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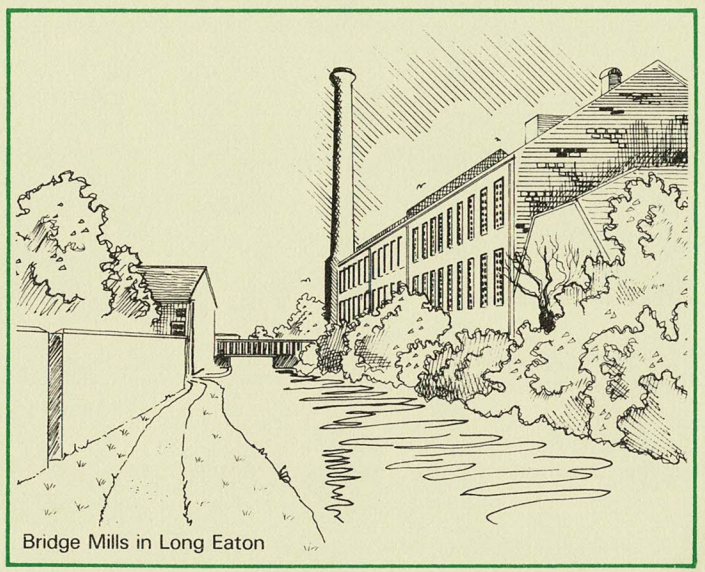
IN AND AROUND EREWASH

The Bestwick Memorial Trail

5½ miles



Bridge Mills in Long Eaton

A pleasant walk through town and country landscapes beside the transport corridors of Erewash, past and present.

GROUNDWORK EREWASH VALLEY

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The Ramblers

The Bestwick Memorial Trail 5½ miles 3 hours

Start West Park car park

Buses For information call Barton/Trent busline on Derby 292200.

Time 3 hours.

OS Map Pathfinder Series Nottingham (South West) SK43/53

Type of Walk Easy going and level.

Other Information

Follow Waymarkers (yellow arrow on green).

Take care on road sections and near water. Both can be dangerous.

From car park turn right on Wilsthorpe Road. Cross just beyond allotments and take surfaced track beside brook. Continue through open area to T junction immediately before motorway. Turn left and follow to just beyond second hedge line.

For wheelchair circuit — 2 miles.

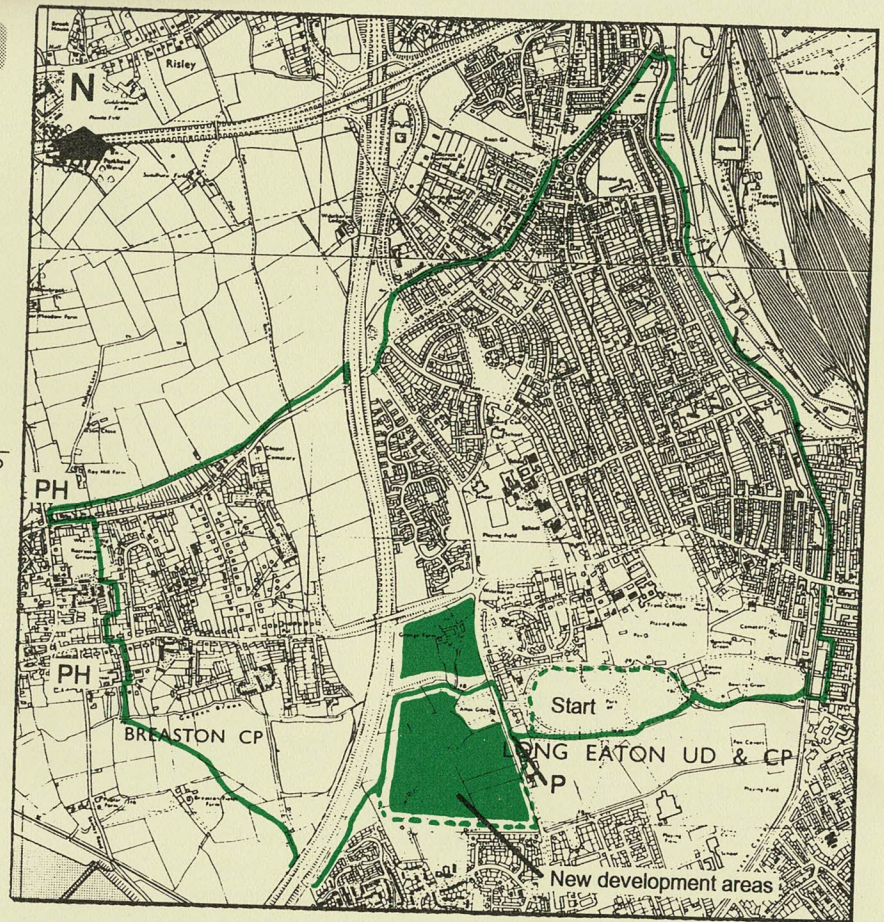
Continue along surfaced track to next T junction. Turn left and through open area back to road. Take care crossing back into West Park and take straight tree-lined path to left of Leisure Centre into park. Continue on and just past bench on left, follow path as it bears round to left and travel straight on beyond junctions and tennis courts on right. Carry on round as path bears to left. Go straight over at roundabout and keep left at further junctions until you return to car park.

