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Greater Manchester North

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## WALK 2

### KIRKLEES VALLEY AND TOTTINGTON

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| Start    | Greenmount Old School  |
| Finish   | Greenmount Old School  |
| Duration | 2 hours  |
| Terrain  | Stiles<br>Parts can be boggy and slippy, especially in or<br>after wet weather<br>Some overgrown paths |

- 1 Leave the Old School, heading down Brandlesholme Road as far as Nabbs Way (an unmade road on the left). Cross Brandlesholme Road and take the footpath opposite.
- 2 At the end of the footpath, where it meets a lane (Shepherds Lane), turn right to Tower Court
- 3 Turn left in front of the tower.
- 4 Where the track forks, take the left track, over the stream and carry straight on, with the stream down to your left.
- 5 Pass a small lodge on your right and a large one on your left.
- 6 Keep on the main track, passing a large field with electricity poles on your right, until you reach a fork with a wide cobbled path down to the left. Turn left and go down the cobbled track.
- 7 Keep straight on, crossing the bridge over the stream.
- 8 Go past the cottages on your left, through the gate and past the kennels on your left. Go past the Greenmount Wild Bird Hospital on your right.
- 9 Just past the entrance to the Wild Bird Hospital is a telegraph pole on the right and just past that is a stile. Go over this stile and turn left, following the overgrown path to the next stile.
- 10 Go over the stile and turn right, following the path between two fences, downhill, past the new housing development.
- 11 Cross the footbridge over the stream and turn left. Keeping the fence on your left, follow the stream until you reach the steps going down to the new housing development.
- 12 Turn right up the track and carry straight on when another track joins from the right.
- 13 When you reach the old railway line (a wide, tarmac track), turn right.



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- 14 Follow the old railway line, over the vehicle turning point just past Tottington High School and up to, but not under, the old railway bridge.
- 15 Turn left, up the footpath before the bridge, to the road.
- 16 Cross the road to a high, curved, stone wall and follow the footpath on the right of this wall up to the car park of the Robin Hood public house in Tottington.
- 17 In the far right corner of the car park, behind the Co-operative store, there used to be a footpath leading through the graveyard of St. Anne's Church, from which you could turn left, up some steps, to the road in front of the church. This path was never a public right of way and has been fenced off. It is now necessary to make your way out of the car park by way of the entrance/exit road by the side of the public house.
- 18 On reaching the main road, turn right in front of the public house and follow the road to the junction with Chapel Street. Turn right down Chapel Street.
- 19 Follow the road round the bend until you reach Stormer Hill Fold on the right. Turn right down Stormer Hill Fold.
- 20 You will see some stone garages ahead of you. The footpath passes between them, through a stile and across a field to another stile where the path reaches an unmade road, Mill Lane.
- 21 Turn left along Mill Lane. The Lane ends at the industrial site and a narrow path ahead, between fencing, takes you towards the viaduct over Island Lodge.
- 22 As you approach the viaduct, there is a path to the left. Turn left up this path back onto the old railway line and turn left, following the line back to the end, where it meets Brandlesholme Road.
- 23 Cross Brandlesholme Road and turn left to reach your starting point, Greenmount Old School