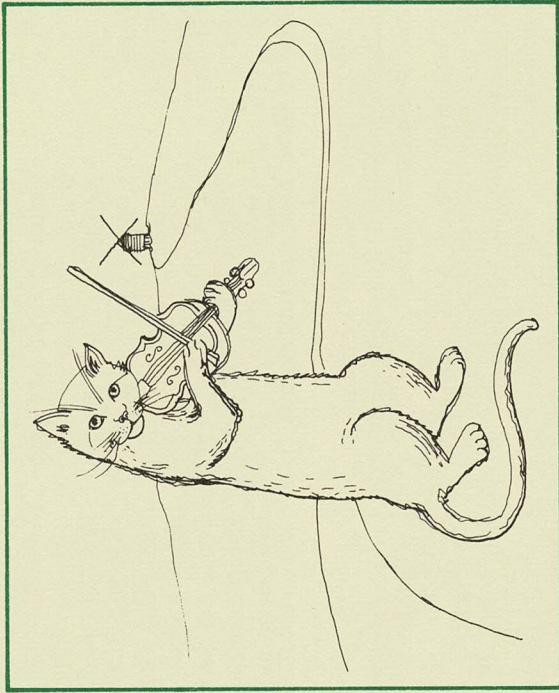


COUNTRY WALKS 14
IN AND AROUND EREWASH
**The Cat and Fiddle
Trail**
5½ miles

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An historic walk through the scenic countryside around
West Hallam and Stanley.



Supported by the
**COUNTRYSIDE
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The Cat and Fiddle Trail

5½ miles 3½ hours

Start

Car park opposite West Hallam Village Post Office.

Buses

For up to date information call Barton/Trent busline on Derby 292200 or Felix buses on Ilkeston 325332.

Time

Allow 3 to 3½ hours approximately.

OS Map

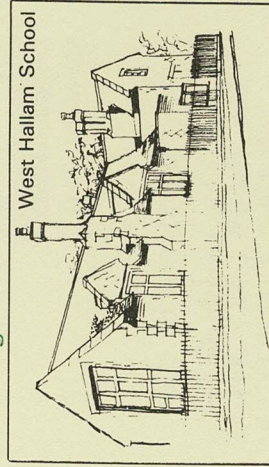
Pathfinder Series Nottingham (North) & Ilkeston SK44/54.

Type of Walk Through undulating countryside.

From car park opposite West Hallam Village Post Office, turn right and walk along Beech Lane.

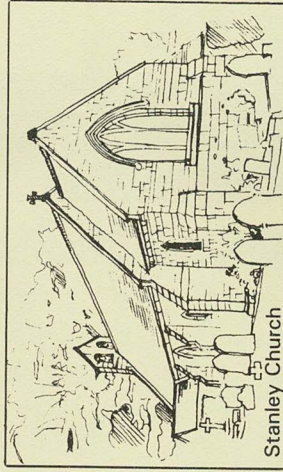
As you leave the car park look left to see the John Scargill School with its chimneys and diamond paned windows.

The school was founded by the Rev. John Scargill, a 17C vicar of West Hallam. By his bequest a farm at Eastwood was bought and the rents of the first two years used to build the first school which opened in 1664. The present school was built in 1852 and is now used as the village hall.



West Hallam School

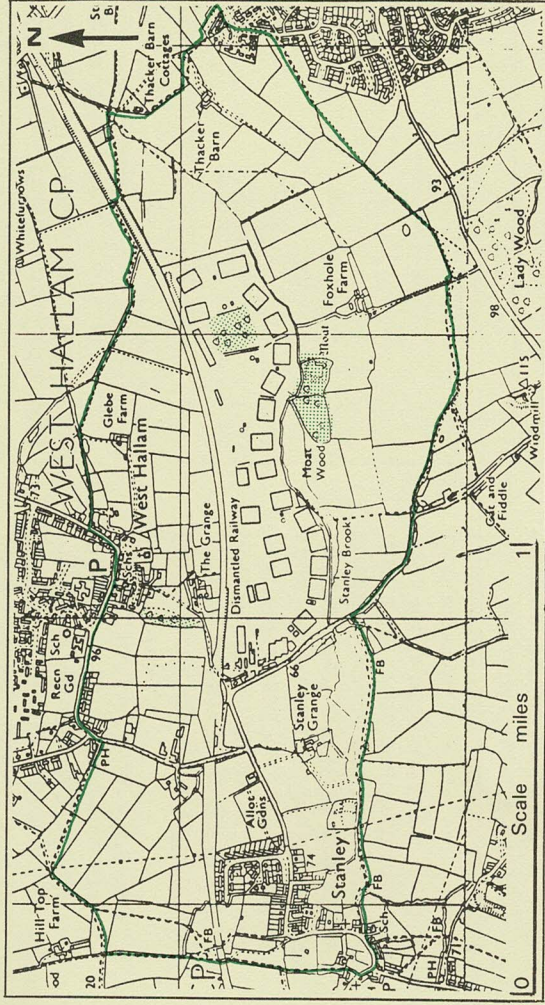
At 'T' junction cross road to White Hart Public House. Go down track on left hand side of car park to gate and stile at end of lane. Follow hedge on right to top of field then turn left to cross field to pylon. Cross stile keeping fence on left, over next stile making diagonally up field towards tall ash tree in left hand corner. Cross stile and turn left following hedge to next stile. Take right-hand path to gate between two ash trees. Cross disused railway and continue straight ahead, keeping hedge on right-hand side.



