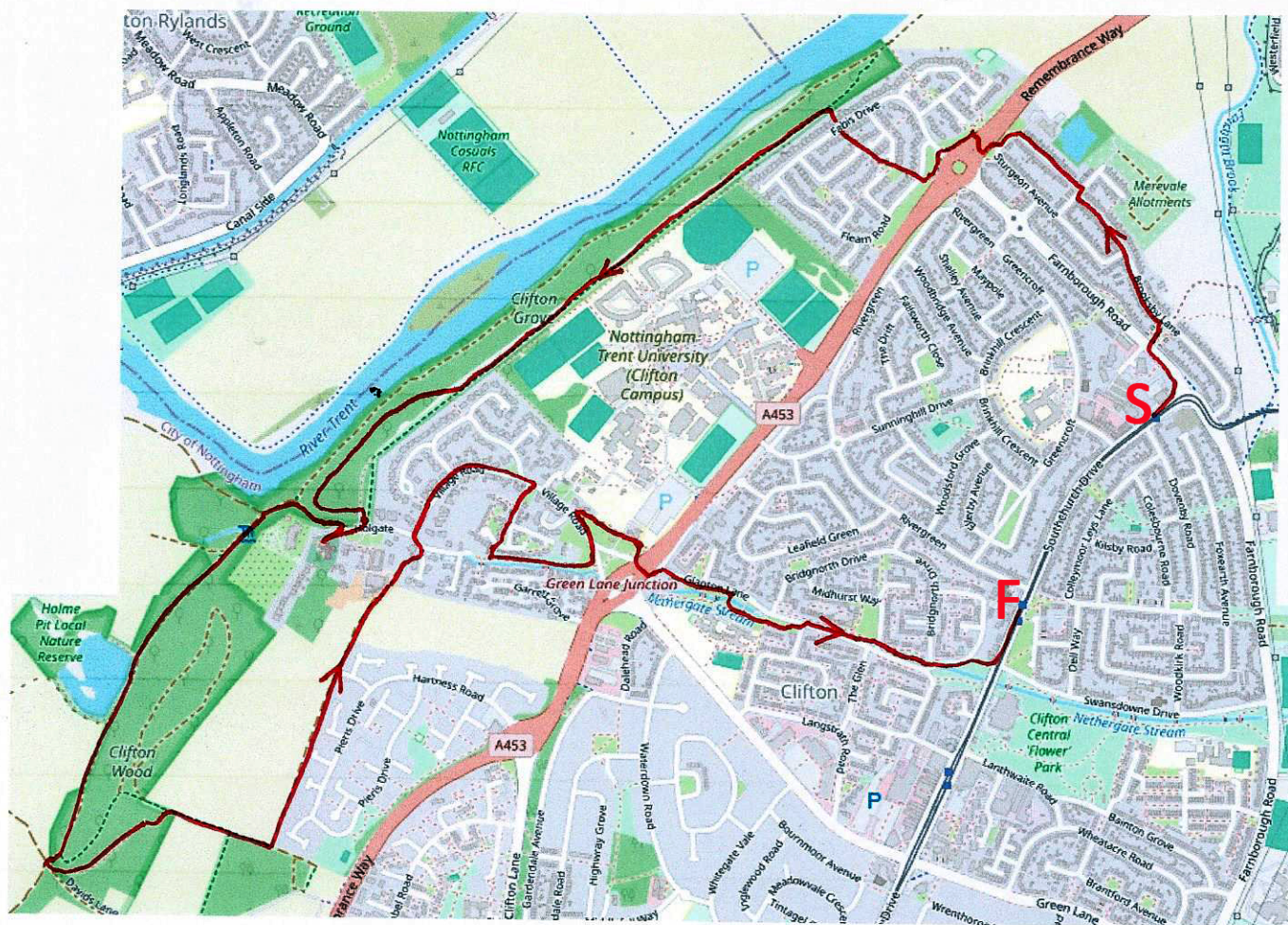


Take the Nottingham to Clifton NET service to the Southchurch Drive North tramstop, the **Start** of this walk. The description includes directions and a note of interesting sites along the way. For some of these sites, marked with a red number on the maps, there is further information in the **7A: Clifton Village Appendix**.

