

This self guided walk covers approximately 2 miles taking in the heart of Mosborough and its busy community at work.

Discover the history of the area's past shops and businesses and find out about the rich heritage of the Mosborough community.

Allow 2 hours to complete the trail.

Suitable all-terrain footwear is advised as the walk takes in footpaths which can be muddy in places.

MOSBOROUGH WALKS #4

THE HEART OF MOSBOROUGH

Uncovering the history of its shops and businesses



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16 The entrance of Mosborough Moorside Colliery was opposite the British Oak Pub

12 Salt Box cottage with St Mark's Church in the background



8 Aerial view of the George and Dragon as well as Drabbles Yard



1 Duke Street A Grade II listed building and Duke Street lock up



25 Crown Corner Junction of High Street and Station Road



15 Back wall of the Toll Bar



9 Royal Oak Inn



Look out for these sites as you follow this walk (each number references a point on the enclosed fold-out map)

UNCOVER THE HIDDEN HISTORY

of Mosborough's shops and businesses in this self guided walking trail

Explore the centre of Mosborough, take in countryside views and discover fascinating facts about the area.



All photos thanks to Mosborough History Meeting Group/ Mosborough History Group Facebook unless otherwise stated.



For local bus details, visit www.travelsouthyorkshire.com

Parking for the walk can be easily found in the area around Mosborough.

Check out the [website](http://www.mosboroughhistory.co.uk) for details of more walks

