

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 : 5

COAL ASTON, NEWFIELD SPRING WOOD AND BRIDLE ROAD WOOD

Starting from the Wesleyan Reform Church, Cross Lane

1. Walk along **Cross Lane** to the '**Cross Daggers**' pub. Walk down the alleyway to **Eckington Road**. Cross **Eckington Road** and down the alleyway to **Cunliffe Street** and **Wilson Road**. Turn right and then left to continue along path 36 to the **County Boundary**. Cross the major road via the refuge and turn right along the broad grass verge. Where the fence around the sports ground ends, cross back onto the right hand side of the road and continue to the left.
2. Turn right onto the footpath through **Coalpit Wood**. Cross the stream via the steps and large stepping stone to enter **Long Wood**. At the wooden footbridge bear left up the hill. Leave the wood via a stile and cross two fields to reach **Hazlebarrow Farm**.
3. Turn right through a metal field gate to join the path/bridleway, which leads to **Newfield Spring Wood**. Follow the path through the wood and then turn right to follow a similar path through **Bridle Road Wood**. At its end, turn right to join the path through **Long Wood**. Where the paths cross, turn left, cross the stream via the footbridge and proceed uphill through the wood and field to join **Cross Lane** (path 34).
4. Turn left over the first stile to take the diagonal path (35) across fields towards allotments. Turn left at the kissing gate and right up **Birches Lane** to **Coal Aston Village Hall**. Cross **Eckington Road** via the refuge, turn right and go via **Stone Road** and **Kiln Hill** back to **Cross Lane** and the **Wesleyan Reform Church**.

Note: *Stout footwear is essential and a walking stick is recommended*