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IN AND AROUND EREWASH

Walk in the Clouds

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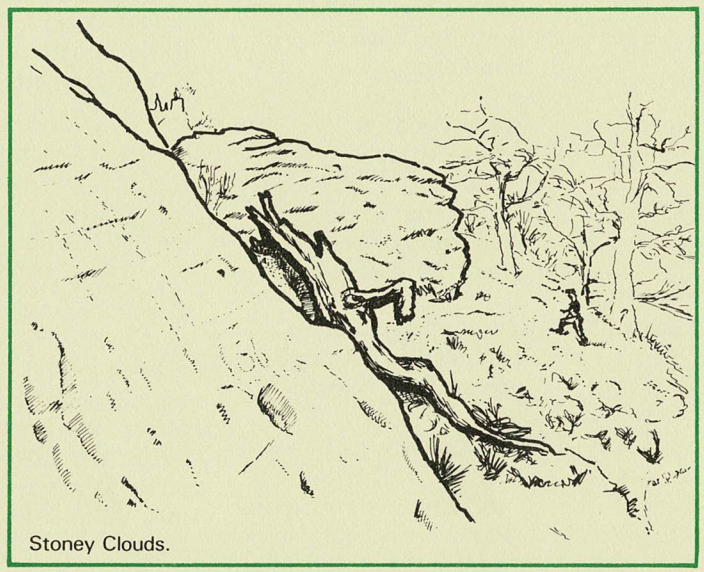

Stoney Clouds.

Explore some of the highest ground in Erewash and enjoy breathtaking views over the Trent & Erewash Valleys on this walk from Sandiacre through Stanton-by-Dale and Risley.

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Walk in the Clouds — 6 miles 3 hours

Start: Sandiacre Library car park, off Doncaster Avenue.

Buses: Services 17, 4 & 4A (Barton) and 102 (Trent) from Red Lion, Sandiacre.

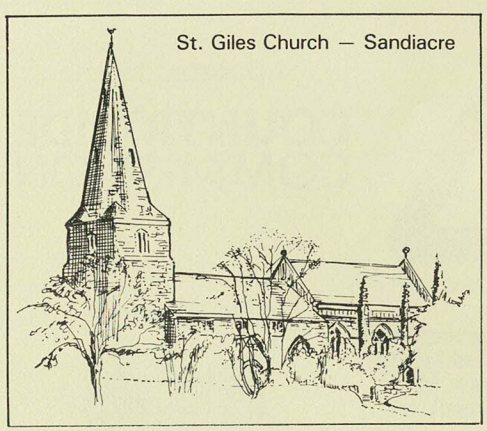
Time: Allow 3 hours approximately.

OS Map: Pathfinder Series — Nottingham (South West) SK 43/53.

Type of Walk: Through undulating countryside with one or two steeper climbs.

From Library Car Park, cross recreation ground and turn right along Kings Road. Take first jitty on left to Stanton Road. Turn right, cross over, then take first left and left again up hill to church.

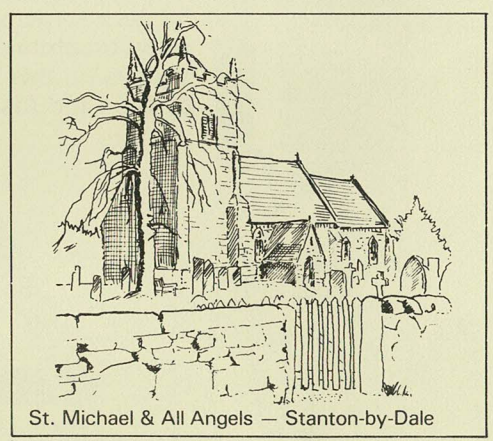
The Parish Church of St. Giles is remarkable for its architecture. Parts of the building date back to the 10th century. Look for the saxon window above the chancel arch and the carving of the 'Sandiacre Imp' on the arch itself.