The walk is about 8½ km (5.3 miles) and starts and finishes in the **Clifton Estate (1)** and goes through Clifton Grove, Clifton Village and Clifton Woods. The walk includes quite a lot of steep sections and, after wet weather, the paths through the woods can be slippery.



The Southchurch Drive North tramstop, one of six serving Clifton, is situated beside the Hope Church which has been part of the Clifton community for over 30 years and is described as a fresh, progressive, vibrant local Church that welcomes people from all walks of life, providing community support including a food bank.



Go to the junction with Farnborough Road and turn left.

On your left is Southchurch Court, the only tower block on the Clifton Estate.



Cross over the road and turn right into Homewell Walk, between the trees, and then turn left along Brooksby Lane.



At Merevale Avenue go right and immediately left along Sturgeon Avenue. At its end, to the right, is the entrance to **Kingfisher Court Care Home (2)**.

Turn left and then cross the grass area and then cross over the A453 - named 'Remembrance Way' in 2015 to honour the 453 UK servicemen who lost their lives in Afghanistan.

Go left, over Fabis Drive and continue left for a few yards and then turn right, up the steps and over Fleam Road to a path through Clifton Grove private housing estate which was built in the early 1970s and named after the Clifton Grove woods to its rear.



Follow the path through the housing and out into the tree lined **Clifton Grove (3)**.

Starting from the bottom of the hill to your right, the path through Clifton Grove climbs up between magnificent trees and, to the left – the direction of this walk – it opens out to a pleasant grass path bounded on both sides by dense trees and shrubs.



Continue along, passing, on the left (and only intermittently visible when the trees are in full leaf), the Clifton Grove estate and then **Nottingham Trent University (Clifton campus) (4)**. When the path divides, take the right fork, away from the main route.



The path to the right goes through trees and is close to the cliff edge – but views down to the river and beyond are only visible when the leaves are gone. Keeping to the right wherever the path divides, follow the cliff edge.



At one point there is a gap in the trees and you can look down to the River Trent, across to Beeston Weir, and in the distance to the north, Wollaton Hall, on the horizon nearly 5km away.



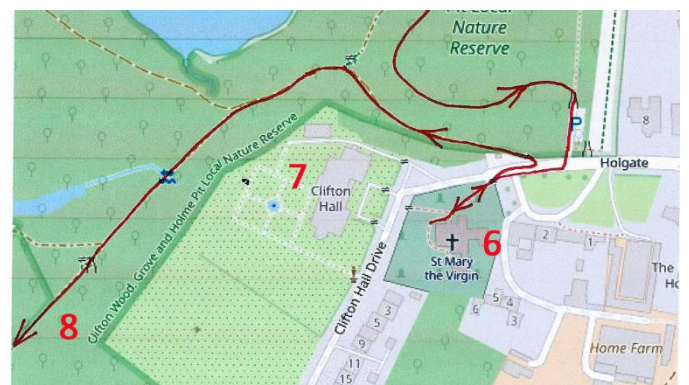
Shortly after this viewpoint, the path curves left, away from the river, and there is what looks a bit like the entrance to an Anderson air raid shelter from WW2. It was the **Clifton Hall Ice House (5)**.



The path continues, with Clifton Hall on the right but hidden by trees – nothing like the open view back in the 1880s suggested by this drawing.



After a few yards, turn right, back on the main route and through the small car park, out onto Holgate – you are now in Clifton Village.



Opposite is a late C18 stable block (listed grade II), with adjacent cottages, originally part of the Clifton Hall estate but all now converted to private residential use.



Turn right towards the gated entrance to Clifton Hall and go into the churchyard to the left – this will give you views of the **Church of St Mary the Virgin (6)** and Clifton Hall - **Clifton manor & Hall (7)**.



The walk returns to Clifton Village later – but first, a walk round the wood – **Clifton Wood (8)**.

From Holgate go through the gateway and down the slope



At the bottom of the hill, turn left and follow the path beneath the wooded cliffs on your left – the **Clifton name origin (9)**.

