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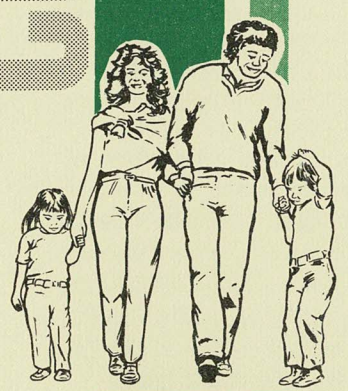
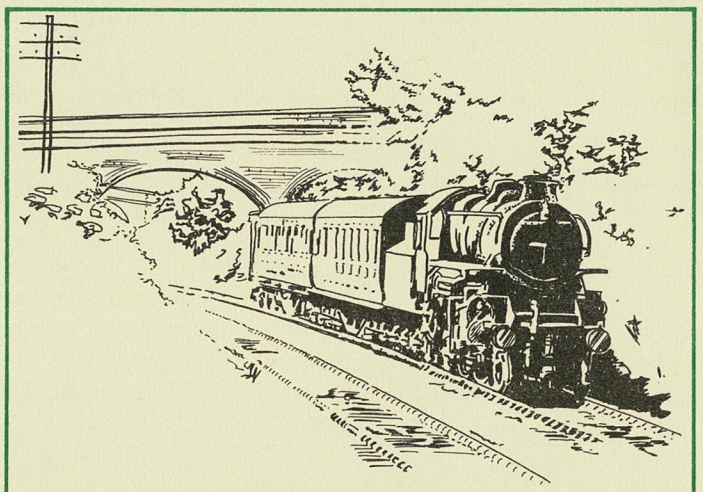


COUNTRY WALKS 3

IN AND AROUND EREWASH

The Miner's Walk

5½ miles



The 11.55 Friargate — Victoria (No. 43060) approaching Common Lane, Stanley on 8th July 1964.

Discover some of the old miners' paths on this stroll around Stanley.

GROUNDWORK EREWASH VALLEY

The Ramblers

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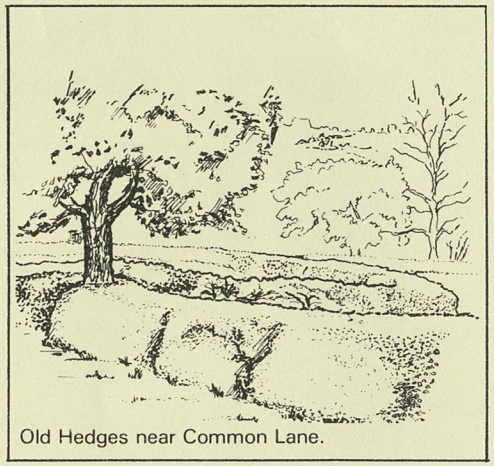
The Miner's Walk 5½ miles 2½ - 3 hours

Start: The Community Centre, Station Road, West Hallam.

Buses: Services 120 (Trent) and 12 (Felix).

Time: Allow 2½ - 3 hours.

OS Map: Pathfinder Series — Nottingham (North) and Ilkeston SK44/54, and Belper SK24/34.



Old Hedges near Common Lane.

Type of Walk: Through undulating countryside and attractive villages.

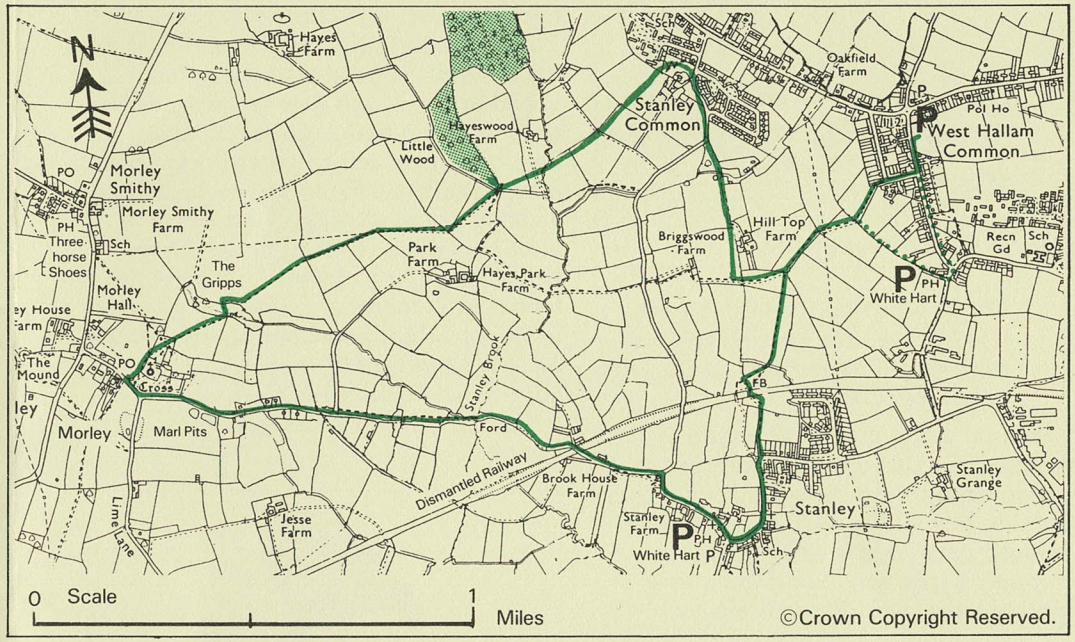
From West Hallam Community Centre turn left, cross road and take first right into Bagot Street. Where road bends sharp right take path signposted Stanley. Keep hedge on left to stile, then walk to pylon. Cross stile keeping hedge on left, over next stile making diagonally up field towards tall ash tree in left hand corner. Cross stile and turn right.

