

The Sheffield Rambler

Discovering lost paths



In the year 2026 any path in the country which has not been "claimed" as a right of way will be lost forever. Many of the paths which are now considered lost, in so far as they cannot be seen on the ground or are rarely used, may be found in historical records such as Inclosure Awards, Tithes Awards and Railway Acts. There are only ten years left to get these paths researched and recorded and there is no one but us to do this work. The Ramblers are running a course in Manchester in April to help volunteers find out how to do this research. Additionally, we are looking at running a course locally. Six people have already indicated that they are willing to be "researchers" but we are looking for more. Could it be YOU?

If you are interested in doing this type of research, let me know by email tmhoward@live.co.uk or phone 0114 2665438. Anyone who enjoys maps and history would certainly enjoy this work.

Terry Howard
Chairperson



Peak District Local Access Forum Fund.

South Yorkshire and NorthEast Derbyshire Ramblers have donated over £500 to this fund which will help improve access to moorlands by providing more and better access points and gates instead of stiles, or surface improvements making the moors more accessible to more people. The Sheffield Clarion Ramblers also donated £400 to the fund.

An offer not to be missed

The Clarion Ramblers are also giving all their left over Handbooks to the Forum to sell to raise money for the access fund. I am at present selling them on behalf of the Local Access Forum. Anyone who knows about these handbooks will recognize them as "little gems" of local history and much much more. They are highly collectable and attract a lot of interest. Although they can be found online or in second hand bookshops they tend to be very expensive collectors items. I am selling them at £4 each or a pack of ten for £30 in unused condition. However, there are only books from the 1950s and 1960s left. This is a great opportunity to gain these at a very reasonable price. If you want any, email me at tmhoward@live.co.uk or phone 0114 2665438.

Terry Howard

New Paths

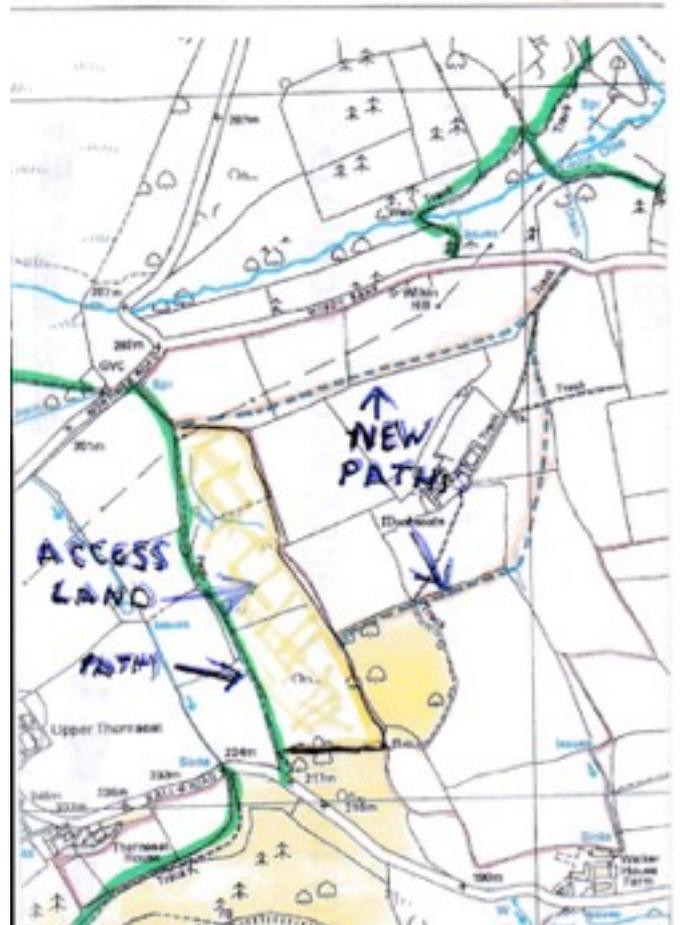
New paths are now open at Woodseats Farm, Bradfield.

Grid reference: SK249 925

These paths provide a connection between Dale Dyke and Agden without much road walking.

David Woodhead

(Sorry folks, this is the best definition I could manage. Editor).



Extract from the Clarion Ramblers Handbook, 1952-53, page 28**Sunday, August 31st 1952****Bus:** Victoria Station, 9.15 a.m., to Doctor's Gate Culvert. Return from Edale, 8.24 p.m.**Route:** Doctor's Gate (BR), Old Woman Cairn (site - summit), Shelf Clough, Mossy Lee, Hurst Nook, Jumble, Lees Hall, Crown Edge, Rowarth, Lanterns Pike (Edwin Royce, 36 acres and View Finder Memorial, dedicated 28th October, 1950), Hayfield, Tunstead Farm (tea), Stony Ford, Edale Cross, Jacob's Ladder and Edale. 18 miles. Return fare, 4/5.**Leader:** C.M. Kelly

Night

*Here on the hill, from city walls apart,
I welcome night alone, who comes to hide
With kindly shadow all the dry and mean
Grim desert of straight streets and all between
Of dirt and death of hope and dull despair;
And brings on soft wind's wings a wandering air
Cloud-borne and starlit, singing to the heart
Of longings long forgot, and dreams that died . . .*

*Here I may be happy for a while,
Still, and at peace, to stare back at the smile
Flickering-fixed upon the silver moon.
And all her calm benevolence in tune
And sharing in the silence of the stars.*

By C.M Kelly

(If you want to pen a poem to lift the spirits of your fellow walkers, do feel free to send it to me for a future edition of the Newsletter! Linda Cooley, Editor)



Sheffield Walking Festival

The Walking Forum is planning a walking festival from the 10th to 18th September this year. We want to run this festival in support of the ‘Outdoor City’ initiative from the Council and we are hoping that in return we’ll receive some practical support for this new venture from the Council by way of, for example, help with advertising. We want to emphasize the importance of walking in this context – it’s not all about the ‘macho’ sports!

Our group is planning to play its part in organising the festival and contribute to it by leading several walks. Our most ambitious plan is to do the Sheffield Country Walk over about 5 days. We last did this a couple of years ago when the new book about the walk was published but this time we are hoping to reach many more people.

Several members of the committee have already offered walks but we hope many people in the group will join in this venture either by participating in some of the walks or perhaps by leading one. If you think you may be interested in leading a walk, preferably within or close to the city boundary, please get in touch. You can initially email me at judygath@gmail.com.

There will be a website, probably hosted by the Sheffield Group, so details will eventually be available from there but in the meantime we’ll try to keep you informed about what is happening.

Judy Gathercole

Views towards Agden Reservoir, part of the Sheffield Country Walk

