

# Whittington and The Handleys

## Remember to keep the country code

In particular:  
Please keep your dogs under control.  
Take all your litter home.  
Cross all roads with care.

**A** - Start at Revolution House. Turn left up track by Chapel Cottage (no. 77). Follow the public footpath past the school towards Church of St. Bartholomew. Cross a minor road, continue on the footpath, keeping the churchyard on your left until you reach the steps. Go down the steps (caution - slippery when wet) and follow the path ahead.

**B** - Cross the stone bridge and follow the path, keeping to the right-hand side of the field. Continue along the field edge until you reach 3 stone steps. Climb the steps, cross the stile and bear diagonally left across the field to Grasscroft Woods. Turn around and admire the views. Look for Chesterfield's Crooked Spire with the Peak District moors beyond and on a clear day see if you can spot Bolsover Castle in the distance to your left.

**C** - Follow the main path straight on through the wood. Exit the woodland over a ladder stile and head straight across the field to scrubland (once mined for ironstone). Follow main path through gorse and broom down to the lane by a house. (To take a shortcut, turn right downhill at the ladder stile. Follow the path, keeping the brick wall on your left, cross the stiles and continue until you reach the road. Turn right along the road back to the start).

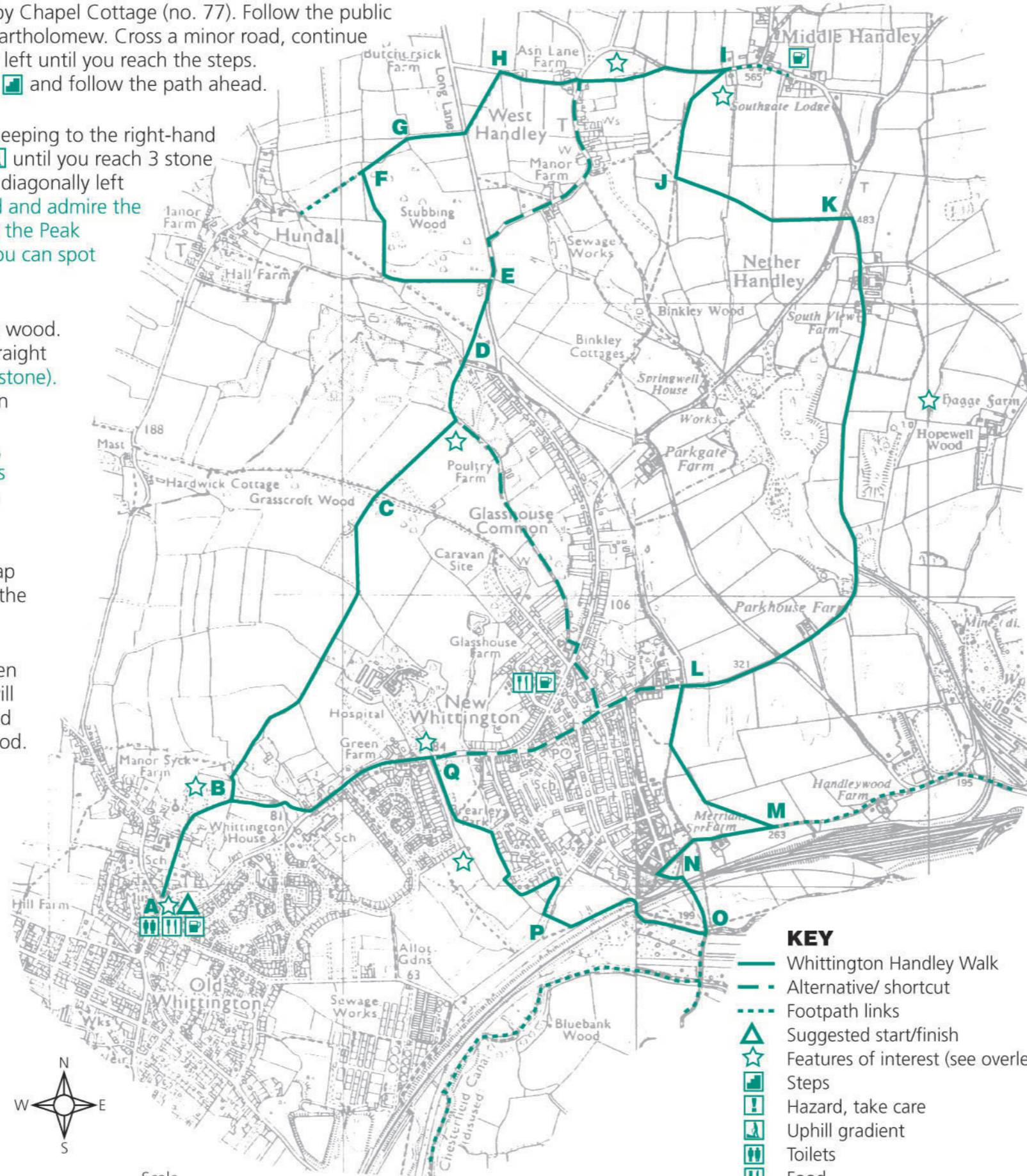
**D** - Continue across the grass and through the gap onto a path that crosses the field until you reach the main road at the field edge.