St. Giles Church — Sandiacre

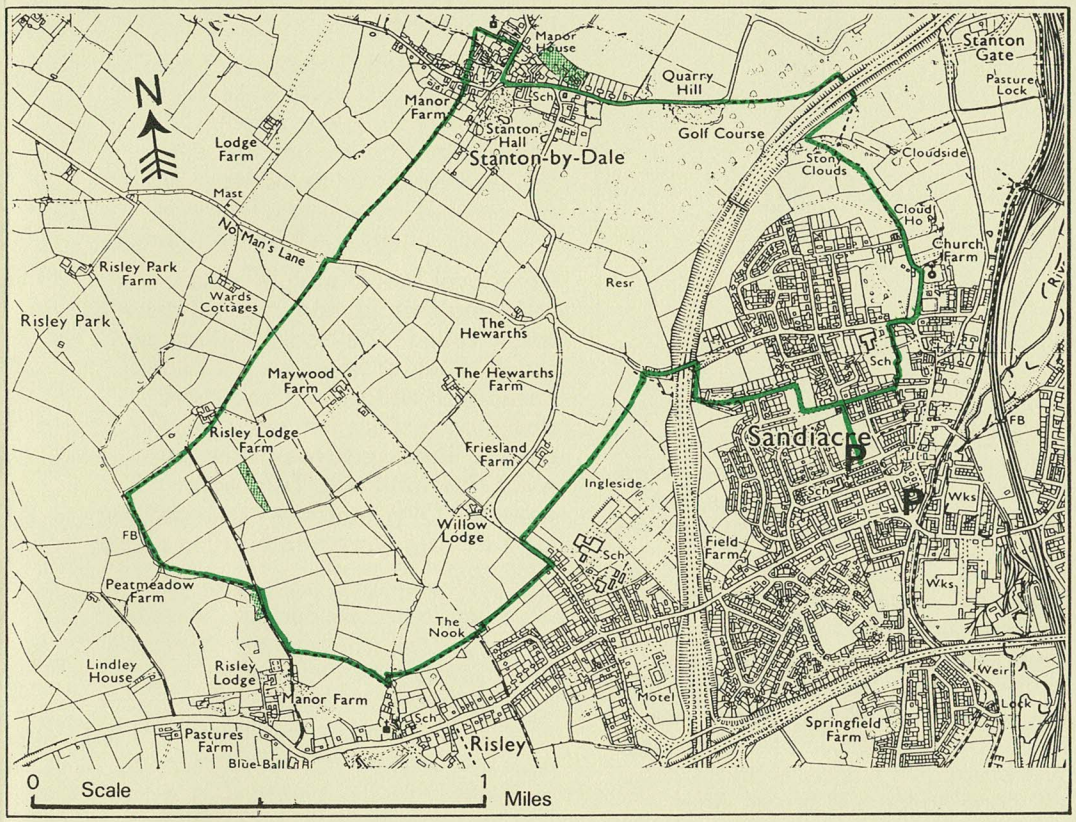
From the church continue straight ahead along lane, climb stile and through gate onto Cloudside, an area of public open space.

The undisturbed grassland around the sandstone outcrop of Stoney Clouds still shows signs of the medieval ploughing system known as 'ridge and furrow'. The site today is rich in wild flowers.

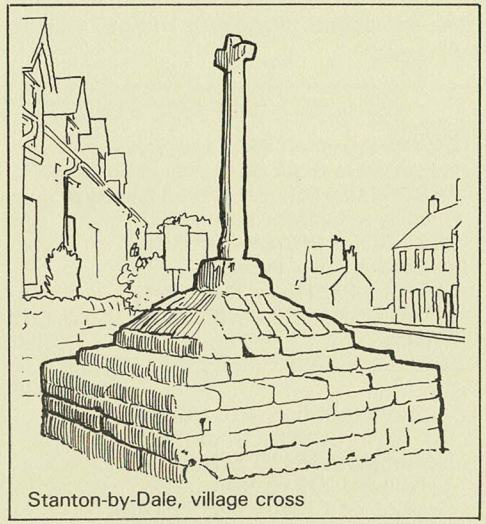
Continue straight ahead till path descends to stile by motorway. (Follow marker posts). Cross stile and follow edge of golf course to tunnel under motorway. Emerging from tunnel bear left across golf course following white posts to road. At road turn left along lane into pleasant village of Stanton-by-Dale.