You will pass a small waterfall at the bottom of the cliff. This comes down from the garden at Clifton Hall. Apparently there was a pond, fed by a spring, in which the Cliftons kept carp which they had caught in Holme Pit.

At a couple of locations the cliff structure is exposed with various levels of different rock.



Continue along, passing **Holme Pit (10)** on your right.

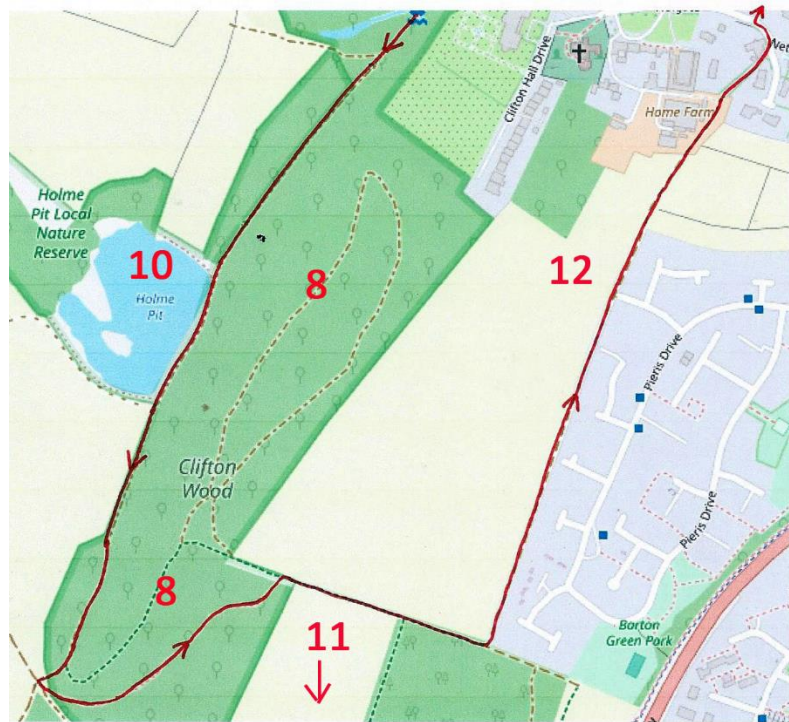
At the end of the wood, turn left and immediately left again into a narrow path up into the woods



At the junction with a path from the left, turn right, out of the wood ...



Both these open areas are subject to planning applications for...



... open fields to the south, with Burrows Farm tucked into the valley and hills beyond ...



...a sand & gravel quarry (beyond Burrows Farm) - **Barton and Mill Hill Quarry (11)**

...and also to the north towards Clifton Village



...housing - **Foxgrove Village Development (12)**

Turn left at the signed path...



...past housing on your right



Continue, past Holme Farm on the right, with Clifton church behind....

