

MOSBOROUGH WALKS #2

HIDDEN HAMLETS AND LOST INDUSTRIES

Mosborough, Halfway and Holbrook

This self guided walk covers approximately 4 miles of country views around Mosborough, Holbrook and Halfway. Discover the history of the area's past industries and find out about the rich heritage of the hamlets around here. 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.



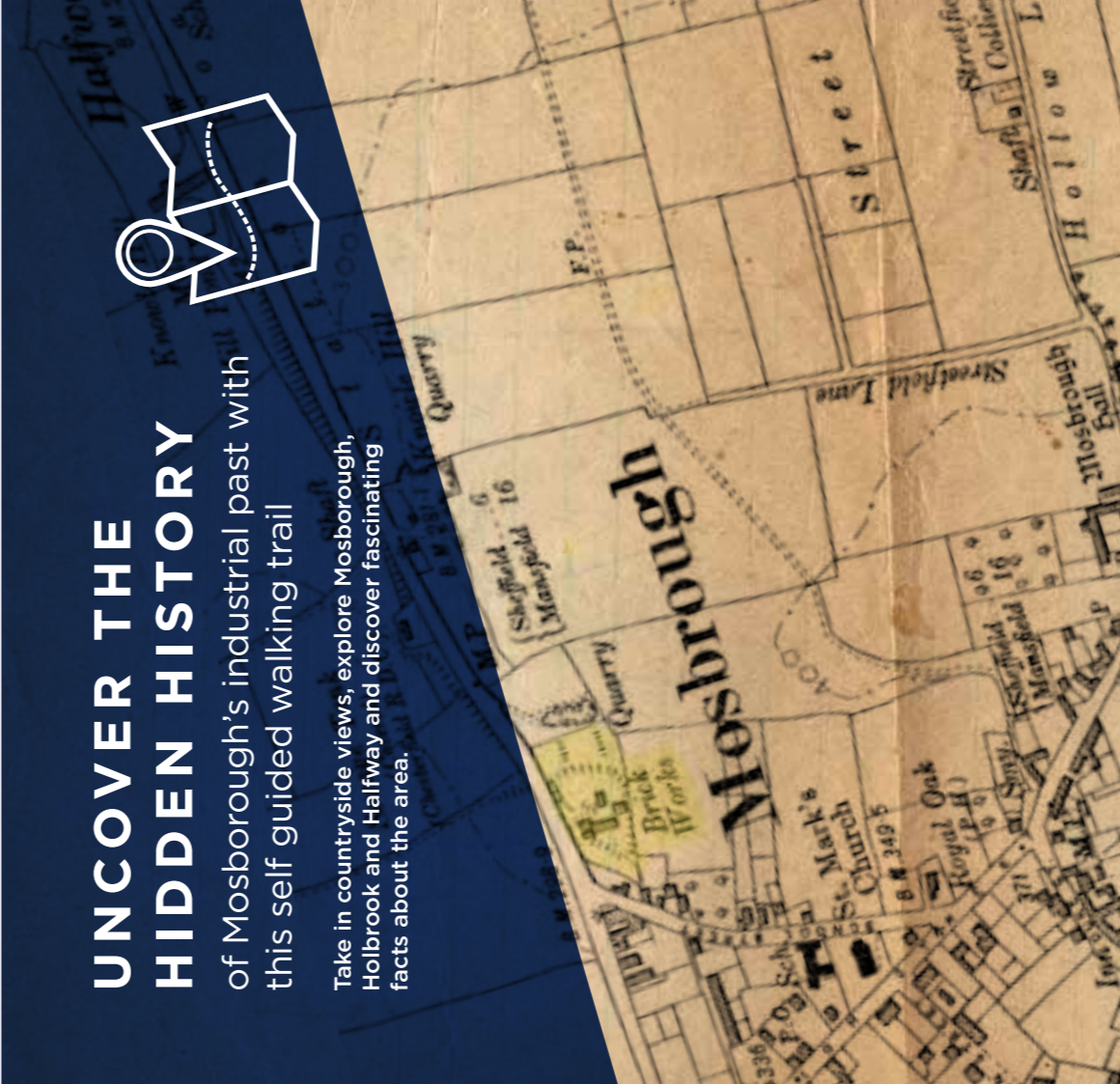
Mosborough History Meeting Group



UNCOVER THE HIDDEN HISTORY

of Mosborough's industrial past with this self guided walking trail

Take in countryside views, explore Mosborough, Holbrook and Halfway and discover fascinating facts about the area.



