

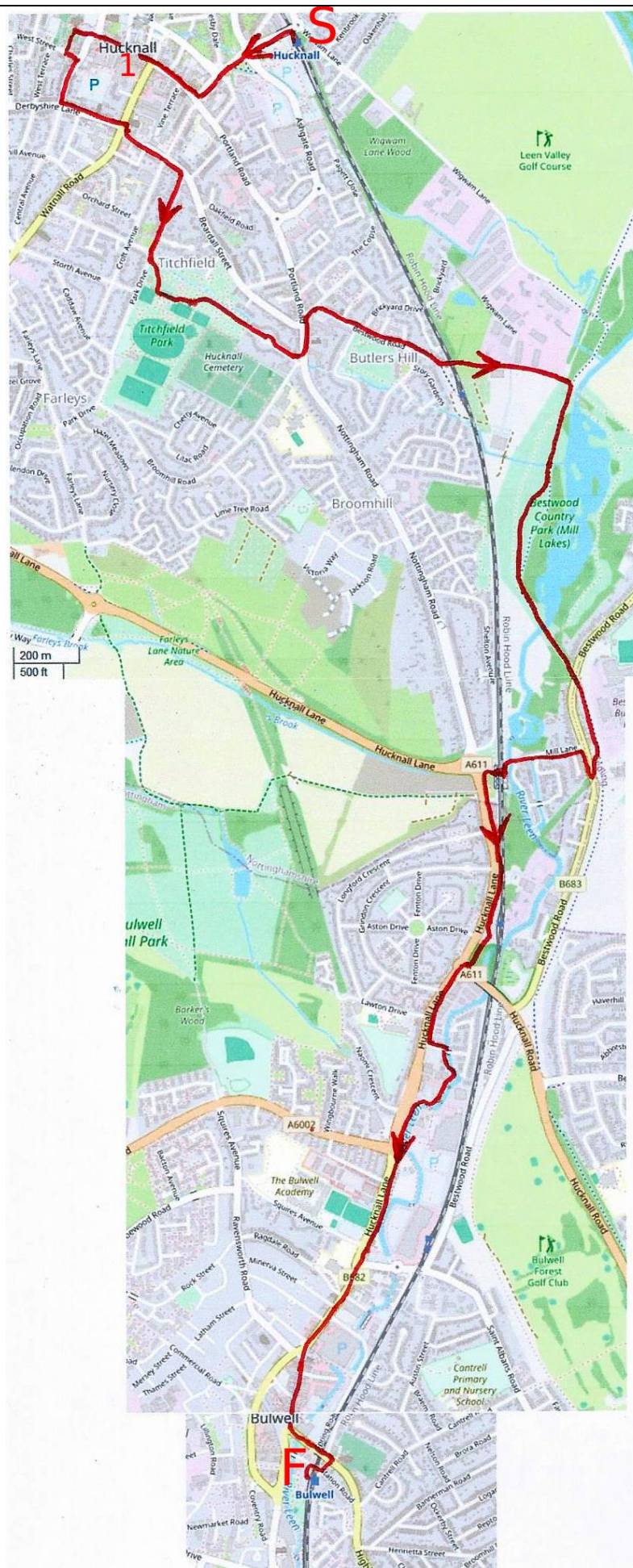
## NET WALK 9: Hucknall & Bulwell

Photos and description: 2024

Take the Nottingham to Hucknall NET service to the Hucknall tramstop, the **S**tart of this walk.

The walk is about 7½km (just over 4½ miles) and starts in **Hucknall (1)** and goes to Bulwell, the **F**inish 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 **9A: Hucknall & Bulwell Appendix**.







From **Hucknall Station/Tramstop (2)** go up the steps to the overhead road bridge. Turn left along Station Road and cross over the junction with Ashgate Road.

A short distance further along Station Road, on the left is the **Hucknall Miners Memorial (3)** to miners who lost their lives in three local mines including one which was located just to the south of here, where the Tesco store now stands. Continue along Station Road, past the junction with Torkard Way, named after an old name for the town, Hucknall Torkard (see **1**), and to the junction with Portland Road-High Street.



On the left corner is an old Police Station, recently a dental practice.



On the right corner is the **Byron Cinema (4)**



Turn right, along High Street, along which there are some buildings with history, including four pubs – Plough & Harrow (**5a**), Chequers (**5b**, now closed), Red Lion (**5d**) and Half Moon (**5e**) – and what is now a Greggs (**5c**); **High Street Buildings (5)**.



**5a. Plough & Harrow**



**5b. Chequers**



**5c. Greggs**



**5d. Red Lion**



**5e. Half Moon**

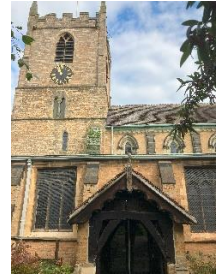
At the end of High Street, on the left, is an artwork – **Flight of Fancy (6)** – on one side of South Street....



