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Medium Walk: Holmfirth Circular from Uppershong

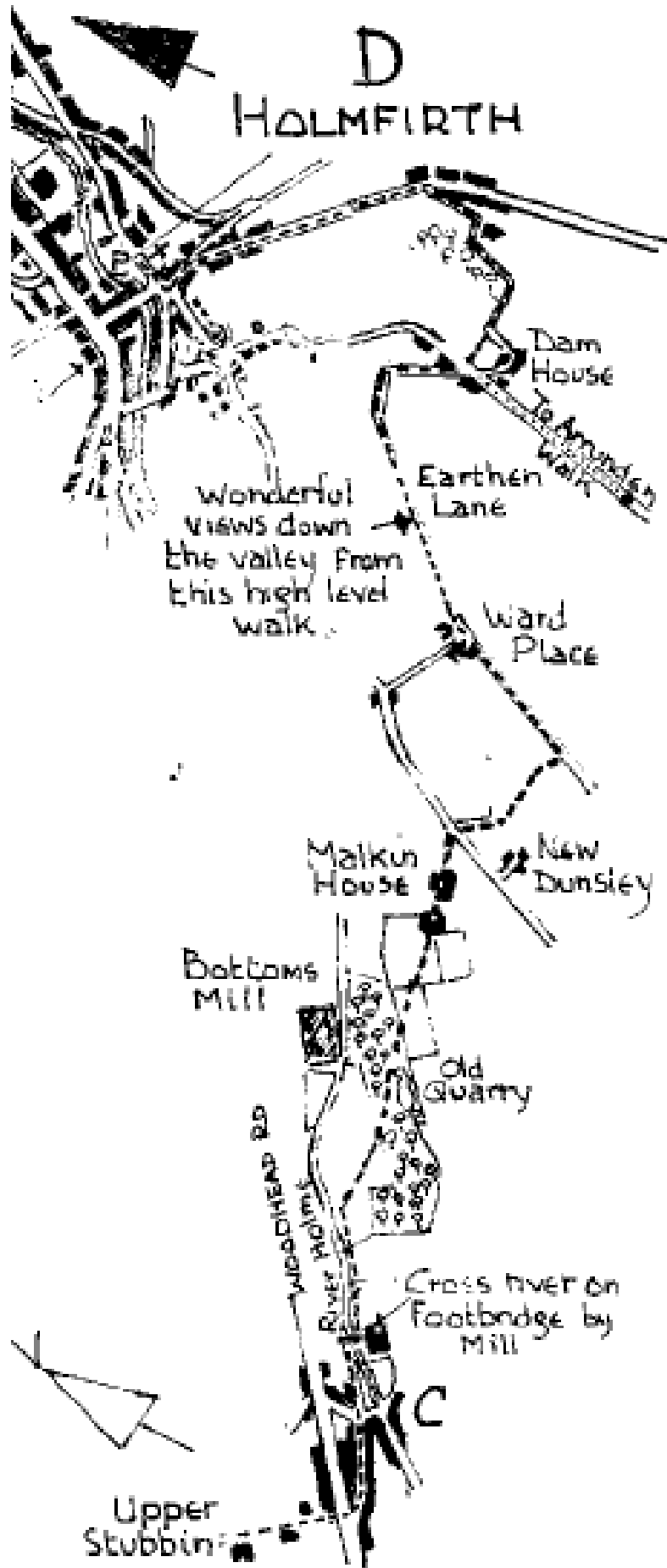
- Length – 5.5 miles (8.8 km)
- Grade - Well defined paths. Some rough ground and stiles. Both steep and steady climbs, including two long strenuous climbs. Some rocky footing. Parts can be muddy and slippery in wet weather
- Start – Uppershong Village. This walk may also be commenced from the centre of Holmfirth (13)
- Grid Reference – SE 129 084
- Maps – OS Explorer 288
- Parking in Uppershong - on the road in the village HD9 3UX
- Parking in Holmfirth - [Crown Bottom Public Car Park](#): £2.00/car for up to 4 hours. This includes a £2.00 voucher which can be redeemed in the nearby Co-op supermarket
- Public transport – [A number of bus routes](#) pass through Holmfirth. Both the 316 and H5 go from Holmfirth to Uppershong
- Refreshments – [Royal Oak \(Uppershong\)](#). Plenty of pubs and cafes in Holmfirth
- Public Toilets – Holmfirth

Description - This walk has plenty of variety. From Uppershong, we descend across fields and through woods to the Woodhead Road. We then climb above Holmfirth before dropping down, passing through the town and taking a steep climb before returning.

Start:

