



7th Ramsbottom (Greenmount)
Greater Manchester North

WALK 3

HOLLYMOUNT, BOTTOMS HALL AND CROITCHLEY FOLD

Start	Greenmount Old School
Finish	Greenmount Old School
Duration	2 hours (approximately 4 miles)
Terrain	Stiles Parts can be boggy and slippy, especially in or after wet weather Some overgrown paths

- 1 Leave the Old School heading towards Holcombe Road. Cross Holcombe Road using the Zebra Crossing and turn left.
- 2 Turn right past the church along an unmade cul-de-sac leading to Lomax Street. This leads to a short footpath to Hunt Fold Drive.
- 3 Cross Hunt Fold Drive and turn right and then left into Larkfield Close.
- 4 Turn left into Hove Close and as you drop down and turn the right hand bend, you will see the entrance to Greenmount Golf Course ahead.
- 5 Go through the golf course entrance and go straight down the path towards the stream, over the bridge and follow the path, right, uphill to [Greenmount Golf Club](#), passing behind the Golf Club, through the car park.
- 6 Follow the lane (Whipney Lane), as it goes left after leaving the car park, to the T junction at Hollymount.
- 7 Turn right at the T junction and follow the road, passing the converted church on your left. Take the road to the left just past the converted church, with the converted church on your left and converted barns and cottages on your right. At the end of the cottages on the right is a footpath sign and you will be taking this path after a short detour to visit Hollymount graveyard and the orchard.
- 8 Continue along the road as it curves round to the left, past the back of the converted church. You will see a cul-de-sac on the left called Chapel Gardens and just past this on the right is a footpath leading down to the graveyard. The gate to the graveyard is padlocked and there is no access to it.
- 9 If you turn right and follow the fence along the top of the graveyard, at the end of the fence you will reach the old orchard. This was overgrown and through the efforts of [Incredible Edible](#) and volunteers, it is slowly being restored.



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- 10 Retrace your steps back up the path to the road and turn left, back to the footpath signpost at the end of the cottages, now on your left.
- 11 Go down the path, following the fence, over a stile and down to the stream at the bottom of the field.
- 12 Go over the stile, across the stream and straight on across the field to a gate with a stile on the left.
- 13 Go over the stile and follow the path round to the right, keeping the line of trees on your right. The path sweeps slightly upward and away from the trees to meet a lane.
- 14 Turn right down the lane to the white cottages at Bottoms Hall. As you pass the cottages on the right, you will see two small, stone gateposts on the left, the right-hand post having a light on top. Turn up the path between the gateposts, with a stream on your left.
- 15 This path is overgrown. Beware of trees with low branches. As you follow this path, climbing steadily, you will reach a gate with a stile at the side.
- 16 Go over the stile and under the power lines, where the path turns left, up the hill, by a small hawthorn bush.
- 17 In the top left corner of the field is a gate leading into the next field. Go through this gate and turn right to a stile in the fencing. Go over the stile and slightly right, downhill to another stile which seems to serve no purpose, there being no adjacent fencing or gate.
- 18 As you pass by this stile, turn immediately right, over another stile by a gate, down a path that leads to the unoccupied Burnt House Farm.
- 19 As you reach the farm building, the path should go round the front of the farm but it is overgrown and obstructed with debris. Instead, take a path to the rear (left) of the building and make your way straight down the hill, keeping in line with the track you can see going up the other side of the valley to Croitchley Fold.
- 20 You will see a stile on the left of a line of three oak trees. Go over the stile, straight on and across the bridge over the stream. This leads onto boarding that goes to the left and then to the right.
- 21 Take the boarding to the right and follow the path up the steep climb and over the stile to Croitchley Fold.
- 22 At Croitchley Fold, you will reach the access road to the cottages. Turn right between the cottages. You will see a stile to the right of a metal gate leading into a field.
- 23 Go over the stile, keeping to the left of the pylon and head straight for Greenmount Church steeple. When the church steeple disappears from view, make for the single, large oak tree.
- 24 As you pass by the oak tree, go slightly right, making for the bottom right-hand corner of the field, left of the golf course, where there is a stile.
- 24 Go over the stile and follow the path, through the gate, onto Whipney Lane and Greenmount Golf Club car park. From here, retrace your early steps (1 to 5 in reverse) back to your starting point.