



Heritage Walks In Stanley and Stanley Common

A Heritage to Treasure



Our Parish is one mile wide and 2 ½ miles long.
There are walks available from 15 minutes to 3 hours.
We are steeped in history and natural history.
The paths will take you there. Join us and enjoy

Stanley and Stanley Common Wildlife Group



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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

1. **Smalley Common Meadow:**
A Local Wildlife Site with permitted path around it.
2. **Morley Haves Ancient Woodland:** A Hayes is a medieval enclosure. A walk is with the permission of Morley Hayes hotel and golf course.
3. **Common Lane:** Ancient hedgerows along what was a medieval farm track.
4. **Stanley Hilltop** with views across to Dale Abbey, West Hallam, Locko and Morley. Stand at the veteran ash tree.
5. **Klondyke:** a Victorian colliery settlement to support the Footrill mine. The Greta Northern Railway is now a Local Wildlife Site and contains important woodland habitat.
6. **Stanley:** the village retains its hall, Saxon church, cottages from most centuries and many of the field have remnants of ridge and furrow and old hedgerow. The site of the manor is a farm and other farms in the village have early origins.
7. **The Portway:** From 1-2 000 BC a religious and trading route to the Trent ports and Manchester.
8. **Stanley Brook:** A clean stream, once an important village source of water. The water vole population is important and connects with populations on Locko Park and in the Nutbrook.
9. **Baldock Mill:** a medieval water mill fed by a leat and mill pond created by monks at Dale Abbey to process rents and tithes in corn to into flour for market.
10. **Stanley Quarry** sandstone was eventually used to create the famous Stanley Block. Neighbouring houses are made with the Blocks.
11. **Sough Lane** now Dale Road follows the line of the Portway and describes the course of a drain from coal mines near the old quarry and on Dale Road. Some of the fields here are undisturbed species rich acidic grassland. The humpty dumpty field is a Local Wildlife Site with a footpath.
12. **Locko:** The rookery next to Derby Road is significant. Beyond is the site of the original medieval Lockhay Park created to home the hospital that cared for lepers.

WALK 1: (2 1/4 miles) Stanley Park Boundary Walk

From the White Hart Inn on Morley Lane, cross Station Road and continue east past Stanley St Andrews School on your right hand. Take the footpath on the right just before the cenotaph. Go through the metal gate and carry along this path with the hedgerow on your left, through the gate at the bottom. Bear right to the footbridge in the corner of the field. This is Stanley Brook. Go over the footbridge and bear left, slightly up-hill, and follow the hedge-line to the stile. Go over the stile and follow the path along the hedge for a short distance then bear diagonally left to the corner of what is a long brook side field and a stile. Continue along the path keeping the hedge-line on your right. This is the original leat path feeding the mill pond. Continue over the gap in the hedge and over the small stone bridge. Continue forward. Carry on over the stile onto the dam wall. On the left is the site of Baldock Mill and mill pond on the right. Bear right over the stile and then diagonally right over the field to the right hand corner at the gate. Go through the gate and continue along the path. Follow along the green lane through hazel and holly coppice. Go through the next gate and continue towards Hagg Farm, then turn right down Hagg Lane. Carry on down the lane and through two gates, over fields. Go past a farm and houses on your left, the track turns into a road. Beyond the houses, look for a footpath gate in the right-hand hedgerow. Go through the gate and over the footbridge on Stanley Brook. This is Hall Croft Meadows. Continue along the path over the stile to the road, turn left and continue back to the start. NB Stanley Park occurred in Medieval times and is now private land