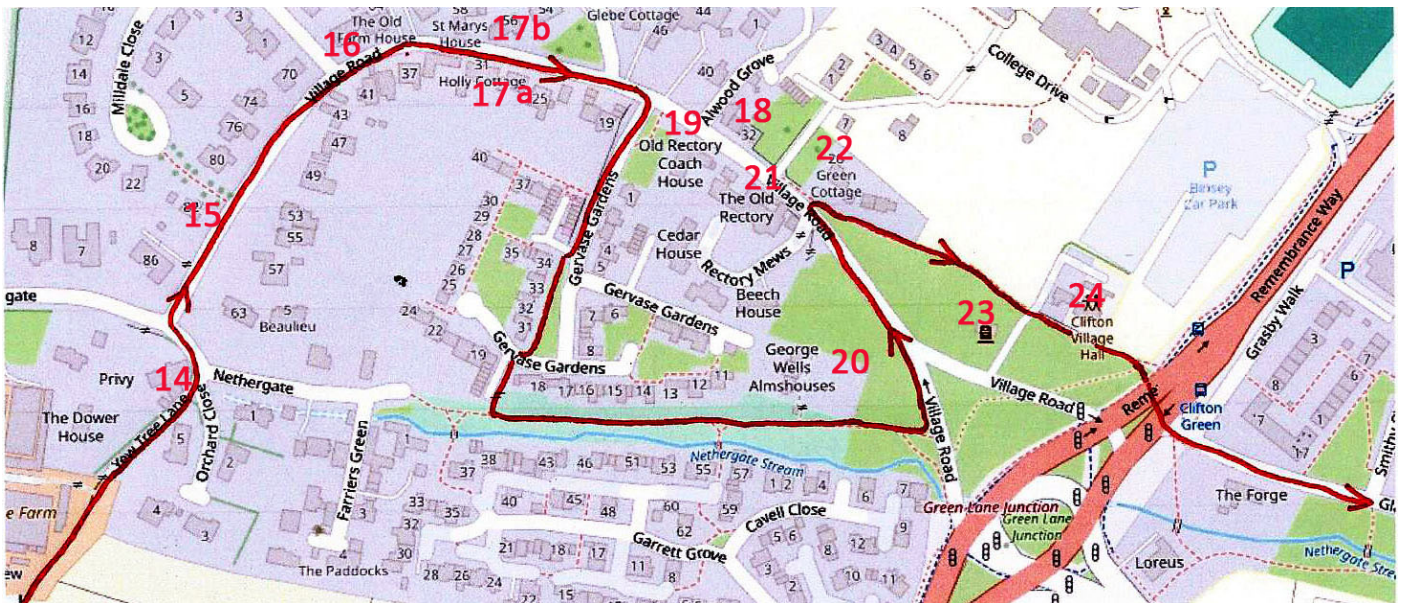


...and horses



Go past the entrance to Holme Farm on your left and along Yew Tree Lane.

Back in **Clifton Village (13)** the walk will pass some of its older buildings.



At the junction with Nethergate, turn left past, on the corner on your left, **Yew Tree Grange (14)**.

The route does a couple of loops through the village which can be seen on this aerial view looking west, taken c. 1965.

The Hall and Church, on Holgate, are at the top left. Village Road runs to the right and then turns to meet Clifton Lane at the bottom left. Nethergate goes up to the left.

(Image: Picture Nottingham/ Tempest Photography.)



From Nethergate turn right onto Village Road which has a number of attractive old cottages, farm houses and other buildings which also appear on the 1880s map (see **13**) – just a few shown here. Some of the cottages are named, others bear the initials of the

land owner (usually a member of the Clifton family) and build date. (The numbers in red are locations on the map above. If the location name is also in red, the site will be in the Appendix.)



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The Old Farm House 16



17a



Opposite Holly House is a house **17b** marked **L.T.I 1707**. According to the Rev. Rosslyn Bruce, in The Clifton Book, 1906 (www.nottshistory.org.uk), this 'stands for Thomas and John [Iain] Lambert, who were two brothers,

members of a family conspicuous at that time in the village, and whose graves are marked by stones in the Churchyard...' The cottage has a 14th century hall and a cross-wing of c.1600. It was refaced in brick in 1707 (A Nicholson, 2004).

From the junction with Gervase Gardens you can see, ahead on the left, Rose Cottage, what was the village Post Office and beyond it Clifton Village Reading Room, a facility of the Residents' Association.

On the left is the **Old Rectory Coach House (19)**.



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Turn right along Gervase Gardens, with the Coach House on the left ...

... past bungalows on the right and through the gap at the end.



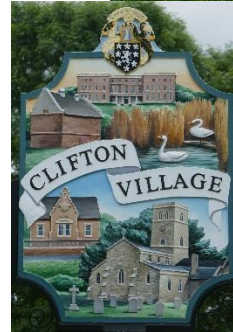
Turn left, along Nethergate path. Nethergate, meaning 'lower road', is also the name of the small stream (little more than a drainage ditch) alongside on the right – Nethergate Stream. This flows through the Clifton Estate and joins Fairham Brook.



After about 180m there is a small square building up a path to the left – this belongs to a property – the **George Wells Almshouses (20)** - which you can see where Nethergate opens out and the walk turns left.



Follow the road back towards the village, past the village sign, and as far as the **Old Rectory (21)**



Cross over the road and turn right along the path, past the 1903 Green Cottage...



