

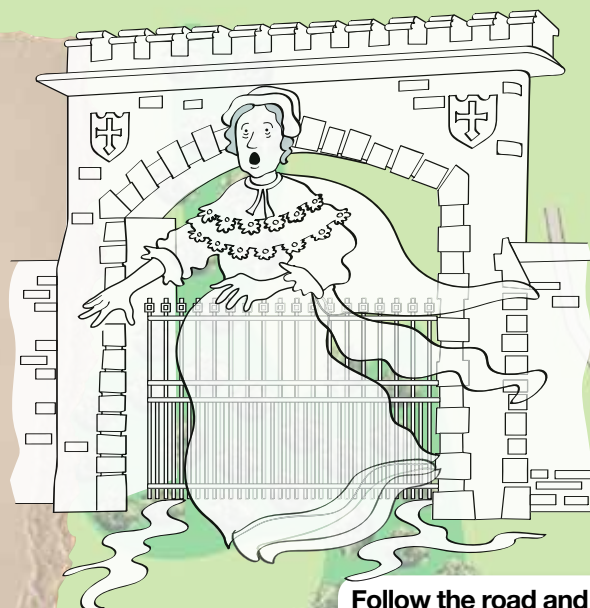
Hester's Haunt - led by Hester Whitaker the vicar's wife from the 17th century, reputed to haunt the vicarage.

A legend of Kirkburton,
You'll often hear it tell,
Involves a war, a wife, a death,
And a rebel priest as well!

They say in the first civil war,
The parish priest was a royalist,
And in 1644,
He claimed to be the loyalist.

So parliament came to arrest him,
And a fight broke out in his house,
A gun was fired,
And it transpired,
A soldier had shot his spouse.

And now if you see a ghost,
Wandering around Kirkburton,
You know it is Hester, the wife,
And now you will know for certain.



This place was known as "Treacle Oil",
For the giant mill that once stood here,
They say the air was truly spoiled,
By smoke as black as dark stout beer.

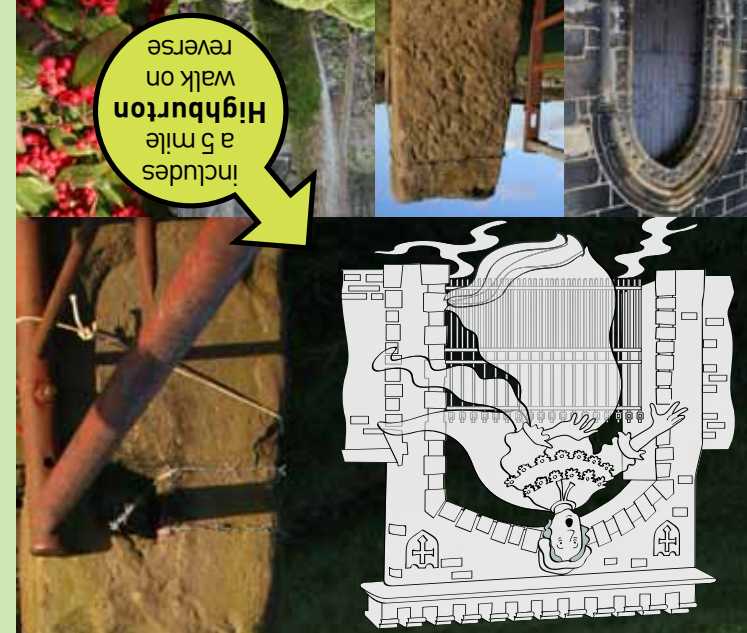
But the children found a silver lining,
For the mill brought brilliant spots for hiding,
And in the pond they found frog spawn,
And sailed boats from paper, torn.

There used to be a railway,
That came along this way,
If you look about you,
You can see the track's remains.



There are many weavers' cottages,
That stand around this place,
Which tells us there were hand weavers,
And weavers of the stays.

They worked long hours and cloth was dear,
And losing work was a great big fear.
But this was not a rich man's job,
And Kirkburton was poor,
Though compared to those that had no jobs,
The weavers had much more.



Highborton
includes
a 5 mile
walk on
reverses

Follow the road and
up to the houses, take
the path to the left at
the top.

Continue until you can
see a road opposite
leading to Woodsome
Lees and follow this
road down the hill.

Turn left down the
road to the main
road at the bottom
and turn right.

Walk round to the
right and towards the
Interpretation Board
and over the footbridge
and through the gap in
the wall. Follow the path
with the fence to your
left and then take the
path to the right up and
across the field. At the
top follow the wall to the
left and to the road.

Continue down to the
bottom, then take a left
down the Hallas.

Continue along and
cross over, at the end
of the houses take a
narrow lane to the left.

Turn right along Paddock Road.

Take the 1st footpath to the left
- signposted and follow the path
across the field and through 2 stone
squeezes and across a field and
down to a gap and the road.

Cross over the road
and go down Burton
Royd Lane opposite.

At the top of the hill take the
path signposted to the left
and continue up the hill and
through the woodland.

At the houses continue up the
lane and follow it round to the
left and continue down to the
bottom of the hill.

Go down the road, cross over and at the
bottom take a right up Lane Head Lane.

Go through the lychgate and the graveyard
and through the large portcullis gate, to
finish the walk.

At the crossroads take the gravel road to the
right, and follow to the lychgate.

Cross over the road, and
then over the wood stile
opposite and up the hill.

At the bottom of the wood,
cross over the stream over
the footbridge and follow
the path bearing left and
up to the stone squeeze.

Turn left through the
stone squeeze, and
follow the path next to
the wall on your right.
Continue straight on
through the woods.

Take the left turn
down Wood Lane and
follow the lane down and
through into the
wooded area.



Continue on this path for
some way, until you get to a
fork, and take a left. Go down
to the footbridge, through 2
wood kissing gates and take
the path up the hill, turn right
onto the road.



Almost at the top of the
hill, take the path to the
left through the wood
and then turn left back
onto the road.



All Hallows Church that you can see,
Was built in the tenth century,
Bits were adapted through the years,
Like a hole in the wall so lepers could peer,
Into the church from a place outside,
So that, from church, they could not hide.



- Key**
- The route
 - Stone stile
 - Wood stile
 - Wood gate
 - Kissing gate
 - Footbridge
 - Viewpoint

A 5 mile ghostly walk

Kirkburton Hester's Haunt

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How to get there:

By bus: 80, 81, 82, 83, 84 from Huddersfield
By car: parking opposite the church, HD8 0SJ on B6116
Bus and train services are correct as of December 2011.
Please check at www.wymetro.com for timetables.

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Area covered by
OS Landranger
Sheet 110

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Look out for the Hester's Haunt
Waymarker disc to help guide you
around the walk.



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