

# **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.***

## ***Circular walk from Sindelfingen Park to Cartledge Hall Distance about 2.7 miles***

Start: Bus Shelter at West end of Gosforth Drive opposite Sindelfingen park

Take the path to the right of 77 Gosforth Drive, by the bus shelter and continue in the same line onto the surfaced track to the right of 16 Ashford Road.

After 50m, follow the track round to the left. After another 20m follow the track round to the right as it turns into an unsurfaced track between low hedges. Go over a slight rise, with excellent views to the left.

The track gently descends to pass to the right of Wood End Farm. After the buildings turn half left to follow the track down into the wood. The path can be muddy here.

At the bottom don't cross the stream, but go through a gap in the fence to the right. Waymarked and with a Woodland Trust sign. This is an excellent wood for bluebells.

Follow the edged path. When the edging stops keep on the left hand path and keep straight on to the edge of the wood.

Cross the stile and turn left over the bridge, then head straight uphill to the stile. Turn right uphill in the enclosed track.

Keep going along the track as it opens out until it comes to a tarmac road. Cross the road to a finger post and stile. Take the left hand path, with a wire fence to your left to the metal stile. It can be muddy here.

Go through the metal stile and turn right along the track, with excellent views to your left.

The track rises, goes down to a small dip, goes up, bends right then as it bends left you turn right and go over the stile, waymarked, by the lone tree.

Continued to a squeeze, slab bridge and through a metal stile. Go half right towards a building on the far side of the field. Follow the edge of the field with the wall on your left to a stone stile taking you onto a road.

Turn left and left again into the side road, signposted as a no through road. Pass Cartledge Hall on your left and continue straight on to the track to the left of the entrance to Cartledge Hall Farm.

The track descends and as the track bends right, you turn left and cross the stone stile by the field gate. Excellent views.

Keep the field boundary on your left and continue downhill to the metal stile and then straight on for less than 50m, you turn left and go through the metal stile by the field gate.

Slant slightly right and go downhill to go through a gate into a wood. Go downhill across a slab bridge over a stream and immediately through a squeeze stile. Turn half right and go up steps. The path bends left, up over a slight rise and down towards a tree stump by a fence in a dip.

Go down some steps, through a kissing gate, over a boardwalk, up some steps, through the gate and up some more steps. The path follows the field boundary on your left. At the corner of the field, carry straight on through the metal stile onto a track. Continue on the track to the gate leading to a gravelled drive and road.

Turn right along the road and within 50m turn left, after Cowley Hall Cottage, over the stile and onto a track. Follow the track round through a squeeze stile by a metal field gate. Continue in the same direction, slightly downhill to a field boundary. Turn half left and follow the field boundary on your right and over a stile in the corner of the field.

Go along the enclosed path with a stream on your left and over a stone stile and wooden bridge.

Turn half left uphill, past the electricity pole and go through a squeeze stile in the corner of the field.

Go half right to the field corner and up steps and through a squeeze stile. Continue uphill and through a squeeze stile in the wall. Turn right and keeping the field boundary on your left to the corner, turn right and carry on to the gap exiting the field.

Before the grassy mound turn left and follow the path between fences leading to Gosforth Drive.

Turn Left and continue along the road to return to the start.