

## HARROGATE NORTH WALK 4.5 miles

[ START to Point N5/W2 is also part of the **Urban Circle Walk** ]

**(START)** From Harrogate Bus Station with your back to the buses turn right down Station Parade and at the bottom cross to Mayfield Grove. Take the second road on the right (Strawberry Dale), then turn left along Nydd Vale Terrace beside the railway. Soon turn right and on to the footbridge over the railway, then turn right along Dragon Road and past The Rink store. Turn right and into the supermarket car park, and right again on to the Nidderdale Greenway, a wooded path beside the railway. Go under the footbridge previously crossed, then under Skipton Road, and when a road (Grove Park Avenue) is reached, continue in the same direction.

**(N2)** At the end of Grove Park Avenue turn left on to the bridge over the railway. There is a good view from the top, particularly to the north west. The prominent low hill is How Hill close to Fountains Abbey. Turn right at the end of the bridge and continue along the Nidderdale Greenway. Soon turn left down steep bank on path signposted “Knox Mill Lane”, pass Woodlands School on the left to reach a road (Dene Park). Turn left, and after a few yards cross Woodfield Road to go along a broad path with green space on the right. You are now in Bilton. Cross Poplar Grove and continue on the path to Bilton Lane.

**(N3)** Turn left along Bilton Lane, then take the third road on the left (Bilton Grove Avenue) and follow the tree-lined road to T-junction with Church Avenue where you turn left. Soon turn right (through bollards) on a broad path to reach Skipton Road. Cross Skipton Road (nearby pedestrian crossing) to Roberts Crescent opposite which soon has good views to the left over the Oak Beck valley. Turn left down Knapping Hill to bottom of the hill, then turn right on to Coppice Avenue soon to reach Ripon Road. An alternative route from the top of Knapping Hill is to take the second road on the right (Coppice Rise), then first right (Coppice Way), then almost immediately first left (Duncan Close), from the end of which a ginnel (can be slippery) goes down to Ripon Road.

**(N4)** Cross Ripon Road by the nearby pedestrian crossing and go straight on to the footpath/cycle path that veers left across the green space. Ignore subway and swing right, then cross (refuge) Jenny Field Drive and continue in the same direction on path that slants across the green space. Turn left when an unfenced road is reached (no footway) then after a few yards turn left on a broad track in a wooded setting. Almost immediately the path divides and take the right-hand path with the Oak Beck close by on the right. When a road and houses are reached, do not go along the road but turn right (footpath sign) on a path in green space (fine trees) with the Oak Beck close by on the right. At a junction of paths turn left up the stepped path to reach a road (Oakdale Glen), then turn right and walk up the hill past car park of Oakdale Golf Club. Cross the road at the T-junction at the top, and continue up the hill on the footpath straight ahead (footpath sign) which soon levels out to reach Kent Road. Turn right, then first left along Kent Avenue (fine view of St Wilfrid's church straight ahead) to reach Duchy Road. Turn left, then soon turn right along Clarence Drive, cross York Road, then turn left along Cornwall Road to the entrance to the Valley Gardens.

**(N5/W2)** (*Urban Circle walkers turn right and into the Valley Gardens*) Go straight on (Royal Parade) with the Pump Room and then the Crown Hotel on the left. Continue in the same direction at the far side of the roundabout and up Montpelier Parade to Betty's and the Monument, then along Cambridge Street to the Bus Station.