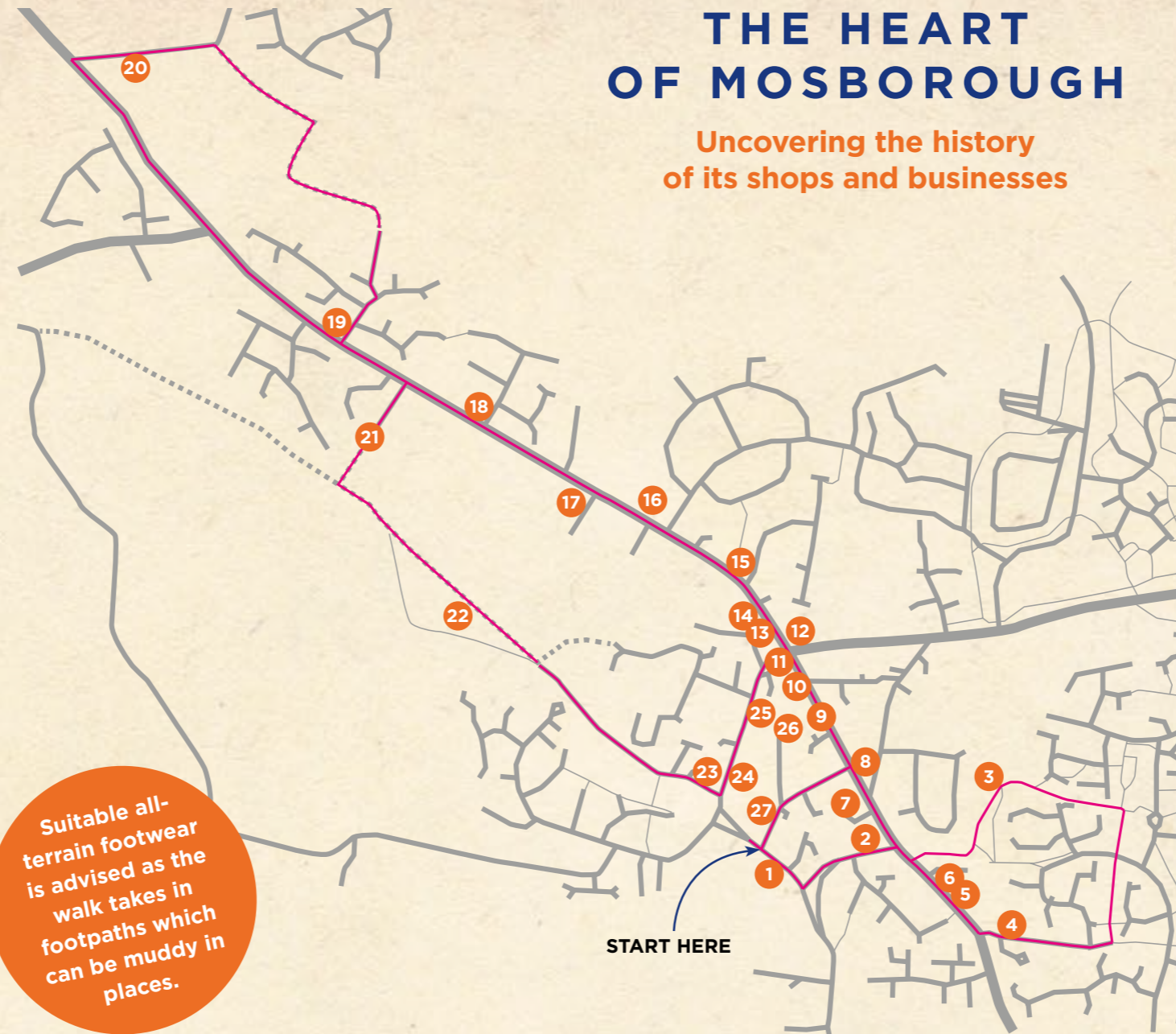


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- 1 The Methodist Church was once known as The Wesleyan Chapel and was built by John Drabble's son, John, in 1888. Note the new World War 1 bench on Lamsick's Green. As you head up the street, note that this area would have had many shops as it was once the centre of Mosborough. Go past Tony's Chip Shop and turn left - notice the black 'crozle' coping stones on the wall on your left. These were from an old iron works located near Mosborough. Enter onto Duke Street and go past the hairdressers.
- 2 The house set in the dip that once acted as a lockup for those awaiting trials. Note the altered brickwork where the lockup existed. This cottage is a Grade II listed building. At the junction take care crossing the road, bear right up the hill, on your left you will see a tarmac public footpath, follow this path known as the 'Brow'.
- 3 From here, take in the views of Mosborough and beyond. Carry on the path which curves to your right down the hill. You will meet another path that crosses the one you are on. Turn right and follow this path, carefully crossing the road and continue. This was once an old route called Street Fields and is an ancient trackway. It is now a wonderful wildlife corridor. Look out for birds such as hedge sparrows, dunnocks and blue tits.
- 4 You will meet Hollow Lane (once known as Mosborough Hall Lane), another ancient trackway. Turn right and continue up the hill towards Mosborough Hall, which is on your left and on the right, notice the former Mosborough Hall Farm, now a private cottage, which is a Graded II listed building. A tunnel once connected them, used by the servants.

- 5 Turn right, back down High Street you will see the George and Dragon pub on your right. The George and Dragon Inn, is one of the oldest Inns in Mosborough, dated from 1817.
- 6 Just past this pub where Moss House Court is, once stood the Blacksmiths yard and Drabbles & Sons' Buildings yard. The first weather vane for St Mark's Church was made here; it is said by Blacksmith Reginald Maleham.
- 7 Head down the High Street; on your left was the Royal Oak Public House, which started out has a private house in 1843. The Royal Oak closed in 2020 and was demolished on 8 May 2021.
- 8 At the bollards that cut off School Street notice a small space. Here stood the Salt Box, a small cottage. Next you will see St Mark's church, built from 1886 and the first priest was the Reverend R S Hare, who served until 1889.
- 9 You then reach the High Street local shops; look across at Church Mews; here once stood a garage. The Papillon shop next to it was once the village Library.
- 10 As you continue on High Street you come across Stone Street Villas where former shops once stood. Look at the wall you will notice the '4 Labyrinth' prints. These prints depict the whirls or thumb prints of local residents; taken as part of a local art project.
- 11 At the traffic lights across the road is the Queen's Hotel, which was built by Benjamin Rose, in 1857. The Inn was known as the Black Bull/Queen's Head 1861 and the Queen's Hotel from 1871. The Queen's Hotel is still thriving today in 2020 and is now a Mosborough History themed pub, it is well

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- 12 Facing you is the Sheaf Valley kitchen shop (these two buildings used to be three). From 1900's all 3 properties belonged to the Staton family. These included the Butcher's Arms at No. 5, belonging to Mark Staton. In 1919 Lawrence Turner known as "Lucky Bill" started an ice cream business off with a horse, "tub" trap, and a freezing contraption with ice. Later they had a shop at 3 Station Road, and Turner's Ice Cream factory was behind the building.