Take gap through hedge on right and continue straight on alongside motorway until you reach hedge ahead. Turn right and pass through tunnel under motorway and into field. Turn right, following hedge opposite round to left to just beyond gap beside old sheds.

(Walk up stone track to view Golden Brook Storage Lagoon Nature Reserve.)

Owned by Erewash Borough Council and managed by Derbyshire Wildlife Trust, this area of unimproved grassland, reed bed and willow woodland acts as a flood protection area for the Golden Brook. The site is listed in the Derbyshire Wildlife Sites Register as being rich in species, and is particularly important for wetland birds. Due to its sensitivity as a wildlife area and working flood defence lagoon, access is by permit only. Contact DWT on Derby 756610 for details.

Golden Brook Storage Lagoon



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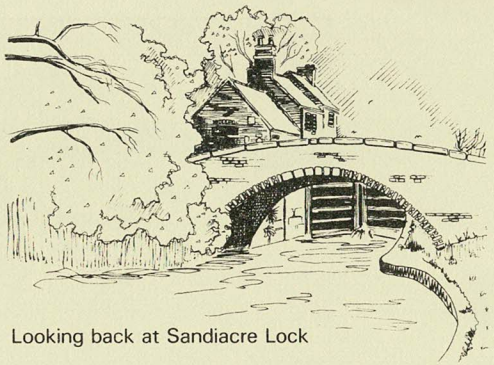
Walk to opposite corner of small field on left. Bear right over stile and across footbridge over stream. Cross another footbridge to right over wide ditch. Continue on bearing slight left and cross into next field beside large Willow in opposite hedge. Continue straight on to Ash tree then turn left and head across field in line with distant church spire. Cross stile into next field and walk to top right corner. Cross large stile on right into alley. Follow to road opposite school. Turn right then immediate left and walk along Firfield Avenue to Wilsthorpe Road. Cross and turn left towards Breaston centre. Just after bus shelter take path on right. Follow into cul-de-sac to Cherry Close. Turn right and follow around to the left to junction with Carlin Close. Turn left and after 20 yards cross and take central tarmac path into and through Breaston Recreation Ground. Out of park turn left and then right at junction with Risley Lane. Just beyond Navigation Inn turn right and pass straight through car park behind factory and continue straight on along the line of the now disused Derby Canal, keeping to the hedge on the right.

The Derby Canal, which originally connected the Trent and Mersey Canal at Swarkestone with the Erewash Canal at Sandiacre, via central Derby, was officially abandoned in 1964, having been

unnavigable to commercial traffic since around 1945. Most of it was subsequently filled in. However, the resurgence of interest in canals generally for recreation has not passed the Derby Canal by. Following a feasibility study in 1993 the Derby and Sandiacre Canal Trust was formed with ambitious plans to restore the waterway at a cost of more than £18 million for commerce, leisure use and wildlife, thereby making possible a 25 mile cruising 'ring' within Derbyshire.

Beyond housing on right cross track into field opposite. Continue to motorway keeping to left-hand hedge. Turn right and cross stile to road. Turn left under motorway and follow path round to left. Where path ends continue straight on along bridle path bearing right after a short way and rejoin line of Derby Canal. Continue along crossing Oakfield Drive, Springfield Avenue and passing under Longmoor Road until you reach the Erewash Canal at Sandiacre Lock Cottage. Cross to the canal towpath via the track down on right. Turn right and follow towpath past Dockholme Lock and under Derby Road bridge. Halfway towards Long



Looking back at Sandiacre Lock

Eaton Lock leave towpath via wrought iron gate on left on to Regent Street. Turn right on to Milner Road and follow to end. Turn right, up over footbridge and down ramp into West Park. Take left path and continue round to right beside brook. Take left turn before play area. Follow round and cross bridge on left after pool. Continue and bear left at next junction. Follow straight on beside line of mature trees back to start.

Footnote

Written in memory of Sam Bestwick, founder member of Long Eaton Ramblers who campaigned tirelessly for rights of way and access to the local countryside.

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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