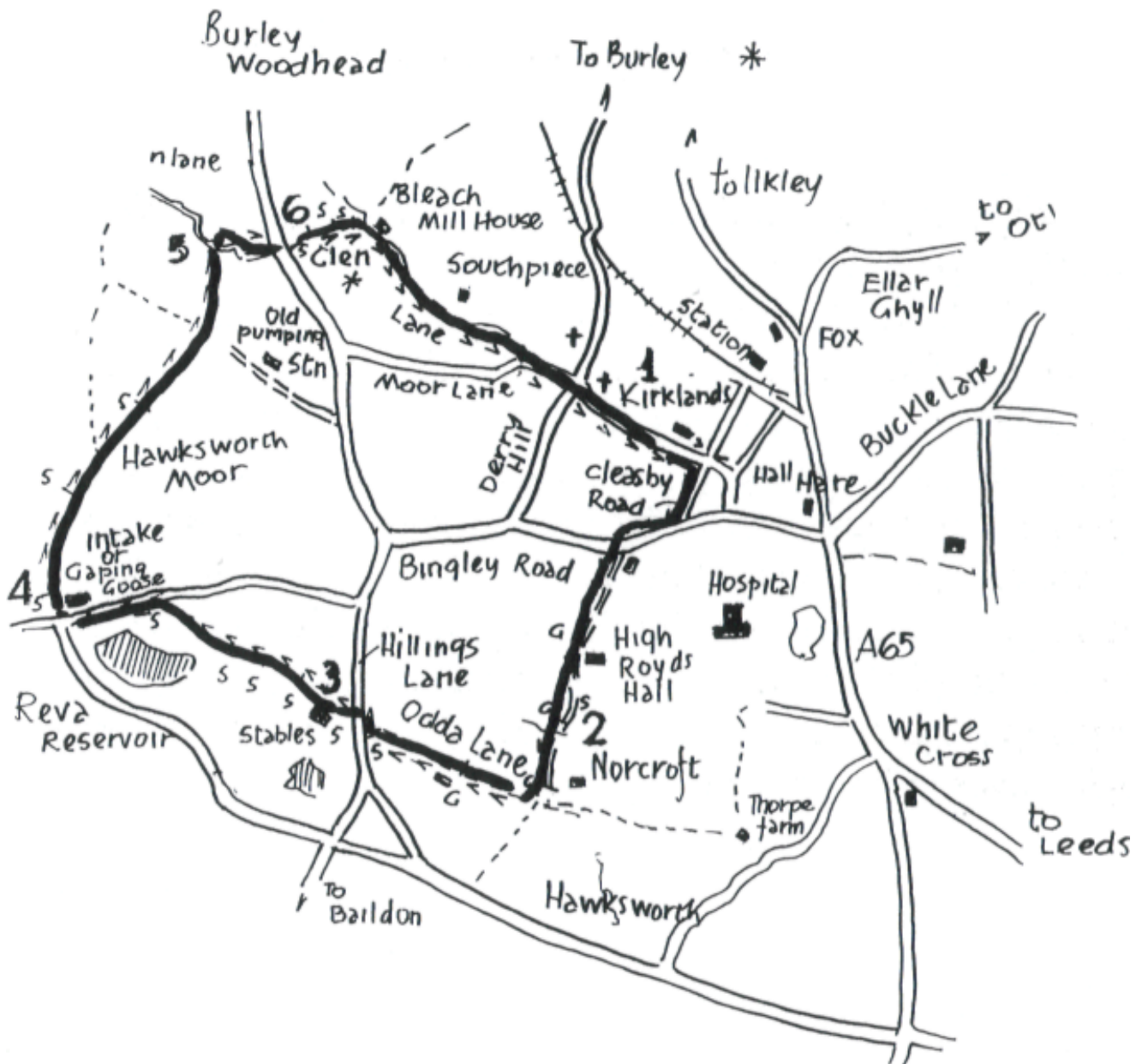


Walk No 4: Highroyds — Hawksworth Moor

The walk is approximately 6 miles and walking boots/wellies are strongly recommended.



From Kirklands (1) cross Main Street and walk in the direction of Menston Park, turning right up Cleasby Road. At the top of Cleasby Road turn right up Bingley Road for about 100 yards to a farm track on the left and walk to a stile by the side of a gas terminal. The track continues forward passing a building on the left which is Highroyds Hall (below). This is a Jacobean Grade 2 listed building now a single dwelling but for many years was occupied by three hospital farmers and their families.



The track continues forward to a gate and stile by a stream, cross the stile when the track moves up hill to a large gate (2). At this point you will see a new building (replacing the farm which had a date stone 1671) this is Norcroft Farm.

Turn right at this point up to a stile at the side of a gate into Odda farm lane, passing over a further stile to reach the road at Hillings Lane (stile

and signpost) (3).

Cross the road and turn right for a few yards to a signpost and stile and a footpath alongside stables. The track moves upwards over rough land with four stiles to cross (note the third stile being identified by a yellow waymark). To the left of the track is Reva reservoir and views over to Baildon Moor, continue forward to meet the service road for the reservoir and to a stile at Bingley Road. Turn left here for about $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile (watch out for the traffic) to Intake Farm on the right at a T junction, the farm was once a popular pub — the Gate and Goose (4) or Gaping Goose.

Turn right at the end of the farm by a waymark and gate. Keeping a stone wall to your right follow the track over Hawksworth Moor crossing two waymarked stiles in the process. At the second stile (set in a stone wall) enjoy the extensive views over Wharfedale.

Proceed forward downhill and cross a stream to join Occupation Lane, the old red brick building to the right being a former waterworks pumping station. Follow the signpost, no clearly defined track but move forward bearing slightly to the left and moving down a steep incline to the left hand corner of the field and a signpost at a gate (5).

Through the gate into a walled green lane, the lane moves downhill to meet a stream which you cross at the ford into Green or Turnpike Lane, turn right down to the Burley Woodhead road.

Note: After heavy rain the stream may be impassable in which case an alternative is available. Return up the green lane and just before the gate, and on the right hand side a stile with yellow marker will appear. Take the stile into a small plantation and through to a second stile directly opposite, go over the stile and turn right moving slightly up hill to a gap in a hedge. At this point go straight forward with a hedge to your left to a stile and gate which you cross into Green lane, turn right down to Burley Woodhead road (6).

Cross the road (with care) to drop down a steep driveway to the wooded glen. Turn left past the semi-detached cottages (footpath sign) and across a narrow wooden bridge to a stile and into a field.



Turn right and pass through three stiles keeping the drained dam with its sluice gates on your right. Observe the ruined chimney, part of Hargreaves or Middle Mill, this area is a delight in February/March when the whole area is covered in snowdrops. Continue downhill (often quite muddy) to reach a wall where the path turns right to a stile into a narrow overgrown path. The footpath then joins Bleach Mill Lane which then joins Moor Lane, turn left down the village to Lane Ends and along Main Street to Kirklands.