go left and then right down a second alleyway into **Holmesdale Close**. Turn left by the shops and then right into **Oakhill Road**. At the junction with **Stonelow Road**, turn left and then right into **Shireoaks Road**. Where the road bends, take the path on the left to join the footpath which skirts the edge of **Frith Wood**. Turn right and follow this path/track to the junction with **Calleywhite Lane**. Turn left and follow the road to the roundabout at the end. Go straight ahead along the footpath to **Metapick Wood** (pause here for a short break).
2. Proceed to the bottom corner of the field and cross **Halfacre Lane** to join the board-walk. At the end of the board-walk, take the zig-zag path up the hill to join the path along the old railway track. Turn right and follow this to a path on the left which leads uphill to a group of houses known as "**Whisky Row**". Cross the end of the terrace and proceed up a steep path to cross a stile into a sheep pasture with many mounds and hollows (evidence of former mine workings). (Pause).
3. Turn right and then left to follow the hedgerow along the lower side of the field. Take the stile by the gate into the next field and then straight ahead to a second gate and stile. Follow the track alongside the hedge and then veer to the right to pass through a gate into a minor road. Turn left and follow this road up the hill past **Gregory's Farm** and round the bend into **Summerley Lower Road**.
4. Continue along this road to the hamlet of **Summerley** (pause) and then take the road which forks to the right. Just past the farm, take the footpath on the left which crosses the fields towards **Frith Wood**. Before reaching the wood, the path turns sharply to the right and leads down the field to a kissing gate. Pass through the gate, cross the bridge over the stream and up the hill to **Firthwood Road**. Cross the road and proceed up **Firthwood Avenue**, left along **Barnard Avenue** and into **The Ridgeway**. At its junction with **Prospect Road**, take the footpath on the right which leads into **Drury Lane**. Cross **Bents Lane** into **Kiln Hill** and **Cross Lane** to return to the starting point.

**Note:** *It is advisable to wear stout footwear for this walk and a walking stick would be helpful as much of the route is likely to be very muddy.*