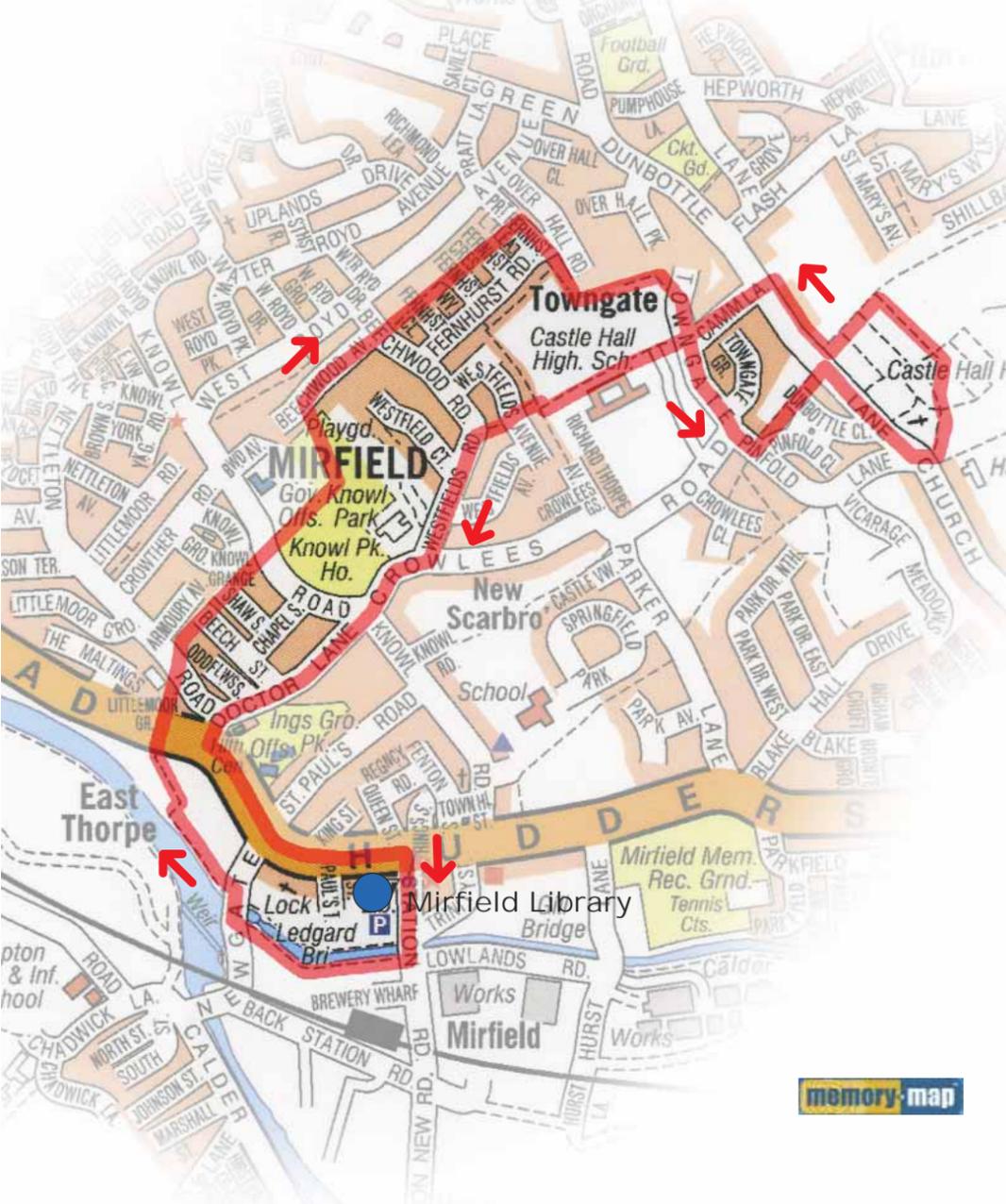


Mirfield Ginnels

Length of route: 3 Miles

Start point: Mirfield Library, Huddersfield Road



From the small garden in front of the library [seat] with your back to the library, turn right and walk to the traffic lights, then right down Station Road. Cross over canal on road bridge, then turn right on to the public footpath towards the Navigation Tavern and continue beyond the Tavern on surfaced footpath. At Newgate Road turn right to cross the bridge then immediately left on public footpath down to canal towpath, following this path as it bends right then left then right and left again. A track then leads up to Huddersfield Road. Cross the main road on to a public footpath almost immediately opposite. At Nettleton Road turn left, cross the road then first right on to another path. At a junction of two paths take the left path to climb some steps. At a second junction turn left to go gradually up hill. At the top of the hill turn right to follow a further path, garages on your right.

