

# 7 – Eckington to Spinkhill

## 2.0 miles

1. **Leave the Co-Op car park via some steps to the left of the store, which take you down to a lane. At the lane, turn right and head for the road (High Street) between two shops. Having reached the road go straight ahead for about 30 yards, then follow the road round to the left where it becomes Station Road. Carry on down Station Road, heading for the main Sheffield to Newark road (A616).**
2. **Go straight across and pass through a gap in the fence opposite. PLEASE BE VERY CAREFUL WHEN CROSSING THE ROAD. Once through the fence pass through and turn right and then left to join the footpath to the right of Renishaw golf course. Follow this path and, where it bears right and becomes a track, you walk straight ahead on a less obvious path, crossing the golf course. You pass the 12<sup>th</sup> tee on your left and a banked green on your right, heading for a small clump of trees which you walk straight through.**
3. **At the end of the golf course, just before a bridge crossing a river, turn right and walk with the river to your left and golf course to your right. After about a quarter of a mile bear left and cross a wooden bridge over the river, then bear right heading for a stile next to a gate. Cross over two stiles and head for a railway bridge ahead of you**
4. **Cross over the bridge and pass through a kissing gate. Bear right and walk up the path with a fence on your right. At the top of the hill go straight on, with the fence still to your right, heading for a stile to the right of Birley Farm. Once over the stile, bear right along a track to the bottom of a field. Here turn left onto a bridle path which is signposted and takes you over a bridge which spans the dry bed of the old Chesterfield Canal.**
5. **Once over the bridge, go straight on and slightly uphill for about half a mile, heading for Spinkhill.**
6. **As you near Mount St. Mary's College a hedgerow shoots off to your right at the edge of the playing field. Here you turn right, skirting the playing field and walking with the hedge to your right. At the far end of the playing field, turn left and walk slightly uphill along the line of some trees, with the field still to your left. At the top of the field bear right and go through a gap in the hedge onto the road – you are now in Spinkhill. Turn left onto the road and follow it through the village. You will pass the church on your left. 20 metres past the church, and opposite the school, you will see an opening across the road (about halfway down the "bus stop" lane). Walk through this. You are now in front of the school hall. Look left and you will see the checkpoint situated in the car park.**

## This is Checkpoint 7.