

Shustoke Walk

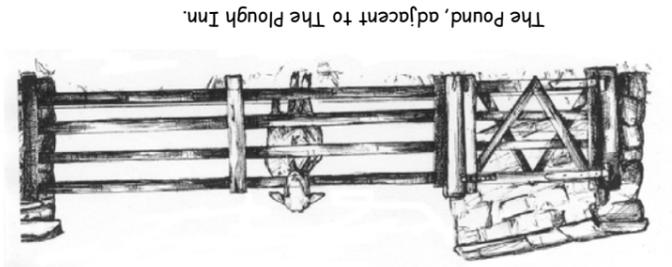


A circular walk, which contrasts a rich industrial heritage with scenic rural charm in the beautiful countryside around the village of Shustoke.



Points of interest

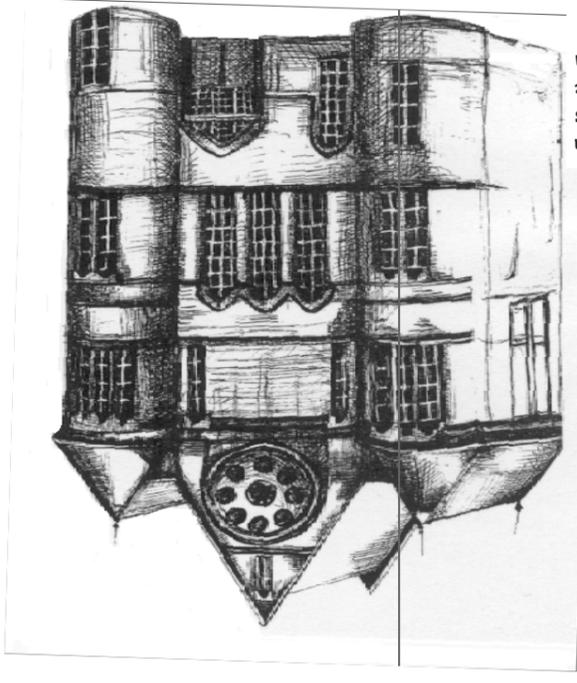
(A) The Plough Inn: Dating from 1790, this public house is a listed building which has retained many of its Georgian features. Adjacent to the Inn is The Pound, where sheep were penned. Ready for collection for market along with any stray animals awaiting to be claimed by their owners.



The Pound, adjacent to The Plough Inn.

(B) Whitacre Water Works: A prime example of Victorian industrial architecture, which supplied water from Shustoke Reservoir to Nuneaton and Coventry.

Right, the impressive Victorian building of Whitacre Waterworks which housed the beam pumps, one of which is preserved in Birmingham Science Museum.



(C) St Cuthberts Church: The original Church was Saxon. It was replaced in the Norman period, again in the 14th Century, and was completely altered in the Victorian era, following a fire in 1886. The Church contains the tomb of Sir William Dugdale, who was born nearby in the "Old Rectory".

(D) The Almshouses: Situated at what used to be the centre of Shustoke until the Plague in 1650, when the village moved to its present location. Part of the cottages were built on the site of the former village school



Goldfinches (right) are commonly seen around the fields and lanes of Shustoke and are easily identified by the yellow and red patches on the head. In the autumn and winter, they fly around in groups

(E) Daw Mill Colliery: The only working colliery in North Warwickshire, Daw Mill is a "super pit" and is a major local employer.

Length of walk

This walk is suitable for all the family. It is clearly way-marked, predominately across flat countryside, and provides a relaxing walk in a rural environment.

Main Route: 5 miles (approx. 2.5 hours)
 Cop Out: 2.75 miles (approx. 1.25 hours)



Starting Point

The walk starts from the centre of the village. Parking is available at the Plough Inn and at Shustoke Reservoir. Please park carefully as you will be away for some time.

Further Information

For further information on other circular walks in North Warwickshire, Countryside Events & Activities, and Cycleways, please contact North Warwickshire Borough Council, Community Development Division, The Council House, South Street, Atherstone, CV9 1BG, telephone (01827) 719207. More information about activities and events in Northern Warwickshire can be obtained by visiting the Northern Warwickshire Information Centre, Kingsbury Water Park, Bodymoor Heath Lane, Sutton Coldfield, Telephone (01827) 872660. If you find any problems on public footpaths, please contact Warwickshire County Council's Countryside Access Team on (01926) 410410.

For **HAPPY** walking follow the country code

- Enjoy the countryside and respect its life and work*
- Keep all dogs under control*
- Keep to public paths across farmland*
- Fasten all gates*
- Guard against the risk of fire*
- Use gates and stiles to cross fences, hedges and walls*
- Leave livestock, crops and machinery alone*
- Help to keep all water clean*
- Take your litter home*
- Protect wildlife, plants and trees*
- Make no unnecessary noise*
- Take special care on country roads*
- Follow the waymarkers which indicate the route of the walk*
- Wear strong water-proof footwear*



Illustrations: Shustoke Church & Church Farm by Susan K. Moore; The Pound & Whitacre Water Works by Alice Brown.