....and **Hucknall Library (7)** on the other side.



Passing the front of the library go into the churchyard and into the side entrance of **St Mary Magdalene Church (8)**.



Leaving the church, take the path south, through the churchyard and out to West Street – turn left. At South St/Yorke St, turn right along Yorke St, and then left at Derbyshire Lane.

At the end of Derbyshire Lane, to the left is Watnall Road Baptist Church (**9a**).



Turn right along Watnall Road and at its junction with Beardall Street is another church building; Watnall Road Primitive Methodist Chapel (**9b**), now the Kang Han Combat Academy. **Watnall Road Churches (9)**.



Turn left into Beardall Street. At its junction with Duke Street-Croft Avenue, the house on the left corner was once the home of the celebrated composer, **Eric Coates (10)**.

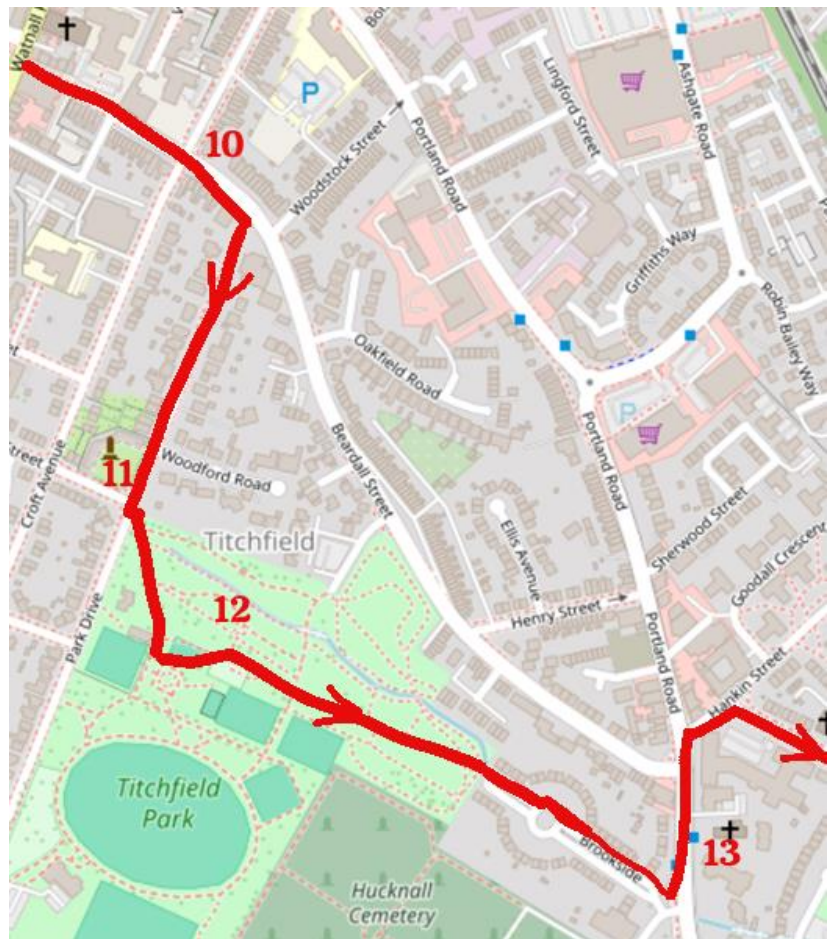




Continue along Beardall Street and turn right, along Park Drive. At the right hand corner of Park Drive with Byron Street there are **Homes of Rest for Miners (11)**.



On the opposite corner are gates into **Titchfield Park (12)** – for continuation of the walk.



The park was created after WW1 but has changed over the years.

Take the path south (through the trees).



The open area on the left used to be a boating lake.



The building on the right used to be the park keeper's house.



At the war memorial, go left, through the play area with the skate park on your right....



...then bear right and continue through to Brookside.



At the end of Brookside, turn left onto Nottingham Road.

On the left is the **St John the Evangelist Church and the Community Hall (The Hicks Memorial School) (13)**.



