

# COUNTRY WALKS



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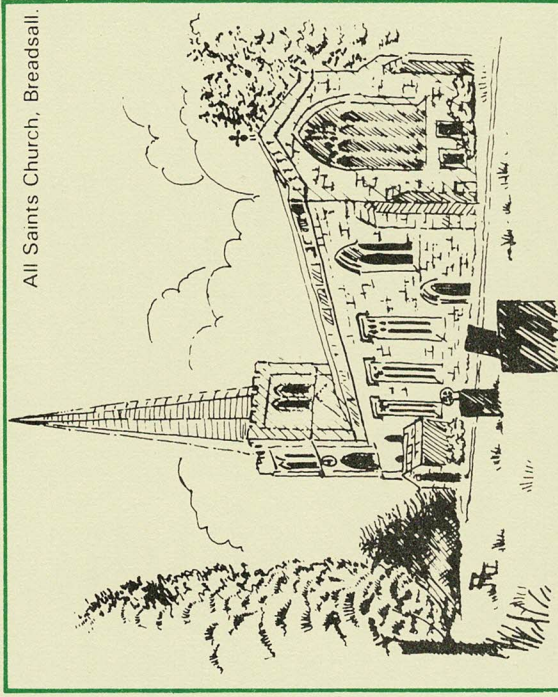


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IN AND AROUND EREWASH

## The Ryknild Trail

5 miles



All Saints Church, Breadsall.

A scenic walk through pleasant countryside visiting the historic villages of Breadsall and Morley.

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## The Ryknild Trail

**Start** Park carefully near the Church in Breadsall Village.

**Buses** Trent Service 123, 124.

**Time** Allow 2 to 2½ hours.

**OS Map** Pathfinder Series Belper SK24/34 Derby & Etwall SK23/33

**Type of Walk** Over high ground with a steepish climb.

**Leave with Church on the left and Old Hall behind.**

All Saints' Church stands on the site of a former Norman building which was recorded in the Domesday Book. The church was extensively rebuilt after being destroyed by fire in 1914. The fire is believed to have been started by the suffragettes, even though evidence of this was rather flimsy. The oldest remaining part of the church is the fine 14th century tower.

At Brookside Road, turn left and proceed uphill past school and old Wesleyan Chapel to take bridleway signposted by wood on right.

The path here cuts through the embankment of the former 'Friargate Line' which ran from Derby to Nottingham until its closure in July 1964.

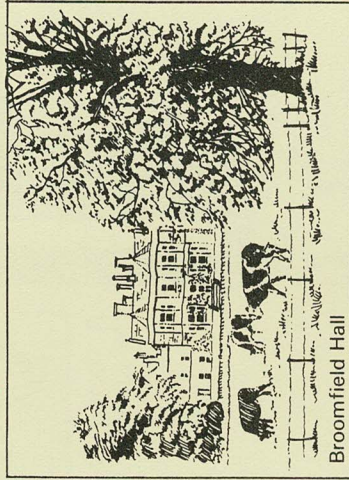
At main road by the Windmill pub, turn left and follow road to crossroads.

## 5 miles 2-2½ hours

Breadsall railway cutting Nature Reserve is situated close to the crossroads. It is designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest and a permit from Broomfield Agricultural College is required for a visit. Tel: 01332 831345.

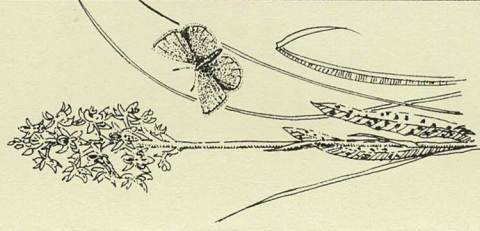
Continue along the main Heanor road towards Morley. Turn left at stile in hedge opposite stone cottage. Climb stile and cross field straight ahead to cross two more stiles at bottom of small wood. Cross next field diagonally to meet stile by farm track.

Broomfield Hall, built in 1873, can be seen to your right. It was originally the country home of Charles Schwind and was situated in 107 acres of parkland. It is now the County Agricultural College.

