

A local walk with the start just over 2 miles from the Coach House. Walk through a lovely wood with great views back towards the cottage and beyond. Then drop down onto the Liverpool to Leeds canal to turn right and make the way back to the start. Total distance 2.7 miles and distance to the start 2.3 miles. Take the road into Silsden and after passing over the canal take the first



on the right (St John's Street). This shortly becomes Howden Road. After 2 miles look out for a wooden five bar gate and a green public footpath sign on the right. It's tight but there is room for one car.

Follow the footpath sign to then walk across a field with a drystone wall to your right, At the top of the field, pass through a galvanised gate. Continue, now in a wood with the drystone wall still on your right. Walk up through the attractive wood with some lovely views out across the valley to your right.

The walk climbs steadily as it slowly leave the wall. As the walk flattens out pass under some electricity cables. Eventually bear left and pass an old broken down JCB on your right. Just passed this point the path splits at a fork. Take the left option to walk uphill for about 30 metres towards a drystone wall (the right option continues on the level). Cross the wall using the steps built into it and into a field. Turn right to



follow the wall now going gently down hill. Follow the wall downhill to reach a large wooden five bar gate with a small galvanised one beside it. Pass through the smaller and continue following the wall. The peaty path opens shortly into a more open area with a few trees. Continue with recently planted trees on the left and turn left (90 degrees) with a Silsden Strolls waymarker on a post to the right.

Continue with more newly planted trees on the left and the drystone wall still to the right. Pass over a small stream and pass a ancient looking water



trough on the right. Continue downhill passing a building to your right, the way ahead now on a stone path. Pass a Scout activity area to your left with a flagpole on your left. Pass through a galvanised gate and turn right down a fairly steep stone track. The canal can now be seen below you to your left.



On reaching the canal, cross it going over a swing bridge and turn right to walk along the tow path. Walk along the tow path for nearly 2 kilometres. With luck you will see the two kingfishers that we saw and perhaps a few herons.



On reaching another swing bridge over the canal, turn right to pass over it.



Walk ahead with a drystone wall on both sides with a millennium way waymarker on the right hand side. The track bears left and right through a farmstead (Howden Grange Farm). Continue on a somewhat patchy tarmac drive to reach Howden Road. Turn right onto it and walk the 300 metres or so back to your starting point.