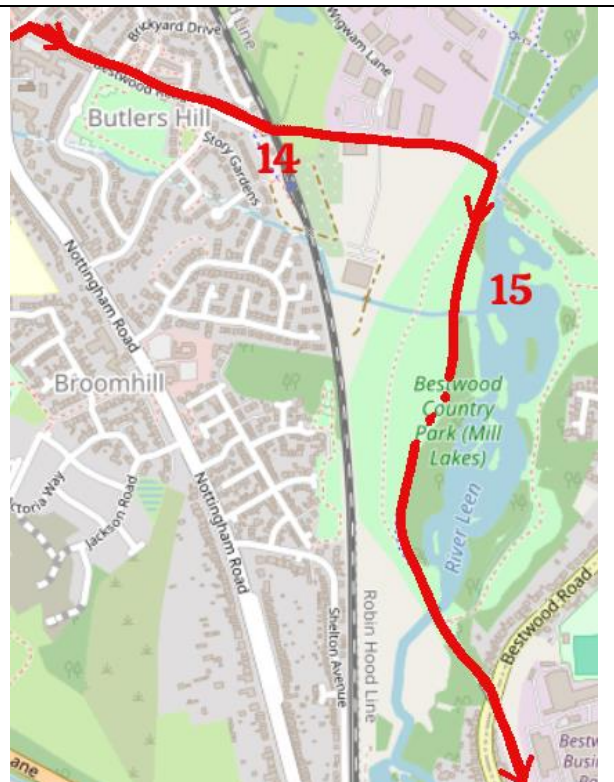


Turn right into Hankin Street and right again into Bestwood Road.

Where the main Bestwood Road bends right (south), turn left and continue along the side road (also 'Bestwood Road') and then up the steps to the bridge, known locally as 'the Tin Bridge', over the NET and RHL lines.



To your right is the **Butlers Hill tramstop (14)**. Continue along the path into what is part of Bestwood Country Park, **Mill Lakes (15)**.



Cross the industrial area access road...



...and continue ahead, under the bridge...



...and then take the path to the right...



...and bear left, staying close to the lake



The path follows the River Leen and Mill Lakes...



...through the trees...



...then crossing the Leen.



At this junction, keep right and over the bridge over Bestwood Road.





Continue to a path to the right



and follow this down to Bestwood Road.

Turn right and then left, into Mill Lane.



Along Mill Lane on the right is an old mill building – part of what was **Forge Mills (16)**.



Cross the footbridge over the Robin Hood and NET lines and turn left along Hucknall Lane.



A short way along Hucknall Lane a sign indicates we are now in **Bulwell (17)**.



The picture of a man and a bull is similar to a carving on the side of the St Mary's Primary School on Main Street – see **21**.

The housing on the right of Hucknall Lane is part of a 1930s council housing estate – **Bulwell Hall Estate (17a)**.

Continue along Hucknall Lane and then bear left at the entrance to Moor Bridge Park & Ride.



Take the path to the right of car park, passing the Moorbridge tramstop and into the Springfield Corner Nature Reserve.



On the other side of the railway line is Moorbridge Pond Nature Reserve – the two areas together were awarded Local Nature Reserve (LNR) status in June 2012. This area used to have two more mill lakes along the River Leen. **Moorbridge (18)**.



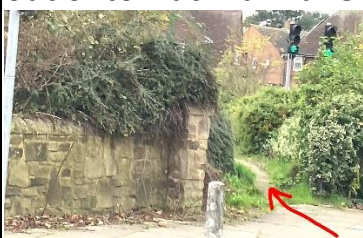
Exit the Reserve back onto Hucknall Road and turn left, crossing over the junction with Moor Bridge. Continue along Hucknall Lane and turn left into Ventura Drive.



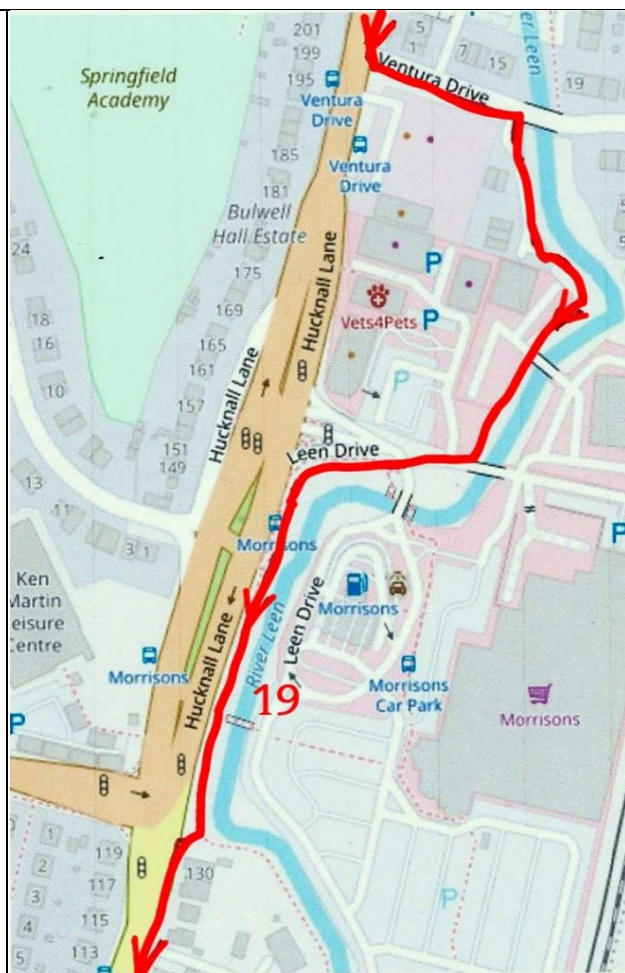
Just before Ventura Drive goes over the River Leen, turn right and take the path, to the left of the houses and alongside the river.