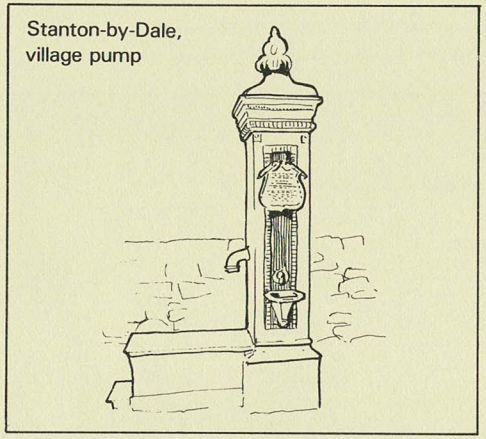

St. Michael & All Angels — Stanton-by-Dale

The village lends its name to the Stanton Works in the Iron Dale to the north. Its 13th century church of St. Michael and All Angels remains active and well preserved. Buildings are of brick and stone (some from the ruined abbey at Dale), nos. 16-24 on Stanhope Street were probably the first workers' cottages.



Follow main road through village past Village Cross (dated 1632), Stanhope Arms and Village Pump (erected 1897). Go through the church gates, turn left up by almshouses (early 18th century) to church. Path from churchyard meets field. Cross field bearing sharp left to meet kissing gate by holly in hedge. At road turn left, cross over, then right through kissing gate up to gnarled oak on No Mans Lane.


Stanton-by-Dale, village cross



Stanton-by-Dale, village pump

This is the highest point on the walk at 1641 feet. On a clear day, there are magnificent views southwards to Charnwood Forest, eastwards to Nottingham and northwards to the foothills of the Pennines.

From the old oak tree take path leading south over fields and golf course towards Risley Lodge Farm. Skirt round left-hand side of farm to reach stile on bridleway. Cross over, climb stile and descend to footbridge over brook. Do not cross bridge. Bear left along hedge and brook. After second stile path curves round to right, then left uphill alongside hedge back to bridlepath.

Turn right down track, taking path on left before first house. Cross the fields and one stile to reach Risley brook and nature reserve.

Risley Nature Reserve, leased by the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust, is part of the glebe attached to Risley Church. Unusual plant species to be found here include marsh arrow grass, fleabane, lady's mantle and adder's tongue.

Cross over brook straight ahead following path up and over hill down to house called 'The Nook'. Follow path round to left of house then straight ahead with hedge on left to meet Rushy Lane. Turn left, cross over, then right at finger post over three stiles to reach Stanton Road. Turn right downhill. Over motorway take path on right leading down into housing estate.

The view over Sandiacre is dominated by Springfield Mills. The four storey tenement lace factory with its towering brick chimney was built in 1888 by Terah Hooley Limited and still has lace makers in residence to this day.

Wend your way through the estate back to the Library. If you keep going downhill then you won't go far wrong.

PLEASE FOLLOW THE COUNTRY CODE

GUARD AGAINST FIRE Every year, carelessness costs thousands of pounds.
FASTEN GATES - even if you find them open. Animals will wander if they can.
KEEP DOGS UNDER CONTROL - on a lead wherever there is livestock.
KEEP TO PATHS - if they exist.
AVOID DAMAGING FENCES, HEDGES AND WALLS
LEAVE NO LITTER
SAFEGUARD WATER SUPPLIES Do not pollute streams or cattle troughs.
PROTECT WILDLIFE, PLANTS, TREES
GO CAREFULLY ON COUNTRY ROADS Keep in single file, facing on-coming traffic, on the right.
RESPECT THE LIFE OF THE COUNTRYSIDE

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