- 13 At the traffic lights and where Queen Street is, there was another Inn named the 'The New Inn', built by Thomas Lee. In 1857 the name changed to 'The Crown', giving rise to the well-known Crown Corner, just passed this once stood the Crown cottages, the Brown Cow Pub, plus more cottages.
- 14 Here you see the grassed area known as "Hillside", but (known to many as the "Little Hill"), there once stood a butcher's shop and a slaughter house. Children would queue up for a pig's bladder to play football with from here.
- 15 Notice the wall at Toll House Mead, this was part of the Toll Bar. The toll house wall can still

- 16 Head up Mosborough Moor and just past Westfield Crescent a fenced off area called Swallows Lane was where the former site of Swallow colliery stood at the top of this lane.
- 17 As you walk further up Mosborough Moor, where Moor Farm Garth is now was once Dent Main/Moorside Colliery site was roughly opposite the British Oak Public House. The British Oak on your left was built by John Cowley, just passed this was a row of houses named the British Oak

- 18 As you walk up the road, on your right there are a few houses set back from the road, this was once where the former Fitzwilliam Arms and was turned into Fitzwilliam Farm in 1937 (demolished in 1994). Next you come to a white building, Britannia House, with a Red Victorian post box built into the wall. Early Victorian post boxes used to be painted green. As you go past you will see what was known as Moor Farm/Staton's Farm. Nathan Staton ran his sickle and scythe business from here as well. There is still a wall standing with a scythe on it.

- 19 As you reach Owlthorpe Drive, turn right into the housing estate. This turns into a track. At the top, turn left onto the footpath. This brings you onto former meadows rich in wildlife. Carry straight on where you will meet a fork in the path. Take the right hand path through some trees and you will then enter a field. There are far reaching views of Mosborough and beyond from here. Turn immediately right and follow the footpath down the field. The path curves round to the left and will bring you out onto a track.
- 20 Follow the track up the hill passing Christmas Cottage on the left. At the top of the track, you will reach Moorhole Lane. Turn left onto the pavement. Pass the entrance to Mosborough Hill House (left) and carry on walking past Quarry Hill junction, here you will see the former gates to the Hill House now (Ridgeway Arms Pub), there was a fenced pond where coach horses would be watered.
- 21 As you go down Mosborough Moor Road, look out for Owlthorpe Rise on your right and **TAKE CARE CROSSING THIS BUSY ROAD.** Past this, there is a public footpath which leads you up to the Bridle Stile.
- 22 Follow the footpath up the hill and at the top, turn left. Carry on this path, if you go slightly to your right this will take you to the Timeline monument. The monument has plaques describing the many places in the distance you can see from this high vantage point. Carry on down past the Bridle fields where once Mosborough Trinity's famous cricket and football teams played, you will see the children's play area on your right.

- 23 Down the track you pass the back gate of Mosborough Primary School. At the bottom of the road on your left where the new houses are, was where the Mosborough Fire Station stood. It was opened in 1962 where it served Mosborough well until it was demolished in 2018.
- 24 You are now on Queen Street once known as Colin Green the main track through Mosborough. Facing you (to your right stands the Mosborough Elim Church) which was founded at the end of 1961, before this it was the Glynn Vivian Miners mission from 1905.
- 25 Carry on down Colin Green "Queen Street" you will come to the old Primitive Methodist Chapel, later used by the Salvation Army but is now flats. Across from here, look out for the sign of the Sydney Tavern, which is on a private dwelling property. Head down towards the traffic lights and turn to your right you will actually see the road that is now the Queen's car park. Imagine that this was the road into Queen Street before it was altered.
- 26 Go along High Street and opposite where Stone Street is now, once stood wooden hut shops. Behind these shops, there was Wetton's Yard, where mangle rollers were once made. Take the next right up Cadman Street once New Street.
- 27 You will pass the Methodist church Hall plus the Snooker Hall, formerly Mosborough Trinity Methodist Institute bought and re-erected from Clipstone Army Barracks. It is said to date from 1921 so has served Mosborough for over 100 years. You will eventually get back to the start of Chapel Street.