

GREENSIDE GREENWAY



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Greenside Greenway - a circular walk

About Greenside Greenway

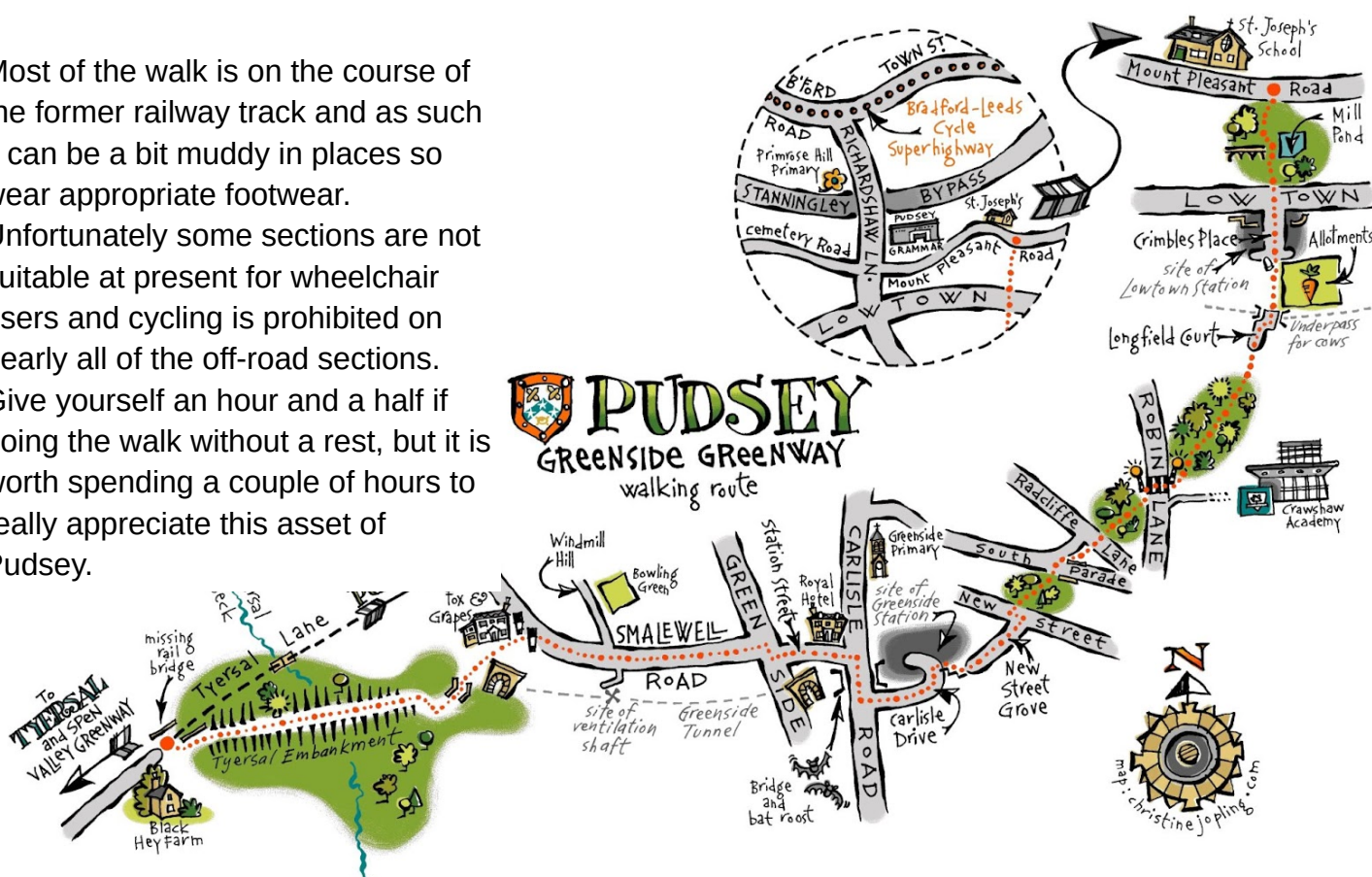
Greenside Greenway are a campaigning group formed with the purpose of the creation of a safe walking and riding track around Pudsey following the route of the former railway line. The Greenway passes the sites of two former railway stations - Lowtown and Greenside. There is plenty of evidence of the former railway from bridges to cuttings to walls and of course the famous tunnel. It is hoped that once completed not only will this be a continuous traffic free route but also it will have links with other great paths and bridleways in the area.