Cross Knowl Road and enter Knowl Park, walking up hill (no proper path) towards the playing fields/football pitch. Keeping the playing area to your right, take a track between a wall and a fence – this leads to Beechwood Avenue. Walk up Beechwood Avenue. At the top of Beechwood Avenue turn right on to Beechwood Road, then immediately left down a public footpath – sections can be slippery in wet weather. At the end of this path turn right down another path – this leads to Fernhurst Lea. Go straight forward on to another public footpath, following round the school and grounds (on your right) on to a surfaced public footpath down to Sousa Lane. Go right onto Towngate until the road bends to the right then go straight forward on to Pinfold Lane to take a footpath on the left. This path goes uphill to meet Dunbottle Lane via three steps at the top.

Turn right on Dunbottle Lane to walk to the church. Just beyond the church there is a seating area under a tree near the 13th century tower. There are also stocks here.

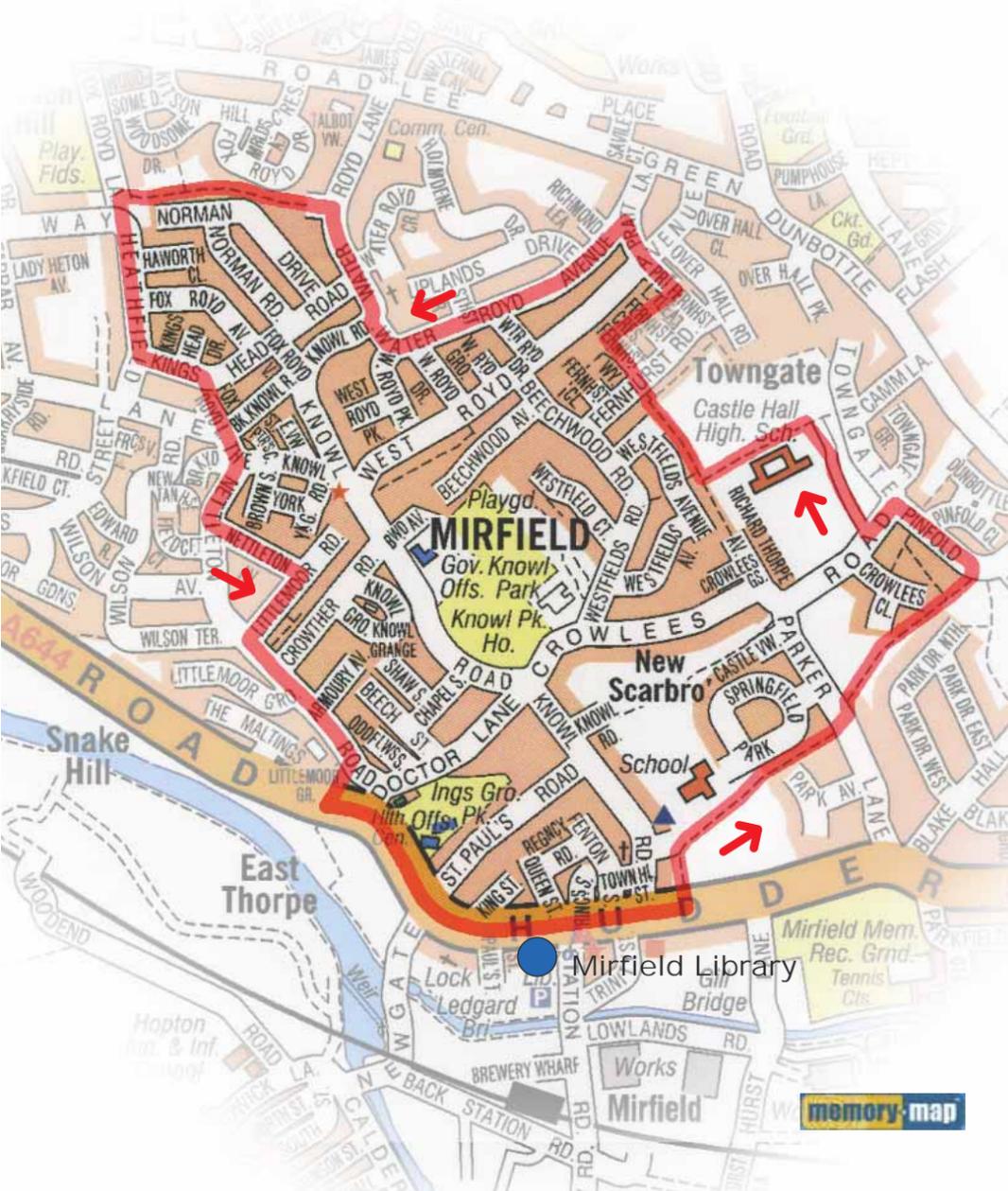
From here go through a squeeze stile at the side of a heritage sign – St Mary's Church. Follow the path down hill, with a wall on your left – this path becomes flagged. At the end of this flagged path go forward keeping another wall on your right. At the end of this wall go up two steps to take a ginnel to the left. This leads you back to Dunbottle Lane.