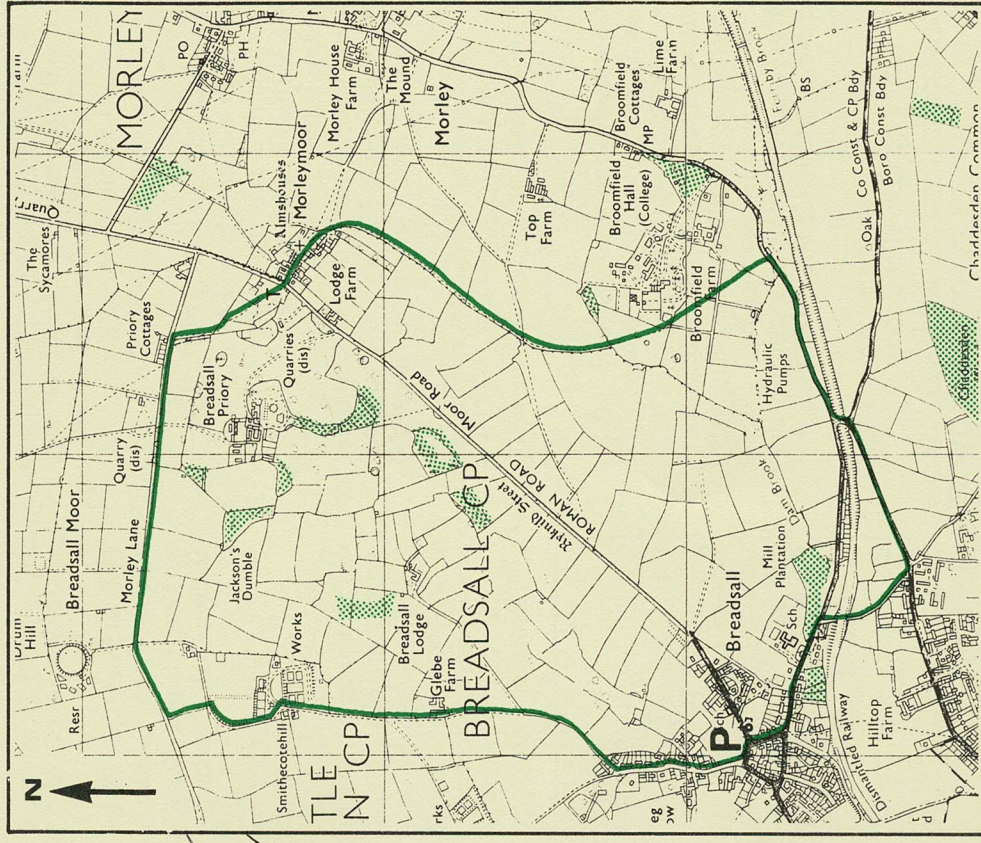


Broomfield Hall

Cross over track climbing stile into next field. Cross field diagonally to next stile in corner beside pine trees. Over stile, head for clump of trees in middle of field. Through trees bear slightly right to meet stile in hedge by willows. Cross stile and continue straight on, with hedge on your left for five fields.



Common Spotted Orchid



Scale 0 1 miles

There are views to the left of the Breadsall Priory Hotel, Golf and Country Club. The priory was built in the 16th century on the site of a 13th century Augustinian Priory. The poet, physician and scientist Doctor Erasmus Darwin lived at the priory for a short time until his death in 1802.

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Go over the stile in corner of field and go along the farm track, which leads to Almshouses Lane. (The route at this point is interchangeable with the Roman's Walk). Go along the lane passing an old Wesleyan Chapel and the Almshouses on your right.



Cross Moor Road to footpath opposite.

Moor Road follows the course of the Roman 'Ryknild Street' and Almshouses Lane used to be part of the 'Portway' an important ancient route.

The footpath goes diagonally right through allotments and over scrubland to top right hand corner. Go through squeeze stile and walk along right hand side of stone wall to join Morley Lane at Priory Cottages. Turn left along Morley Lane passing Drum Hill Scout Camp on your right.

The Scout Camp was opened by Lord Baden Powell in 1937. It is situated at the highest point in Erewash at 156 metres.

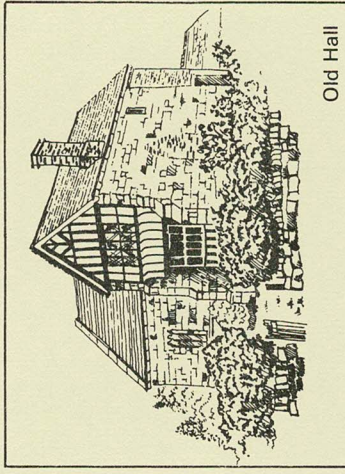
Continue along road and turn left along footpath opposite wooden buildings. Follow path along field edge, with hedge on your right, to join a track at top of field. Turn right and follow track passing by a Waterworks. Continue following track down hill towards Breadsall Village.

There are extensive views along this section of the route.

Breadsall Village and Church can be seen in the foreground and Derby in the distance. To your right are superb views of Allestree Hall and Golf Course.

Follow track past Glebe Farm to join Rectory Lane. Continue along lane turning left into Moor Road to return to Breadsall Church.

Old Hall dates from the 14th century when it was the Manor House of the Curzons of Breadsall. It has had a chequered history having served as a public house, farm house, parsonage, police station and village shop. It was modernised in 1877 and is now a Grade II listed building.



Old Hall

### 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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