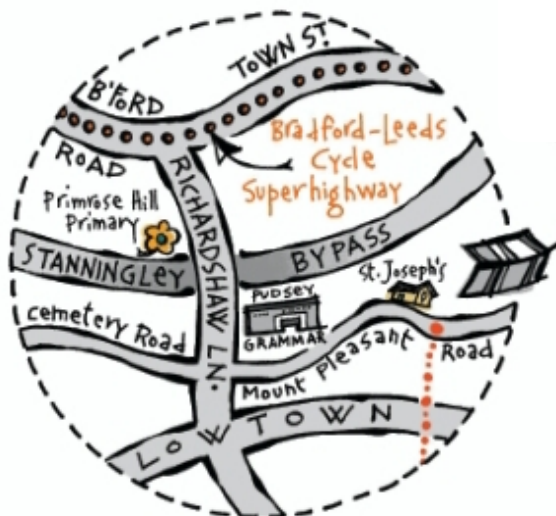
About The Route

This is a circular walk starting and finishing at Pudsey Centre, although not a difficult walk, be aware that it involves a steep descent and inevitable climb back up, it is Pudsey after all!

Most of the walk is on the course of the former railway track and as such it can be a bit muddy in places so wear appropriate footwear.

Unfortunately some sections are not suitable at present for wheelchair users and cycling is prohibited on nearly all of the off-road sections. Give yourself an hour and a half if doing the walk without a rest, but it is worth spending a couple of hours to really appreciate this asset of Pudsey.





Section 1 (Pudsey centre to Mount Pleasant Road)

From the traffic lights at the centre of Pudsey head north along Lidget Hill (B6155) and turn right into Mount Pleasant Road. Follow Mount Pleasant Road taking the left hand fork at the junction of Clifton Road. Keep walking past first the Grammar and then St Joseph's school until St Joseph's Way is on your left. A wooded area is on your right, this marks the start of the Greenside Greenway route. [10 mins]

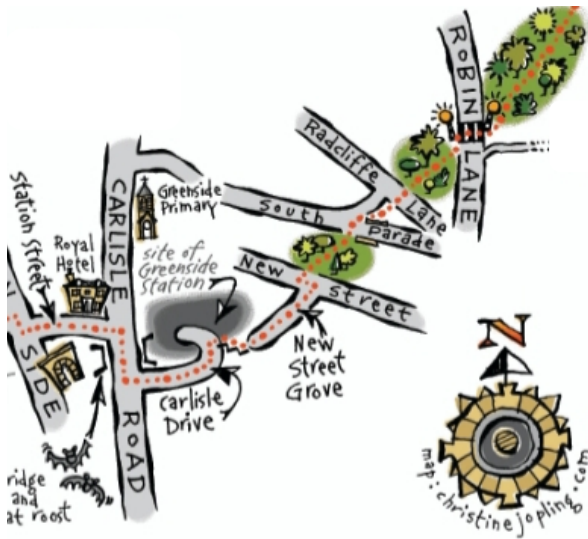
Lowtown Station

Pudsey Lowtown station was located just off Lowtown, where the flats on Crimbles Place are now. The station was built by the Great Northern Railway in 1878, though the line opened a year earlier to serve freight traffic. Some evidence of the former station can be seen in the low wall on Lowtown on either side of Crimbles Place. Rail services ceased in 1964.

Section 2 (Mount Pleasant Road to Robin Lane)

At the side of 36 Mount Pleasant Road enter the woodland and follow the path through to Lowtown. On the way you will pass the three arches of Boggard Lane Bridge and to your left the fenced off mill pond. Carefully cross Lowtown and enter Crimbles Place, you are now on the site of Pudsey Lowtown station. There is an informative notice board here about the Greenway which is worth reading. Follow the road which turns into a path with the allotments on your left. This then comes out on Longfield Road, proceed along the brick paved Longfield Court, bending right then left up to the garages. Take the footpath to the right of these which brings into a second wooded section, follow this up to Robin Lane. [10 mins]
Shortcut back to Pudsey: Turn right and follow Robin Lane back to the traffic lights.





