

## WALK 6: Cinderhill, Broxtowe & Bilborough

Photos and description: 2024

Take the Nottingham to Phoenix Park NET service to the terminus at Phoenix Park tramstop, at Cinderhill, the **S**tart of this walk.



This walk is about 9.5 km (6 miles) and goes through parts of Nuthall, Broxtowe Country Park, Bilborough and Broxtowe Estate.



The description includes directions and a note of interesting sites along the way. For some of these sites, marked in red and with a red number on the maps, there is further information in **6A. Cinderhill, Broxtowe & Bilborough Appendix**.

The walk crosses the boundary between Nottingham City and Broxtowe District (Nottinghamshire) a number of times but in the past this whole area was part of **Broxtowe (1)**, which explains some of the place names along the walk.

The tramstop is named after the business and industrial area called **Phoenix Park (2)**, which lies part in the City, part in Broxtowe District.



Phoenix Park was built on the site of **Cinderhill (Babbington) Colliery and Babbington Brick Works (3)**.

Cross over the roundabout and go along Millenium Way and over the A610 and through to Nottingham Road. Turn right and after c250m take the alleyway through to Cedarland Crescent, part of Nuthall. (Since leaving the tram you have crossed the City/Broxtowe boundary 3 times).



Turn left along Cedarland Cresnet and turn left at Woodland Drive and then right at Horsendale Avenue, then immediately left onto Carters Wood Drive. Take the first right, into Vernon Drive.

A few properties up from the junction, on the right, is **Horsendale Farm (4)**.

Continue along Vernon Drive to Assarts Road, turn right and then left along the path (between fence and hedge) and into **Broxtowe Country Park (5)**.



At the bottom of the hill you pass another boundary, returning to Nottingham City. Continue ahead, up the hill. At the top, go ahead, through the gateway and (into Nuthall again) along the path into the housing area (Assarts Farm Estate).

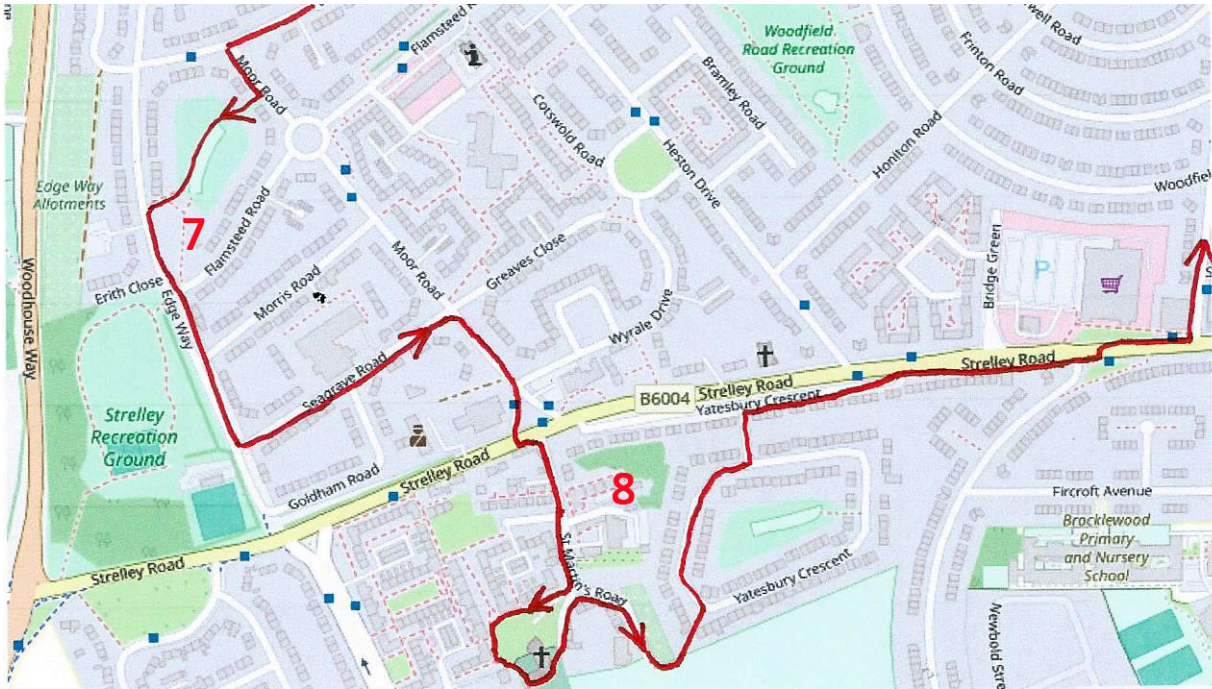






The path, with a fence on the left, goes along to the edge of housing. Go along Calverton Drive and then Barwell Drive as far as Moor Road. Turn left into Moor Road.

Today, the postal addresses in this area say Strelley but old maps refer to this area as being Bilborough, the village and parish of Strelley being further to the east.



From Moor Road, turn right into Moor Road Playground...

...and follow the path to the right of the play area...

...with its unusual items...

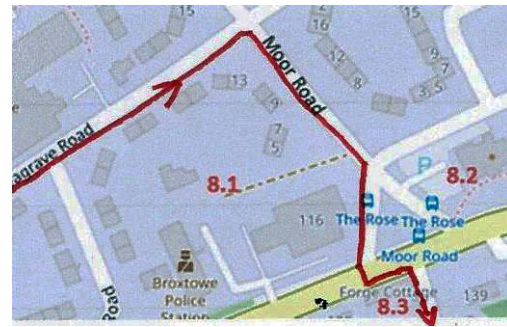


...and go out onto Edge Way. Turn left. In the area of trees approaching the junction of Flamstead Road and Edge Way, there apparently used to be an old coal pit (now filled in) – one of a number of **Bell Pits (7)** in this area.