Stanley Church

Cross stile into field heading for village, keeping hedge on right-hand side. Cross three further stiles and follow lane down to White Hart at road junction. Turn left and cross road continuing past first footpath sign. Where road bends left, walk straight ahead down lane at side of house. (Alternatively, follow road to visit church and thatched cottage, then retrace steps).

Stanley Church is mentioned as the Chapel of Stanley in the Taxation Roll of 1291. The small round-headed priest's doorway in the south wall, now blocked up, is a plain example of Norman work, showing clearly that there was a chapel here in the 12th



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Cross stone footbridge and head for Baldock Mill. Cross stile into garden. Turn left and walk through garden under arch in building.

The building is Baldock Mill, an old corn mill that was formerly in the ownership of the monks of Dale Abbey.

Turn right and walk uphill along Cat and Fiddle Lane past Rose Cottage. At sharp right-hand bend turn left along track. On sighting windmill bear left and continue with hedge on left.

The Cat and Fiddle post mill was built in 1788 or earlier. On a clear day there are excellent views of the surrounding countryside. At the bottom of the hill is Moat Wood, the former site of the original moated manor house. The house was owned by the Powtrel family who were staunch Roman Catholics, and often gave refuge to the Jesuit priest Father Edmund Campion.

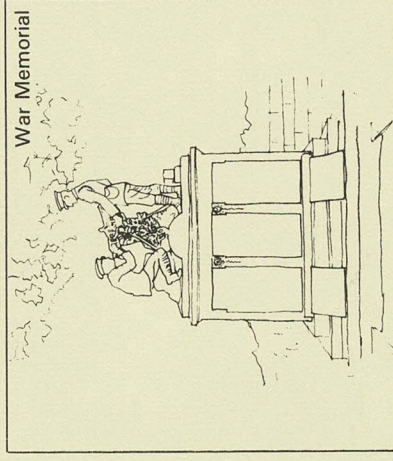
century. A small lancet and some buttresses are from the 13th century building.

Adjacent to the church is a cruck cottage, one of only two thatched buildings in the Borough.

Follow path alongside graveyard, cross stile and keep right following edge of field to footbridge over stream. Turn left through trees and up bank. Continue round left-hand side of next field, over stile and straight on with stream on left-hand side. Bear left after pylon. Keep right, past farmers bridge to stile. Cross stile, bear right, continue straight ahead keeping hedge on right.

On the left is Stanley Grange which belonged to Dale Abbey before the dissolution and in 1625 became a Jesuit school. After several raids by the local Loyalist militia the school was moved to a safer place.

At end of field go left through hedge and turn right, following line of electricity poles over brow of hill. Go through fence at lane and turn right. After 20 yards turn left over stile and follow path behind farm. Cross next stile and in 20 yards turn left through hedge over stile.



Go diagonally to the right towards another stile in hedge. Carry straight on with hedge on left until you reach footbridge leading into Kirk Hallam recreation ground. Go straight across to road. Turn left along estate road. Turn left at junction opposite St. John Houghton Secondary School. Go along front of houses to footpath at end of terrace. Go over footbridge into field and go straight ahead to next stile. Cross road and head diagonally left for stile in hedge.

Cross stile keeping hedge on left-hand side. Cross next stile keeping cottages on right. Continue down lane, cross bridge and turn left. Just before next cottage go into field on left and continue with fence on right-hand side. At end of fence go diagonally towards bridge under disused railway in far right-hand corner of field.

Go under bridge, turn left and walk parallel to railway embankment. At next field boundary turn right and continue ahead keeping hedge on your left. At next stile turn left over stream, then turn right and follow stream crossing two more stiles. At third stile cross over into field and head for gate in top right-hand corner next to trees.

On leaving field head up lane to road. Turn left and return to car park passing War Memorial on the left.

Adjacent to the memorial is a lane leading to West Hallam church which is dedicated to St. Wilfrid. The north arcade is probably of the 13th century and the south a century younger. High up in the clerestory window is a figure of James the Less, holding a book and the club with which he was martyred. One window is in memory of John Scargill who founded the village school.

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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