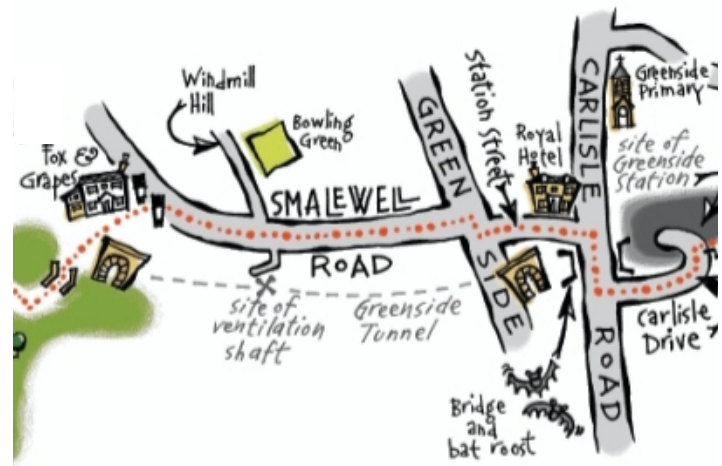
Section 3 (Robin Lane to The Royal PH)

This next section follows the course of the railway, but about 10 feet above the former trackbed, it's not difficult to imagine this as a working railway with multiple bridges crossing, sadly now infilled. Cross Robin Lane using the Zebra crossing and go through the gap in the wall and drop down to the footpath. Follow the wooded path, crossing Radcliffe Lane and then South Parade. When the path emerges on New Street turn left and then right into New Street Grove. Follow this along until you get to some steps, take these up to Carlisle Drive, keep going uphill and turn right when you get to Carlisle Road. At the railway bridge note the fine views towards Leeds and on a clear day well beyond this. For an idea of distance Ferrybridge power station is about 17 miles away. Across the road the tunnel entrance can be seen, sadly this can not be utilised at present. At the junction of Carlisle Road and Station Street there is another Greenway noticeboard. Note also the splendid architecture of The Royal public house, built to serve Greenside station. [15 mins]

Shortcut back to Pudsey: Follow Carlisle Road up to the cenotaph at Chapeltown, turn right and follow the road as it winds back to the traffic lights.

Section 4 (The Royal PH to Fox and Grapes PH)

A bit of walking on the pavement of quiet roads now, the train had a more direct route following the Greenside Tunnel, the eastern entrance can be seen best from the bridge on Carlisle Road. At the Royal pub turn left and follow Station Street, keeping the railway cutting on your left crossing Greenside and then follow Smalewell Road to the Fox and Grapes public house. [5 mins]



Greenside Station

Pudsey Greenside station opened to passengers in 1878 as a terminus station. Five years later the Greenside tunnel was completed which allowed passengers to travel through the station to Laisterdyke and Bradford. The station had several sidings where the housing of New Street Grove now sits. Along with Pudsey Lowtown the station closed in July 1964.

Section 5 (Fox and Grapes PH to Tyersal Lane)

At the Fox and Grapes descend using the Bridleway until it crosses the former railway bridge, the Western entrance to the tunnel is clearly visible from here. On drier days it is possible to walk right up to the entrance, though secured now so entry is not possible. Just after you cross the bridge look out for the large stone blocks on your right and head to these. Follow the track here and you are now on the embankment, the path is tree lined but occasionally there are gaps offering splendid views. When straying from the path beware the drop from embankment; sides are steep and the surface can be loose in places. After a while the path rises and then veers slightly left before descending steeply to Black Hey Farm. Be careful here as the path can be skiddy. You are now on Tyersal Lane, a left turn will take you to Bradford via the Holme Wood estate.[20 Mins]

Section 6 (Tyersal Lane to Pudsey)

Now is the time to head back to Pudsey by turning right and following the track down and then over Pudsey Beck. The track changes name here to Smalewell Road and climbs steadily to the junction with New Occupation Lane. Take the left turn here and then right into Alexandra Road. Cross the busy main road, Uppermoor and straight opposite this is a snicket which leads on to Tofts Road, Pudsey St. Lawrence cricket club should be on your right. Keep going along Tofts Road as it turns into a tree line footpath, the path opens out a bit as allotments are on either side. Descend down on to Church Lane then turn left back to the traffic lights. [25 mins]

Tunnel & Embankment

The Greenside Greenway has two impressive pieces of civil engineering - Greenside Tunnel and The Embankment. Greenside Tunnel opened in 1893 and is a gentle 'S' shape 616 yards in length. Unlike the tunnel, the Embankment is fully accessible; though now wooded, the sheer size of this structure is still impressive.

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