Continue along Edge Way and turn left into Seagrave Road and then right at Moor Road. This is the start of the old village of Bilborough – **Bilborough Village (8)**. Only a few properties remain from the original village.

Part way along Moor Road a driveway to the right leads to The Elms (**8.1**), a property shown on an 1885 map.

Just before the junction with Strelley Road, on the left, on the site of an old Pinfold (**8.2**) is the Rose Inn.



Cross over Strelley Road to St Martin's Road and on the left corner is Forge Cottage (**8.3**).



Go along St Martin's Road, on the left is the old Farmhouse (**8.4**) and on the right, beneath the 1960s housing is the site of a 14<sup>th</sup> century manor house (**8.6**)



Take the path right and then left, around the green space, and then left again and through the gate into the churchyard. Go around to the rear of the church. To the rear is the Rectory (**8.8**).



Continue past the porch of St Martin's Church (**8.7**) and out next to the St Martin's Cottages (**8.5**) and along St Martin's Close.

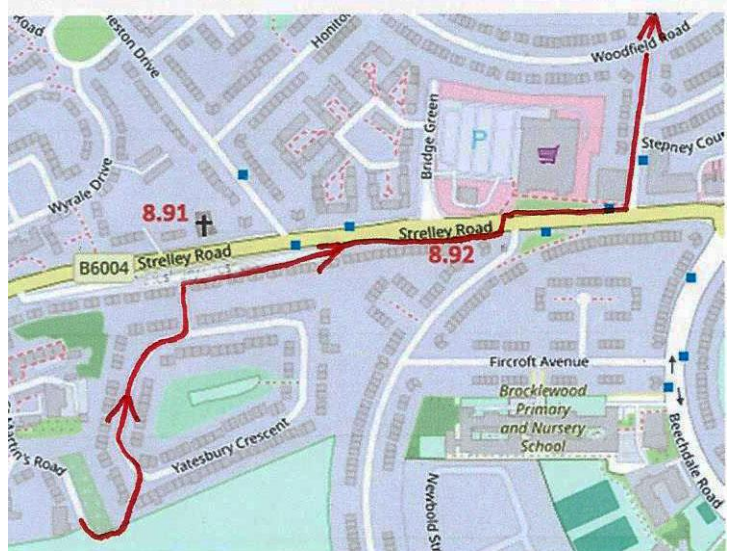
At St Martin's Road turn right, go to the end and then take the path round to Yatesbury Crescent.



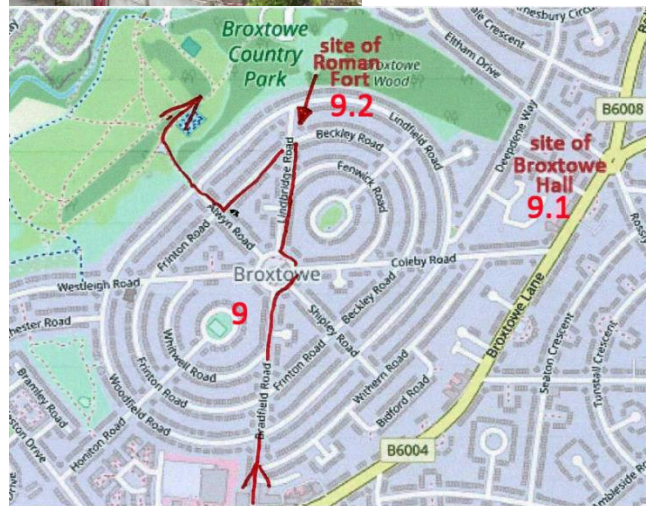
Follow Yatesbury Crescent round to the left and out onto Strelley Road. Opposite is The Mount and, in front of a small wood, the Mount Cottages (8.91).



Turn right along Strelley Road, past, on the right, Manor Farm (8.92).



Cross over Strelley Road and turn left into Bradfield Road – this is Broxtowe Estate (9)



The estate is named after Broxtowe Hall (9.1) (not on the walk route).

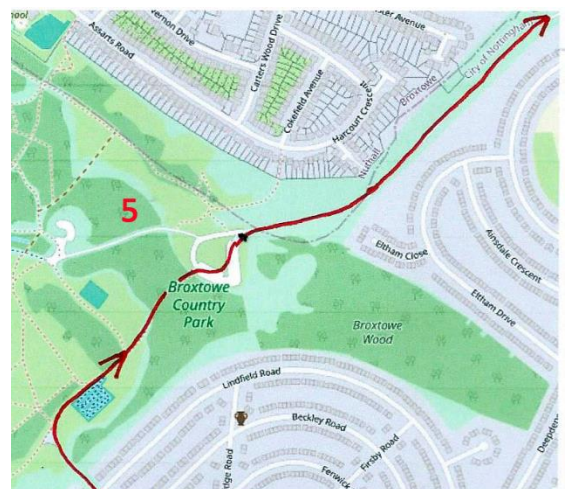
Continue along Bradfield Road, around Denton Green and then along Lindbridge Road to its junction with Beckley Road. This was the site of a Roman Fort (9.2).

Turn left along Beckley Road and right at Alwyn Road and out of the Estate into Broxtowe Country Park (5).

Turn right in the Park and then bear right where the main path curves left.



Go down through the trees and across the open space and along the road out of the Park



Turn right along Nottingham Road and, just before the junction, turn left through to the A610, cross over and turn along Cinderhill Road.

Just before the bridge, turn left...



...and then right...



...to join the tram line (10) and through the tunnel...



...to the Cinderhill tram stop and the finish of this walk (F).