At Leen Drive, turn right, cross the vehicle entrance to Morrisons and take the path which curves to run alongside the River Leen and then out onto Hucknall Lane.



Today this area between Hucknall Lane and the Robin Hood and NET lines is mainly retail and small businesses – rather different from the mills and mill



lakes of the past – see **River Leen (19)**.



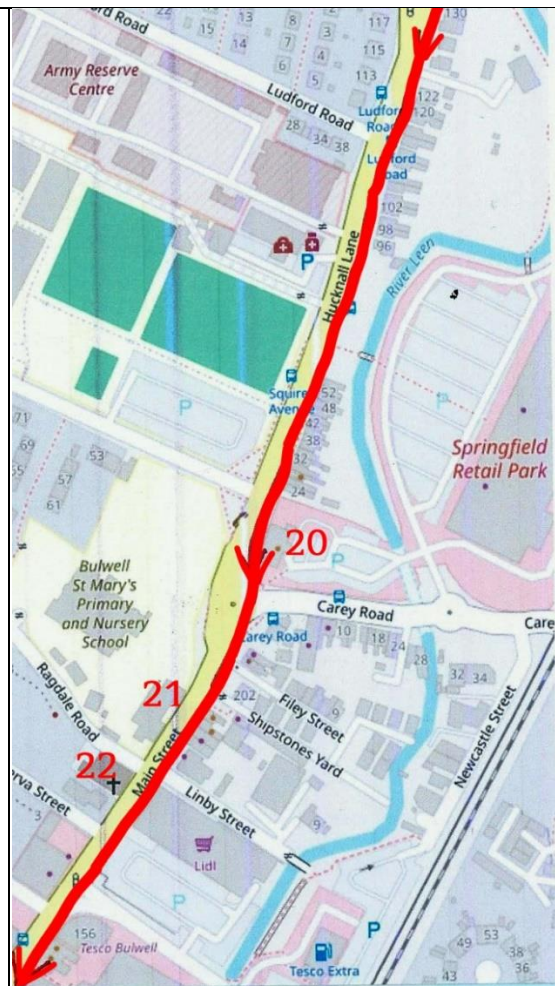
Continue along Hucknall Lane and, just before Carey Road there is a KFC – at this location there used to be an **Adelphi Cinema (20)**.



Continue along the main road (now Main Street) and on the right just before Ragdale Road, is the **St Mary's Primary School (21)**.



On the other side of Ragdale Road is what was a **Methodist New Connexion Church (22)** with cottages next to it.



Continue along Main Street. On the right, just before Hazel St, is **The Monkey pub (23)**.



On the left is a Barnardo's which used to be **Scots Grey pub (24)**.



Take the left fork to continue along Main Street and next on the left is the **Mount Zion 7th Day Church (25)**...



...and then, on the right, is **The William Peveril (26)**.





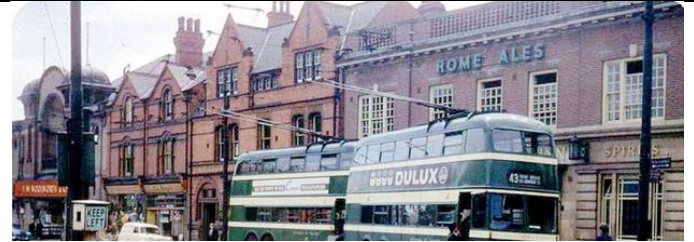
Further along, on the right, just before Duke St, is a Mobility Care shop. This used to be **King William Inn (27)**.



Continue into the Town Square, home to Bulwell Market (Tues, Wed, Fri)



On the right side of the square (ahead in the market picture below left) there used to be the **Horse & Jockey pub (28)** (behind bus) and, a little further along (far left), the **Olympia Variety Theatre (29)**



Cross Main Street and go along Highbury Road, passing the **Old Town Hall (30)** on the right, over the railway bridge towards **St Mary the Virgin & All Souls' Church (31)**.



Just across from the church, turn right, down the steps and then turn right and cross over the pedestrian bridge. Ahead is the **Horseshoe Inn (32)**.



Go left to the **Bulwell Tramstop (33)**, the **Finish** of this walk