**E** - Turn left, taking care along the main road, then left again along the bridleway. After 350m you will reach a metal gate. Turn right into Stubbing Wood and follow the path uphill on the edge of the wood.

**F** - At the top of the wood, ignore the left path out into the field, go straight on and leave the wood through a gap in an ivy covered wall.

**G** - Follow the path diagonally down the field, through a gap and along the field edge to the road. Cross Long Lane (caution - busy road) and continue ahead on the public footpath.

**H** - Cross the field and turn right when you reach the lane. Pass Ash Lane Farm. Admire its beautiful thatched roof. At the road junction, cross to the public footpath, then cross 2 fields until you reach a road. Turn right along the road until you reach the next path on your right just before the first house.



**I** - (Go straight on into Middle Handley to visit the village and take a break.) Take the path on your right diagonally across the field to the hedge. Bear left and continue on the path following the hedge line. Do not turn right (this heads back to West Handley.)

**J** - Turn left just before the first telegraph pole in the hedge (no.105 08 0134). Cross the field into a dip, through a gap in the hedge and uphill towards the skyline. Bear left along the field edge to a road (caution - very busy road).

**K** - Cross the road with care and turn right (sign-posted Nether Handley and Staveley). At the left hand bend bear right down the minor road past Dale Farm. Continue downhill on the bridleway and on past Parkhouse Farm to a track ahead. On reaching the main road cross with care to the pavement (caution - very busy road) turning right towards Whittington.

**L** - Before reaching the houses turn left onto a path by the allotments. Cross the stile on the left and follow the path diagonally to the field edge. Cross the stile, continue keeping the hedge on your left for about 120m. Turn left through the hedge over a stile. Follow the path diagonally to a gateway at the field edge.

**M** - Cross the stile and turn right on the track. Cross the stile and join the road, continue on the road. Where the road bends right, turn left onto a track signed for Trans Pennine Trail and Chesterfield Canal.

**N** - Pass under the railway bridge and continue straight on.

**O** - Turn right through a kissing gate before the bridge over the River Rother. (Continue straight on to visit the Chesterfield Canal.) Follow the path along the riverside and under a railway bridge, continue alongside the river until you reach the field. Cross diagonally to the gate in the hedge at the roadside.

**P** - Turn right, after approx 75m cross the road onto a path behind the houses. Follow the path to a sports field, then cross the field to the park gates.

**Q** - Go through the gates and turn left along the main road. 100m after the White Horse public house cross the road (caution - very busy road) and take the path on your right. Follow the path diagonally uphill to cross a small bridge. Climb the steps and continue joining the path by the churchyard gate. Turn left, retracing your steps to Revolution House.