At Dunbottle Lane turn right to follow the lane then turn left down Camm Lane. At the bottom of Camm Lane bear right then immediately left up a tree-lined footpath towards the school. At a footpath junction go right, with playing fields on your right and school on your left, to pass the school. Just beyond the school at a footpath junction go right into a ginnel then after a few metres left to Westfield Avenue. Cross Westfield Avenue to take another ginnel to Westfield Road. Go left down Westfield Road. At the bottom of Westfield Road turn right down Crowless Road to the junction with Doctor Lane. Go down Doctor Lane then left on to Huddersfield Road to walk back to Mirfield Library.

Mirfield Meander

Length of route: 2.8 miles

Start point: Mirfield Library, Huddersfield Road



From the small garden in front of the library [seat], turn right to walk to the traffic lights. Cross Station Road, then walk along the main road (Huddersfield Road). Cross Huddersfield Road at a convenient point and just after Mirfield Fire Station take a public footpath left just after Knowl Road. Follow this surfaced path through the parkland, ignoring tracks from the left. The path becomes a ginnel between houses then emerges on Parker Lane. Turn left then immediately right to follow another public footpath – this path is flagged. Continue along this path to drop down to a quiet road – Pinfold Lane – with the Old Rectory on your right. *There is a good view of a church to front.* Turn left up Pinfold Lane. At its junction with Towngate, turn left in front of an imposing house on to Crowlees Road. Take the public footpath on the right with steep walls on both sides – the wall on the left gives way to a metal fence, with views of the school to your left. On reaching a surfaced track turn left towards the school.

After passing the school take a surfaced path on the right (with playing fields on the right). At the top of this track bear right then immediately left to join a quiet road – Fernhurst Road. This leads to another footpath between number 4 and 5 Fernhurst Way. At a T junction of tracks go right, with a fence on the right and vegetation on the left – this track is unsurfaced. This track goes steadily down hill and quite rough in places. At a further T junction of tracks, turn left to go steadily uphill on a wide track.

Cross West Royd Avenue to continue on another track – this is called Pratt Lane. At the top of Pratt Lane turn left to continue on a surfaced road that is also called Pratt Lane. Continue on this road as it becomes Water Royd Avenue. Follow this road as it bends to the right to join a busy road. Outside Zion Baptist Church continue forward up Water Royd Lane.

Just after the bend take the public footpath left – at first this is very narrow and close to the fence, but soon widens out. Continue forward through some open spaces, with football field to front. At the edge of the football fields join a wider track to go left to join Heathfield. Go down Heathfield, then third left on to Kings Head Road.

Take the public bridleway on the right – this bridleway is called Fox Royd Lane. At the end of Fox Royd Lane do straight forward between the shops, then down right on to Nettleton Road. Just after the bend turn right on to Nettleton Avenue. At its end turn right down Littlemoor Road, then left again back onto Nettleton Road. Take the public footpath right near the bottom of Nettleton Road – this emerges on Huddersfield Road. Turn left on to Huddersfield Road to follow it back to Mirfield Library.