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For local bus details, visit www.travelsouthyorkshire.com



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

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Booth & Fisher Depot, Halfway



provided the children's education and continue to do so as the population grows.

Families from each area mixed with each other and new family trees have grown forging this area's rich history and establishing close knit communities.

football, cricket, rugby, cycling, angling and pigeon racing.

The Booth & Fisher Bus Company, established in 1919- 1975 Joseph Booth, who worked at West Kiveton Colliery offices, purchased a second-hand Langham lorry with which to operate a miners' home coal delivery service and by 1921 Joseph acquired a Daimler charabanc for carrying miners as well, this linking the villages through transport; providing routes to enable people to get to work easily.

The various primary schools and Westfield Secondary Schools

The three villages of Mosborough, Halfway and Holbrook have always been intertwined throughout the centuries. Past industries such as mining and sickle scythe making brought the local villages together through employment. Holbrook was a mining village whose name was changed to Halfway (after the Halfway House pub) to avoid confusion with Holbrook near Derby.

They shared social events such as fairs, shows and dances, there were some great sporting rivalries between the communities such as



Elmwood



At the end of Windmill Greenway is the former location of a windmill erected circa 1835 but demolished around 1870. Sadly, no traces of the building exist.

This location is also the site of an ancient fortification 'Dane Balk'. This was located roughly where the junction meets Beighton Road. No trace exists although a few years ago a hoard of Roman coins was uncovered and displayed at Weston Park Museum in Sheffield.



The colliery opened in 1920 and closed in 1943, finally being totally demolished in 1961. For some years the site was still visible with many colliery buildings still visible but have now been demolished.



The steel sculpture, by David Westby in 2002, was sited to reflect that Halfway is half way between Rotherham and Chesterfield. It is also half way between the North Pole and Timbuktu.

In Roman mythology, Janus was the God of gates. The sculpture represents faces looking back at the past but also into the future.



Annie Platts holding her son Thomas Leslie and Will Keable by her side. The inn's first landlord, Isaac Plant (1828-1902), renamed his beerhouse, the Alma Inn

Credit to Lynne Gravell



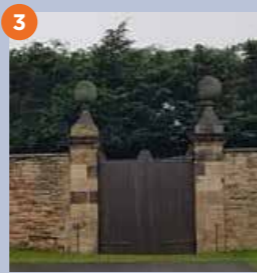
Eckington Hall was built by Joseph Wells Esq., 1871-72



The druids 1905 with the Bluebell Inn in the background. (Mosborough Time Past book)



Aerial view of Summer House (Google)



Gate way once to Mosborough Hall. Can be seen on Kelgate.



Halfway War Memorial sits close to the road and commemorates local men from WW1 and WW2. This was erected in April 1922 and unveiled in June 1922 at a cost of £200



Joseph Glover mill



School Street / Mosborough Endowed School



Former Primary school now the Joseph Stones Educational and Village Hall charity



Along this section of the road was a small Toll Bar house near Cow Lane constructed around 1828 but no longer exists.



Below the Halfway house pub, cattle pens and a slaughterhouse were once located approximately where the Tram Stop is now.

1 From Duke Street the road splits into two. The right hand side road leads to Chapel Street (once known as Market Street), take the left hand road onto Duke Street/South Street. This street was the site of many inns and businesses. The Duke Wellington from the early 1820's-1920's and close by was The Old Blue Bell Inn, originally a beer house from the 1890's-1920's with a number of cottages (demolished now).

2 Walk on up the road, on your left you come to the Saxon House, Bake House, a listed grade 2 building with a Jacobean doorway.

3 Further along the road is the Summer House, now private property, once the gateway to Mosborough hall. You can still see the gates on Kelgate. This is a listed grade 2 building.