WALK 2: (2 1/4 miles) Stanley Manor Walk

Start near the White Hart Inn Stanley and walk down Derby road to the old Bridge Inn. At Stanley Brook, cross the road and take the path on the right. Follow the side of Stanley Brook. Pass over the stile and continue along the right-hand side of the field. This is the route of the ancient Portway. Cross the Medieval ridge and furrow fields and see the site of the original Manor in the fields to the left at the farm. Move through the gate at the end of the field and continue on around to the right, along the side of the field next to the brook. Go through the next gate and then walk diagonally across the field away from the brook. Go through the hedgerow and gate and bear diagonally left to the trees to pass over the ditch on a concrete pipe. Continue over the field to the next footpath gate. Follow the hedge along the left-hand side of the field. This field comes to a triangular point, go through the footpath gate and turn right to go up the steps onto the disused railway line. Look back over the fields at this point. The railway line was the Great Northern Railway running between Friar Gate Derby and Ilkeston or Nottingham. It took people to Skegness. Turn left at the top of the steps and walk along the path for 10 metres. Turn right and go down the slope and over the stile. Turn left and follow the hedge-line along the right of the field. The village ahead is Morley. Pass over the fence-line and follow the path to the right of three trees in a line. Cross the field and go over the stile, next to the field gate, onto Church Lane. Turn right down the lane and head down-hill. After the farm, go through the gate and continue along the path with the hedge on the right. At the bottom of the field, cross Stanley Brook, using either the footbridge or the ford. Once over the brook walk up the hill following the hedge-lines. Go through the gate at the end and follow the pathway up to the road Morley Lane at the top. Follow the road around to the right until the road splits. Take the right-hand fork and continue along Morley Lane, the road is narrow in places. Pass Stanley farm on the right and the Wesleyan Methodist Chapel a little further along the start point.

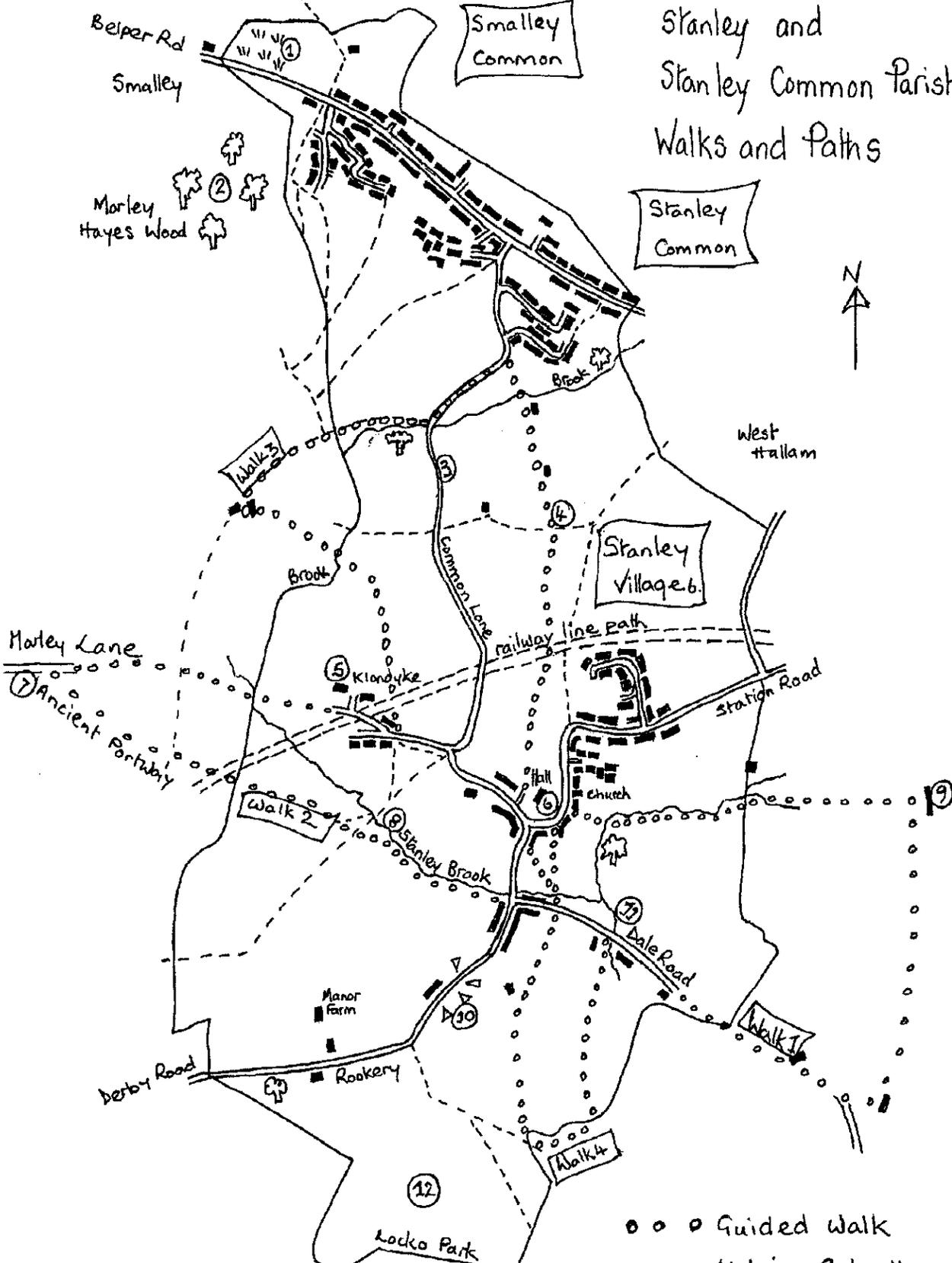
WALK 3: (2 1/2 miles) Gateway to Stanley Common