Mirfield Meanders

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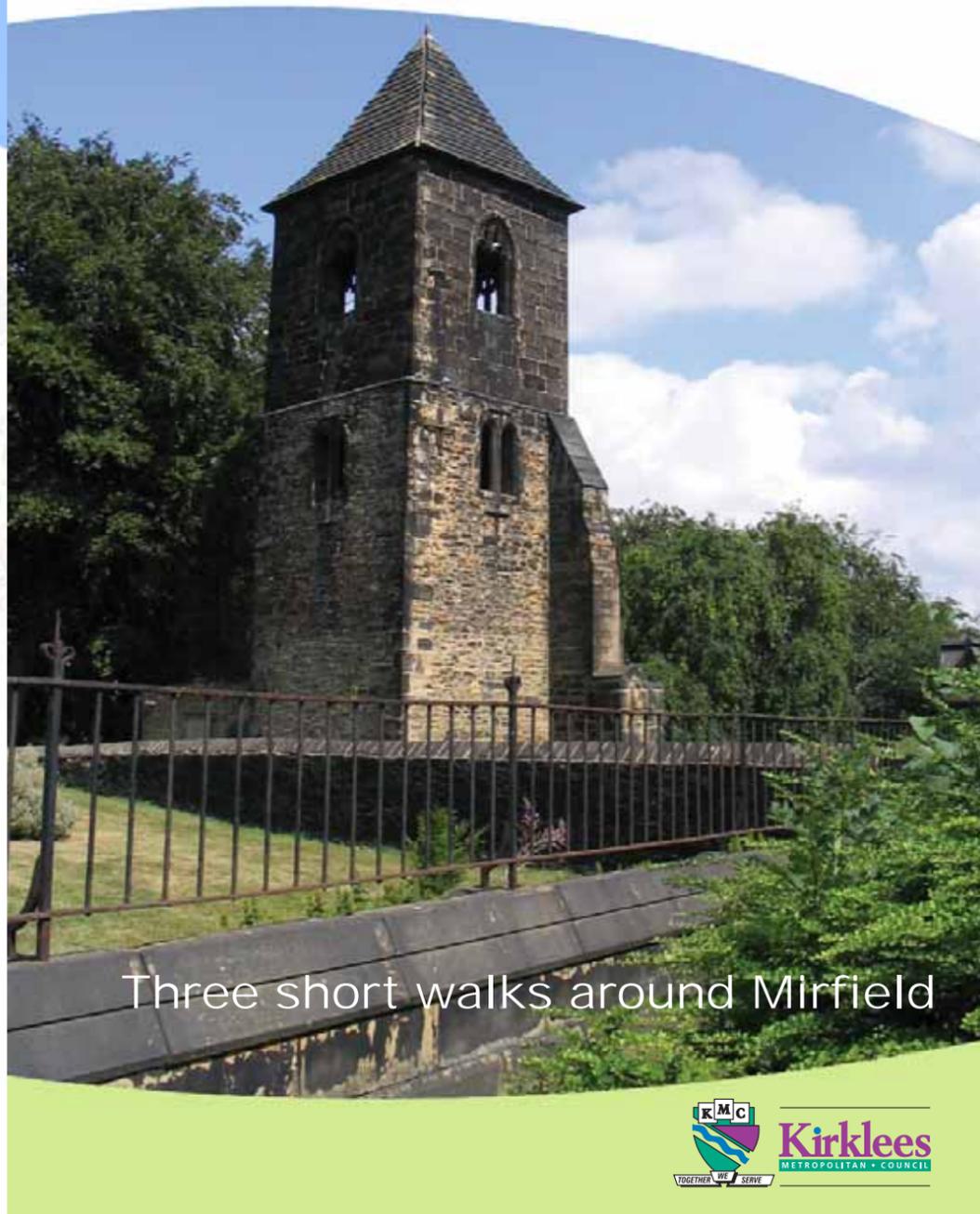


The Mirfield Coat of Arms bears the Latin "*Fruges Ecce Paludis*", which means "*Behold the fruits of the marsh*".

In the Domesday Book, Mirfield is listed as Mirefield, meaning "*a pleasant clearing*".



Mirfield Meanders



Three short walks around Mirfield



Newhall Meander

Length of route: 1.9 miles

Start point: Mirfield Railway Station



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Leave the railway station by the access road then left on to Hopton New Road to cross the river. At the T junction (small roundabout) turn left on to Granny Lane. After the bend take a wide footpath on the right marked "Walk This Way" on to Gregory Springs Lane then left through a stone squeeze stile on to a narrow path between fence and wall to a wooden stile to enter a field.

Walk through the field keeping near to the wood (Briery Bank). *Note the bottom part of this field can be very wet at times.* Bear left to follow a narrow path down to a stream (Valance Beck). Cross the stream via a small wooden bridge and go up hill then through a small kissing gate. Continue straight up hill over a farm track, keeping to the right of a stone wall, to a wooden stile. Go over the stile then bear diagonally left through another field towards a wooden stile. At the stile go over it then right on to a footpath between hedgerows. Follow this down hill.

At the bottom of the hill bear left through a small wooden gate. Go forward to climb the short hill. At the top of the hill go through a small gate then left on to a surfaced bridleway. Continue on bridleway over a cattle grid to follow the surfaced bridleway.

At a T junction turn left on to a surfaced bridleway, this takes you down to a mill at Woodbottom. Walk forward with the mill buildings on your left. After the mill continue forward to bear left at a junction on to a small road. At a second junction go left to follow a wider road (Hagg Lane). At the end of Hagg Lane there is a seat if you require a rest. Turn left on to Granny Lane to follow this then right on to Hopton New Road to return to the railway station.

Mirfield area