4 On your right you pass the Alma Inn, a beer house, which later became the Alma Inn, by Isaac Plant

5 At the top of the road, where South Street meets Gas House Lane (the original road that led to Eckington before the Turnpike Roads were constructed), notice on your left a tall wall and row of cottages on your right. This leads to a path known as the 'Pingle' which lies between Elmwood and Eckington Hall on your right. 'Pingle' walls are said to have divided the two properties caused by a family argument. Go along the 'Pingle' and at the end turn right past Eckington Hall and carefully cross the road onto Windmill Greenway. Walk on either side on the road using the grass verge. The footpath is a little further up and lies on the field side (right) but walking on the verge will be safe too.

6 To your right is Eckington Cemetery first opened in 1877. To your left were former fields in front of the first landlord. At the end of Windmill Greenway is the former location of a windmill erected circa 1835 but demolished around 1870. Sadly, no traces of the building exist. This location is also the site of an ancient fortification 'Dane Balk'. This was located roughly where the junction meets Beighton Road. No trace exists although a few years ago a hoard of Roman coins was uncovered and displayed at Weston Park Museum in Sheffield. Carefully cross the main road. Facing you is a small cottage (named Covert Side) you need to be on the right of this and follow the path alongside the field hedge. This leads to a small copse of trees. Bear left and follow the path alongside the new housing estate built on the former Ox-Close Farm. At the bottom, ran the

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former Great Central Railway, later London, Midland and Scottish, first constructed in 1840. Turn left and follow the path between the railway line and housing. Eventually you will reach what was Holbrook Colliery site. Keep to the central area of former tip/mine area. The area is criss-crossed with many paths. Eventually you will reach Station Road. Again there is evidence of the sites former mining heritage.

8 Turn left along the tarmac path and follow this until you reach a small industrial estate (Holbrook). Follow this for short way until you see a small wooded area. Follow the path through. To your left is a steel sculpture named Janus.

9 The path eventually reaches Old Lane, then Station Road, Holbrook or Halfway. Across the road you will see Holbrook Methodist

Chapel (no longer a Chapel but the building still remains), which is on the corner of New Street. You will also see a row of terraced houses that were once the homes to many of the miners and some houses that belonged to the colliery - mine manager's house and chief electrician. Further on up the road was a 'pinfold' - a place where loose cattle or farm animals were kept.

10 Eventually you will reach the roundabout that stands today. This was the former main road that led up to Halfway Crossroads (formally known as Knowle Hill). There once stood an inn called 'Halfway House' where the stagecoach had once changed, rested the horses and travellers could spend the night.

TAKE EXTRA CARE CROSSING THE ROUNDABOUT HEAD TOWARDS MOSBOROUGH (STATION RD)

11 The primary school on your left was built in 1877 at a cost of £3,400. It was built as Halfway Board School by the Eckington and Mosborough School Board. Opposite the school is a number of old cottages. The most notable, 'Rose Cottage', is sadly no longer there but the name where the nursing home was built reflects the grounds it was built in. Just past these cottages is the Halfway War Memorial, unveiled in 1922 by Mrs E Peat.

TAKE EXTRA CARE CROSSING THIS SECTION:

12 To your right was the former Glovers Mill (now demolished). Constructed in 1767-1777 it was a sickle grinding mill. By 1823 it was grinding for fertilizer. Eventually it was converted into a pub in 1973 until being demolished circa 2005. The mill was powered by a water-driven wheel

13 Take care and cross over the road, you will see a fenced off area, which included J Lee's Brick Kiln works this was on the corner of Station Road /School Street. Many of 'Mosbro's' red brick terraced houses were constructed from bricks were made here - Stone Street, Cadman Street

and High Street. Walk up School Street (known as Nether Misterton/School Lane) on the left was Vine Grove Farm. On the right was the former Vine Inn, built by Henry Bargh in 1870 as a beer house.

14 Cross over the road where there is a house which stands back named the Nether Misterton (probably after the road named at one point). Above this on the left is the original Mosborough Endowed School built in 1680 by Joseph Stones.

15 Across the road a new school was built in 1870 at a cost of £650. It is now the Joseph Stones Educational and Village Hall Charity

16 Carry on up School Street, on your right is the back gate to St Marks Church, built in 1887 as a new parish church for the expanding local community. Turn left up High Street, Duke Street is at the top of the hill on your right.