Start near the White Hart Inn, Stanley. Walk up Morley Lane. Carry on past the Methodist Chapel and Stanley farm to a fork in the road. The road is narrow here at times. Bear left and continue along Morley Lane and take the signposted track on the right just before house number 104. Carry on along the track to the gate over the stile and continue over the bridge on the original Great Northern Railway. Go over the stile and continue down the field with the hedgerow on your right to the bottom of the field. Go over the stile and move carefully down the short steep slope. Walk over the footbridge on Stanley Brook. Continue diagonally over the fields towards farm buildings. Go through the gate and cut off the right-hand corner of the field bearing right to the stile. Go over the stile and take the path to the right of the farmhouse. Go through the gate and follow the track. At the fork in the road continue right, over the cattle-grid and walk onto Common Lane. Common Lane is narrow so walk with care. The hedgerows on Common Lane are examples of the quality of other hedgerows in the parish with hazel, alder buckthorn, holly and other more common species. The verge is rich in wildflowers throughout the summer and forms a hedgerow bank. Stanley gate here was the gateway onto the common. Turn left up the lane and carry on until the road bears left. At this point turn right up the track. Carry straight on up the hill keeping the hedge-line on your left. Stop at the ancient ash tree and look across each of the villages and the view. Go down the hill to the footbridge. Go over the footbridge and continue straight ahead to the bottom corner of the field and over the old Great Northern Railway line. Go over the stile and keep the hedgerow on your right, continue over the next 2 stiles to Morley Lane. Turn left and walk down Morley Lane to the start.

WALK 4: (1 1/2 miles) The Lockhay Trail

Start near the White Hart Inn, Stanley. Cross onto the pavement on Station Road and pass the houses on the right taking the first footpath on the right at Hall Farm. Walk over the field to the footbridge and cross Stanley Brook meeting a lane called Dale Road (once Sough Lane). Cross the road at this point and take the field up to Sough farm. At the top turn around and look at the view, and pass through two fences and enter the next field (humpty dumpty field because of early open cast coal mining) Walk upwards taking a diagonal to the top left-hand corner. Take the next field with the fence on your left. The boundary of the original Lockhay Park is at the top of the field. Bear left at this point and follow the hedgerow that in on the right. Move down the field and take the stile at the bottom corner of the field. Walk over the next field and take the linear route downwards. Pass over the stile at the bottom of the field which meets a track. Follow the track onto Dale Road. Turn left and move along Dale Road taking the first footpath gate in the hedgerow on the right-hand side. Continue over the first footbridge and take a diagonal path on the left towards another footbridge and gap in the hedgerow. Continue on the diagonal path which arrives at the corner of the field. The houses are on the right-hand side. Move through the footpath gate and onto Derby Road. Take a right turn to the start.

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