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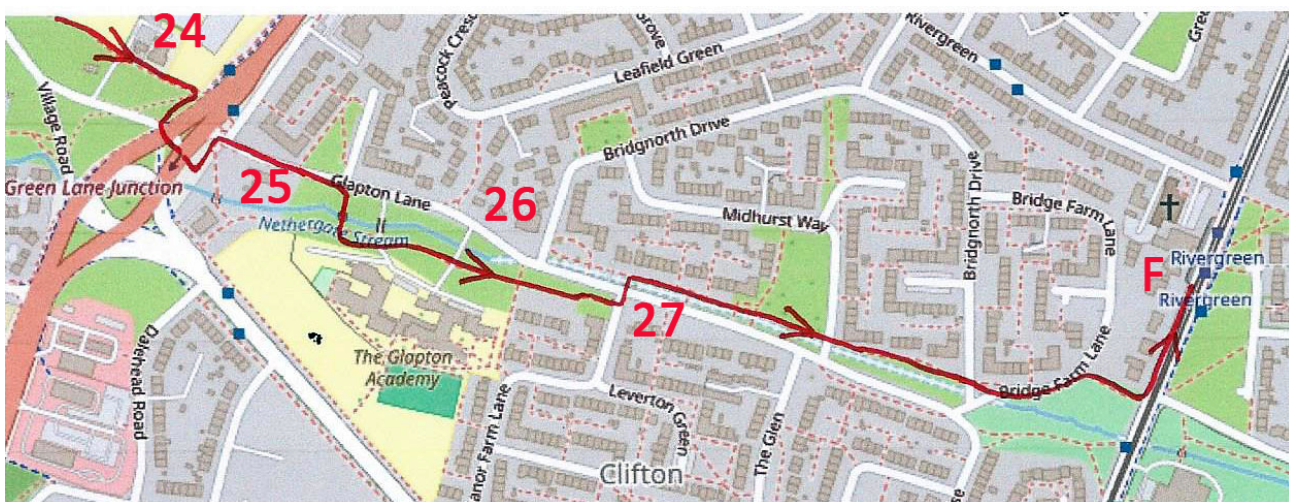
...and continue down the side of the green.



On the green is a lone building – the **Dovecote (23)**



On the left is the old **Clifton School and School House (24)**



Cross over Remembrance Way and turn down Glapton Lane. The first building on the right is marked on the 1890s map as 'Smithy' (**25**). It is one of very few buildings from the old Glapton that still exist. Now named 'The Forge', it was within the estate of the Clifton family

and is marked 'HRC 1879' (presumably for Henry Robert Clifton, the head of the family from 1869 to 1896).

The property is included in a list of 'Local Heritage Assets of the City of Nottingham' (2013).



The street of 1950s housing opposite is named 'Smithy Close' – at the junction turn right, over the first of the bridges across the Nethergate Stream.

On the right of this green area is Glapton Academy (school).



About half way along this stretch of the stream, look back to Glapton Lane and there is another building (No.47) from the old village (26). This one has a plaque saying 'HB 1899' – so built in 1899 when Sir Hervey Jukes Lloyd Bruce was the 'Clifton' of the manor (from 1896 to 1919).



The stream goes underground after a few more yards. Continue along the path, re-joining the footway on Glapton Lane at its junction with Manor Farm Lane. Immediately on the right, there is a terrace of 3 properties (27) from the old Glapton – these are marked 'PRG 1926' – Lt-Col. Percy Robert Clifton (the 'head' Clifton from 1919 to 1944).



Cross over Glapton Lane and take the footpath on the left side. I am not aware of any more buildings remaining from the old hamlet of Glapton. However, there are recollections of the past in some street names, e.g. we have just passed Manor Farm Lane and a little further along on the left is Bridge Farm Lane – both presumably referencing farms in the hamlet.

Turn along Bridge Farm Lane and then bear right along the path to join Southchurch Drive, along which the tram line runs on its way through the centre of Clifton – to the right is the main shopping area. But, the walk goes left – to Rivergreen tramstop and the end of the walk (F).