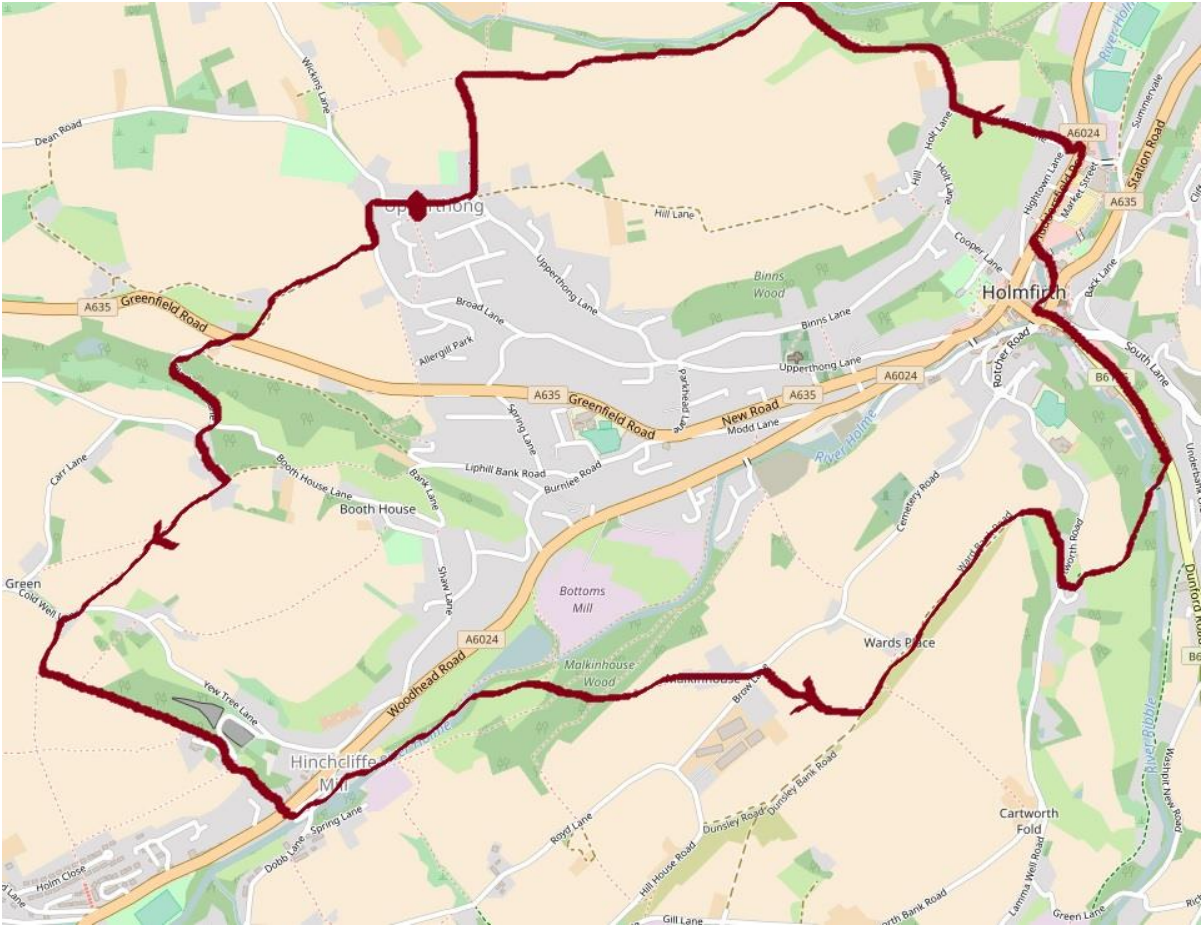
1. On your left pass the Royal Oak and the red telephone box (the local library). Follow the road (Broad Lane) round to the left
2. After 200 m, take a right turn onto a track (2)
3. Continue, descending to the main road (A635). Cross and follow the path, opposite, marked, ['Booth House Gallery Pottery'](#)
4. The road descends to Black Syke Springs before ascending to a T-junction. Turn right towards Carr Green, then left onto Hogley Lane. After passing between buildings, pass Hogley House on your left, climb the stone stile and descend across three fields, following the path towards the road. The third field includes a memorial to *'Mary Margaret Platt 1939-2004'* which is built into the stonework (3)
5. Cross a final field to reach the road. Turn right towards the old Sunday school (built 1816). After 50 m, take the path (to the left) which is to the right of Sunday school. Descending pass through a metal kissing gate and follow the path to your left. Continue over the next stone stile, keeping the wood on your left (5)
6. Follow the path until, just after a stile, it opens out onto a lane. Where the lane turns sharply down towards the large pond go straight on between the buildings (6a) and then go right between the buildings (6b)





7. Go through the first white gate into the field (7a). Turn left and drop down 50 m and go through a second white gate (7b), down the concreted lane to the main road
8. Cross Woodhead Road and take the road opposite (Old Road). This slopes downwards to the left
9. Continue in a straight(ish) line, crossing Ford Gate (C, on map) and across the River Holme by the footbridge at Hinchliffe Mill (9)
10. Continue along the bank, over a stone stile. Keep to the lower path. When you reach a second (broken-down) dry-stone wall, take the right path diagonally ascending to the gate in the middle of the long wall below the woods.
11. Follow the path up through the woods. When you reach the quarry, right then immediate left
12. You will emerge, via a stone stile, into a field. Turn left then up to your right on a marked footpath which initially follows the wall then heads diagonally, following the path across two fields and between houses (Malkin House Farm) until you reach the road
13. Turn left, then off to your right on a marked footpath heading diagonally across two fields. Take a left and pass the Ward Place redevelopment
14. Continue along this track (Earthen Lane) for 400 m. At the T-junction (Dam House), cross and take the marked footpath opposite. Cross the field, then walk between two stone walls as you drop down towards Holmfirth
15. Join the main road (B6106) and walk down the hill to enter Holmfirth. Leave the town via the A635, Huddersfield Road. Turn left (Wood Lane, 15) opposite the Technical Institute
16. Continue up this steep climb, passing through a wooden gate until you reach a wooden bench, at a T-junction (16). Turn right
17. The track bends to the left. Slowly ascending, after ~400 m, you will pass a ford on your right. Bearing left, continue between two stone walls for ~500 m until you reach a stone stile on your left
18. Cross the stile (18) and then the field before entering Uppertong and turning right onto Town Gate





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