> The path here affords splendid views of Cat and Fiddle Windmill and Stanley Village to the SW and S, with Stanley Common to the N.

With the hedge on your right follow the path and track to Common Lane. Turn right and follow the lane to the outskirts of the village and take the path left to Morley (just before Hayeswood Road).

Cross two fields and over a farm access track, cross two more fields keeping the hedge on your right, until you reach a footbridge. Cross the bridge, straight on up the bank and over a farm track bear slightly to the left to the corner of Little Wood and cross the footbridge turn diagonal right up field making for second telegraph pole and slightly to left of three trees that are remains of hedge boundary. On reaching pole turn right and follow line of poles in westerly direction to reach hedges on right. Keep hedge on right to next stile. Cross stile and keeping hedge on right proceed to brook crossing. Over brook make uphill towards church spire.

On reaching left corner of fenced enclosure bear left to cross stile into wood (opposite enclosure gate).



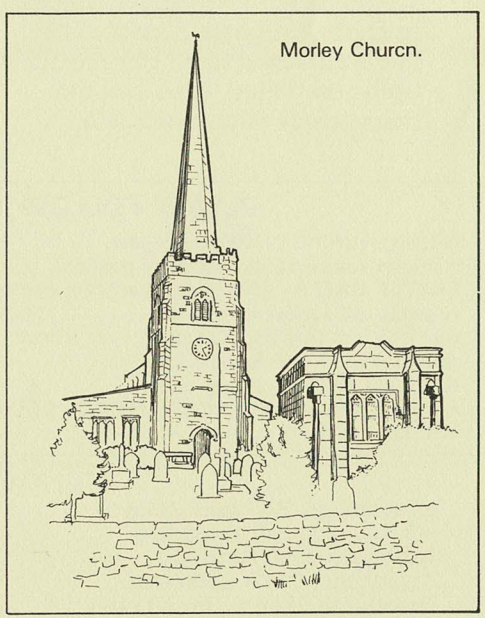
Descend wooded valley bearing right to cross stream and ascend valley to next stile.

> This wooded valley known as "The Gripps" is an ancient woodland site with a wealth of wildflowers and provides an important habitat for many other interesting species of wildlife.

Make your way uphill towards church spire. On reaching brow of hill look right for stile in corner of stone wall. Make for stile in left corner of field and further stile in stone wall. Turn left keeping church wall on left to reach kissing gate and church drive.

> St. Mathews Church, Morley, shows both Saxon and Norman features of interest. It is best known for its magnificent stained glass windows from the Abbey Refectory at Dale, acquired by Sir Henry Sacheverell in 1539.

Follow Church Drive to road. Turn left and at sharp bend in road follow lane signed 'no through road'.



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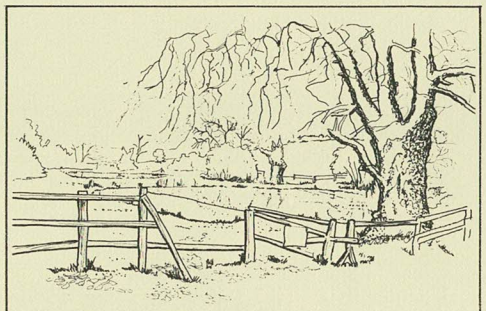


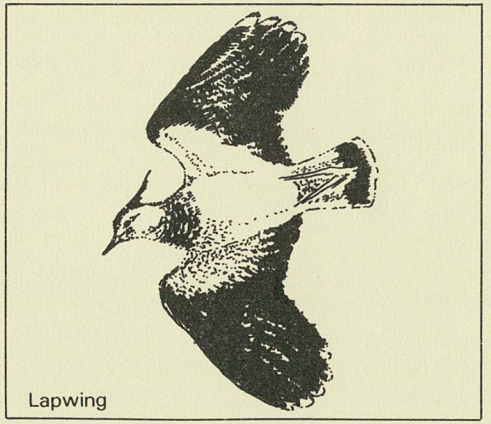
Marl pit ponds — Morley.

The two fish ponds visible to the right of the lane have developed from Marl Pits worked on the site in earlier times.

Continue along lane until a gate is reached. Go through gate keeping hedge on right to cross footbridge over Stanley Brook. Carry straight on with disused barn in field on left. Go through a gate and along track to Morley Lane over disused railway.

The disused railway is that of the Great Northern-Derbyshire extension of 1878 which was served by the Nottingham Victoria to Derby Friargate Service. The line was closed to all commercial traffic on 6 May, 1968 and the track removed one year later.

Turn right over bridge and along lane into area of Stanley Village known as "The Klondike". Continue past Stanley Farm to junction with Derby Road. Turn left and follow road round to right hand bend. At bend walk straight ahead and through gate to recreation ground. Keep hedge on left to stile. Over stile bear left to cross bridge over disused railway. From bridge bear right walking uphill to rejoin start of route after two stiles. Turn right, keeping hedge on right to pylon. Cross field to fence. At stile either i) Climb stile back to Bagot Street and Community Centre or ii) Walk downhill keeping fence on left to visit White Hart, from pub turn left along Station Road to Community Centre.



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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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