

HISTORY TRAIL

KIRKLEES VALLEY LOCAL NATURE RESERVE



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The Sunnywood Project History Trail is a 5km route through the Kirklees Valley Nature Reserve starting from Kirklees Street.

There are sections on the route that are unsurfaced, uneven with tree roots and remains of the old mills making it hazardous – please be cautious and wear suitable footwear.

QR Location 1 – Tottington Station:

Start The Sunnywood Project History Trail by accessing the Kirklees Trail over the black gate at the junction between Kirklees Street and Royds Street.

As you approach the main track, you will see the track goes under the bridge on the left and the site of Tottington Station on the right.

Turn right and follow the Kirklees Trail past the site of where Tottington Station was.

The QR code is attached to a fence.

QR Location 2 – Totty Snake:

Continue in a southerly direction past the allotments on your left, crossing the bus turning-circle passing Tottington High School on your right.

The QR code is attached to a fence at the start of the Totty Snake.

QR Location 3 – Sunnywood Halt:

Continue along the path past the Totty Snake until reaching a junction and a bench on your left.

The QR code is attached to the Kirklees Valley Nature Reserve signboard.

QR Location 4 – Heathland:

Turn left at the junction, descending slightly into a wooded area. Follow the trail path for approximately 150m before turning left into a clearing – this is the lowland heath area.

The QR code is attached to a wooden bench.

QR Location 5 – Kirklees Brook:

Continue along the main path which leads to a steep descent. At the bottom of the hill, turn right and head down the steps towards the brook.

The QR code is attached to a fence at the bottom of these steps.

QR Location 6 – Bleach Works:

Continue along this path following the brook on your left and passing Coffin Lodge on your right.

Upon reaching a junction with a footbridge, bear right to ascend slightly into a wooded area. Follow this path with the housing estate to your left.

As the path forks, take the left path down the steps towards a footbridge leading to the housing estate.

The QR code is attached to the fence leading down the steps.



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QR Location 7 – Kingsbury Wood:

Crossing the footbridge, turn right and follow the path keeping the brook on your right. Then follow the road to the residential apartment properties on the estate. Cross the road at this point and enter Kingsbury Wood through the gate.

The QR code is attached to the fence on entering the wood.

QR Location 8 – Square Lodge:

Follow the path all the way through Kingsbury Wood for approximately 300m. Go through the gate at the end of the path. Square Lodge is across the track – take the steps to access it.

The QR code is attached to the fence next to the steps leading to Square Lodge

QR Location 9 – “The Cinders”:

Follow the track with the lodge on your right and the estate on your left; continue past the small row of terraced houses and cross the footbridge.

Once across the bridge, turn right following a trail into a wooded area.

Take extra care on this trail. Crossing old remains and tree roots can make this section hazardous.

The QR code is attached to a wooden bench as you enter the wooded area.

QR Location 10 – Tottington Mill site:

Follow the trail into the wooded area with the brook on your right; passing the remains of Tottington Mill walls on your left.

The trail follows the brook and bears left into a clearing, locally known as “The Cinders”.

From the clearing, bear left, ascending the steep trail path which joins a path which circles a lodge. Follow this path which leads to a junction; turn right at the junction, walk approximately 150m, heading towards the footbridge. The QR code is attached to the bridge.

QR Location 11 – Tower Farm:

Ascend the cobbled path towards Tower Farm.

The QR code is attached to gate on the approach to Tower Farm.

QR Location 12 – Greenmount Old School:

Continue past Tower Farm reaching a junction. Turn right at the junction and walk approximately 90m and take the public footpath on the left between the cottages and field.

This will bring you out onto Brandlesholme Road. Turn left and continue up Brandlesholme Road, passing Greenmount Cricket Club on your left. After approximately 300m, you will reach the Greenmount entrance to the Kirklees Trail.

The QR code is attached to a fence at the entrance to the Kirklees Trail.



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QR Location 13 – Greenmount Station:

Taking the Kirklees Trail path, the site of Greenmount Station is approximately 100m from Brandlesholme Road.

The QR code is attached to the Bridleway signpost.

QR Location 14 – Knowles Sidings:

Continue along the Kirklees Trail for approximately 300m crossing the junction that leads to Tower Farm.

The QR is attached to a gate at the site of Knowles Sidings.

QR Location 15 – Island Lodge / Viaduct:

Continue along the Kirklees Trail for approximately 150m until you reach the viaduct.

The QR is attached to the viaduct.

Finishing the route:

Continue along the Kirklees Trail for approximately 450m; this will lead you under the bridge and to the starting point, the Tottington Station site.



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