

9 – Harthill to Whitwell (Royal Oak).

4.5 miles

1. *After leaving the car park turn left and walk in front of the Blue Bell public house. Walk up the path, between the houses to the main road. Cross over the road and turn left, walking along the pavement for about 30 yards until you reach a footpath sign on your right. Here turn right and climb the steps (1950 written on them) up the hill to a metalised road.*
2. **Go straight across the road, up a short lane between the houses, to a stile to the right of a gate. Cross over the stile and walk along the path, with the hedge on your left, to another stile. Cross over this stile and continue along the path, the hedge now on your right to another stile. Cross over this stile and continue along the path, the hedge now back on your left, to the bottom of the field. You are now heading for a stile which is about 10 yards to the right of the field corner. Cross over this stile and follow the path, slightly uphill, towards a small wood. Cross over the stile and enter the wood. After about 50 yards cross another stile and emerge once again into open fields with a hedge to your left.**
3. **Follow the path and where you reach another wood bear right (signposted in the grass "Packman Lane"). Walk along the edge of the field, with the wood on your left, to a stile which drops onto a road. Turn left and walk along the road for about 30 yards until you reach a signpost and stile on your right. Cross over the stile and head diagonally left and downhill across the field to another stile. Cross over this and continue diagonally across the next field to another stile. Cross over this stile and after a short distance cross over another stile, which drops down onto Packman Lane.**
4. **Turn right and follow the lane for two miles, passing through Loscar Farm, Bondhay Cottages on your right and then Bondhay Golf & Country Club on your left.**
5. *After two miles, (just over one mile past the golf club and about 200 yards past a farm lane on the right), you turn left through the hedge at a footpath signpost. You now follow the path which bears to the right after about 70 yards, across open fields to a gap which leads onto the main Worksop to Chesterfield road (A619).*
6. **Go straight across the road and walk down a grassed lane for about 50 yards until you reach a stile and signpost on your left. Cross over the stile and walk diagonally to your right to another stile which leads onto the road which is your approach to Whitwell. Cross over the stile and turn left, heading for the church.**
7. *Opposite the church turn right onto Scotland Street and follow the road down. The road swings round to the left. Stay on this road until you reach the Butchers Arms public house. At the junction turn right and follow the road uphill. Once over the brow of the hill you will see the Royal Oak public house on your left.*

**This is the finish of the
Louise Smalley Challenge Walk
Well done, you've made it!
Perhaps a pint or 2 ---- your choice!**