

Lizzie's Lollop - led by Elizabeth Drake, a 9 year old girl commemorated in Kirkheaton churchyard.

My name is Lizzie Drake and my tale is full of woe,
I was just one of seventeen who lived here long ago.
Atkinson Mill is where we worked and when they let us go,
They locked us in a tiny room that gave no space to grow.

Then one night as we tried to sleep a candle caught a drape,
And as the fire crept up the stairs we tried to find escape.
But though we called and tried our best, no help was there to find,
Each girl's soul was laid to rest, our sadness left behind.

Then came a sir named Oustler who searched out all the facts,
And fought with owners of the mills for the Child Labour Acts.
So as you walk along the trail think of the seventeen,
And see the paths that we'd have walked in the year 1818.



They say the best cricketers came from our own Kirkheaton, Mr Rhodes and Mr Hirst, neither could be beaten.



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Follow the path to the road and cross over, taking the path at the back at the houses.

Turn right and go to the bottom of the road.

At the bottom of the road, turn left, then right, straight up the the road called Cockley Hill Lane.

Continue to the top of the hill past Whinny Close Farm and then take the footpath signposted to the right down the steps.

Follow the path down the hill and at the white gate go right across to the corner of the field and over the wooden stile and down the field. Take the path to the right and continue down the hill.

At the bottom take the path to the left above the top of the quarry. Pass the wooded area and take the path to the right down the hill. Follow the path up to a wood stile and across two gates - follow the path.

At the stile, go straight on and continue with a fence on the left until you meet the road. Then turn right, and right again, after passing through a stone squeeze into a field.

Rejoin the track and continue downhill. Take the bridleway on the right.

About half way down the hill take the footpath to the right and follow the path to the bottom side of the house, then take the path to the left down the hill to the road.

Take a left and then first right and follow the road. Take the footpath signposted to the right and keep following the path.

Take a right down the hill at the corner.

At the bottom take the footpath on the right along the lane. Take the stile to the right at the end of the houses and continue over a footbridge and then up and follow the concrete road round the side of the houses.

Turn left down the road, follow the road round the corner and take the path to the left down the hill.

Follow the path around and straight across and up the field.

From Kirkheaton Church walk up the road with the Beaumont Arms on your right. Cross over the road and follow the footpath sign opposite and up the steps.

At the bottom of the hill cross over the bridge and take the first left through the gap and across the field and back to the church car park.

There was a workhouse down this road, a workhouse for the poor, One day they were inspected by the people of Poor Law. They found they were appalled by how the poor were treated. Thank goodness times have changed since the workhouse was defeated.

There are Great Crested Newts in the ponds around the quarry. You must be quick to see them as they're always in a hurry!

In 1841 most cottages had a hand loom, It was almost as common as a sweeping brush or broom, So one hundred and thirty one weavers lived around here, And if you wanted cloths or silks you'd find them cheap and dear.

Some graves within this graveyard date from 1624, But people have been buried here for many years before. The church was built in Saxon times and stood here all those years, And used to look upon the stocks that now have disappeared. The Beaumont Arms that you can see has hosted many a guest, Such as the soldiers sent to keep the Luddite crowd at rest.

There is an ancient custom that should carry to this day, It is the Yetton Rant that is kept alive and gay, Just in the field that you can see on every Whitsuntide, There is a fair that's bright and fun for all to come and try.

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How to get there:

By bus: regular services from Huddersfield to Kirkheaton, see www.wymetro.com for details.

By car: parking opposite the church, Church Lane HD5 0BH

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- Fitton Frolic
- Hester's Haunt
- PC Dibb Dash
- Jessop's Jaunt
- Beaumont's Bolt
- Billy Sweep Saunter
- Molly Mangle's Meander
- Wardroper Wander

Area covered by OS Landranger Sheet 110 / Explorer 288

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