

HARROGATE EAST WALK 4.5 miles

[Point S3/E2 to completion of walk is also part of the **Urban Circle Walk**]

(START) From Harrogate Bus Station with your back to the buses turn left along Station Parade. At the T-junction at the end, cross to The Stray, take the left of the two paths and walk across The Stray past Tewit Well (plaque) to Tewit Well Road (n.b. at cherry blossom time around the end of April, the right hand path across The Stray may be preferred, then turn left at the cross-paths to reach Tewit Well Road). Continue along Tewit Well Road, and take the third turn on the left (Langcliffe Avenue East), then immediately after the railway bridge, turn right and along Rayleigh Road.

Turn right on to Hookstone Road at the traffic lights, go past Hornbeam Station, then immediately after Beechwood Grove on the left, turn left down a track (bridleway sign), that leads past Oatlands Allotments on the right and a football pitch on the left to reach a junction of paths in a wooded area.

(S3/E2) *(The Urban Circle Walk joins here and stays on the Harrogate East Walk for the rest of the walk).*

Turn left along the lane, still in woodland. Immediately after the railway is crossed, on the right there are good views of Crimble Viaduct and the nearby countryside. Briefly turn left at St Michael's Hospice and almost immediately turn right (bridleway sign). Soon veer left along a broad tarmac path (signposted bridleway), and continue along it when it swings left after about 200 yards. The path crosses a bridge over a stream, then climbs the hillside into woodland with fine trees. Turn left at a junction of paths, and the path soon becomes a pleasant hedged lane with the playing fields of St John Fisher School on the right. Cross Hookstone Road at the traffic lights and continue in the same direction along Oatlands Drive past St Aidan's School to reach The Stray.

(E3) Turn right on to Slingsby Walk, the tree-lined path beside The Stray. Cross Wetherby Road (note the cross and the plaque) and continue on the path beside The Stray. Cross Knaresborough Road, turn left briefly, then slant right on path across The Stray. You are now in High Harrogate. Cross Skipton Road, turn right for a few yards then slant left across The Stray to reach a road (Church Square). Turn left (note the plaque on the history of Church Square), then just after Christ Church on the left, slant right on path across The Stray, cross a road (fine avenue of trees) soon to reach Park Parade. Turn right for literally a few steps, then go left along the narrow ginnel called Walker's Passage which soon leads into an attractive green space. Continue in same direction along Kingsway and then Park View, cross East Parade to Bower Street, then go under the railway bridge (known as "The One Arch") to Harrogate Bus Station on the left.

