

SHERWOOD RISE WALK



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Walk No. 18

DESCRIPTION

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Area	Sherwood Rise, Carrington, New Basford & Forest Fields
Distance	c 3 miles/ 5km
Duration	c 2 hours
Maps and Information	This leaflet, street map, OS Explorer 1:25000 Map 260
Travel Information	Frequent buses on Mansfield Road, Hucknall Road and Sherwood Rise/ Nottingham Road www.nctx.co.uk
Terrain	Mostly flat pavements with some gentle slopes
Start/ Finish	Grosvenor Pub on Mansfield Road, just below the junction with Hucknall Road. NG5 2BY
Refreshments/ Facilities	Grosvenor Pub, Mansfield Rd; Gladstone Pub, Loscoe Road; Royal Oak Pub Nottingham Road. Shops on Mansfield Rd, Hucknall Rd and Nottingham Rd

Route alternatives / additions:

1: After E continue down Foxhall Road to Gregory Boulevard. Turn left and cross at Pedestrian Crossing to explore Forest Recreation (entrance near playground). Climb up through the trees towards Forest Road for good views back to Forest Fields including the Guy Birkin Factory. Return to start via Mansfield Road
2: At H further down Sherwood Rise on the right, First Second and Third Avenues in a conservation area can be explored. These are no through roads.

Cover images: clockwise from top left: Claremont Primary School, Forman Building (The Atrium), Hedley Villas Park, Guy Birkin Building (Maville Works)

THE ROUTE

A: From the **Grosvenor Pub**, turn north up Mansfield Road and cross Hucknall Road at the pedestrian crossing (opposite Massala Junction Restaurant). Turn left up Hucknall Road then first right onto Jenner Street by grassed area. Continue walking up Jenner Street, passing **Carrington Primary School** on your left, and continue onto Loscoe Road. Pass the **Gladstone Pub** to reach Church Drive with **Carrington Pottery** on the corner.

B: On Church Drive opposite the pottery, take the footpath into **Carrington Community Garden**. Follow a path through this onto Bernard Street. Turn left and walk to the end reaching Hucknall Road. Turn right and cross this at pedestrian crossing to read the former **Forman Building**, now **The Atrium**.

C (1): Turn right, walking in front of The Atrium and then first left onto Caxton Road. Keep straight ahead on Jensen Way with open grassed area on your left. As this road bends left continue ahead on **Plantin Road** through houses. Ahead of you is another grassed area and trees. These border the line of the former **Great Central Railway**. (With care, you can take a path through trees to look over the embankment to the former railway cutting, but do not descend further – for safe access see points of interest). Turn left, with the grass and trees on your right and follow the road round to return to the large green area. Walk round this and exit the estate the way you entered. Turn right to return to The Atrium.

C (2): From The Atrium continue down Hucknall Road, then turn right on Herbert Road. Take the path first left passing Ash Villas, then right (on Mayo Road), then left to reach Claremont Road. To your left are the elegant buildings of **Claremont Primary School**. Turn right to walk along Claremont Road. Take the first right, then left, then right again to re-join Herbert Road. Turn left to reach Nottingham Road opposite the **Djanogly City/ Sherwood Academy**.

D: Turn right, cross Nottingham Road at the zebra crossing and continue down to reach Sandon Street with **Royal Oak Pub** on the corner. Turn left on Sandon Street, noticing the house names (many “villas”) and an unusual house on the corner of Maud Street. At the end note view left to the **Guy Birkin factory (Maville Works)** but turn right past the derelict **Pelham Pub** and immediately left onto Duke Street.

E: Walk down Duke Street, crossing High Church Street. Here again note the view left to the **Birkin Factory**. There are some interesting industrial buildings in this area (e.g. Victoria Works further down High Church Street and Balham House which you pass). Continue on Duke Street to the next junction with Mount Street. There are views ahead to **Wollaton Hall** and **Bramcote Hills**, and to the NE (your right) of **Bulwell** (St Mary’s Church tower can be seen among trees). Turn left on Mount Street, passing another factory (former **Papyrus Works**) on your right to reach Beech Avenue.

F: Here a short detour can be taken by continuing ahead on Mount Street to the junction with Gladstone Street to see the impressive buildings of the former **Stanley Road Council School** and beyond this the still thriving **Forest Fields Primary School**. There are also views on the horizon of **All Saints Church in the Arboretum**. Our route, though, turns left along Beech Avenue to pass the derelict **Guy Birkin factory**. Beyond this as the road bends to the right turn left on Hedley Street to reach **Hedley Villas Park**, a surprising and attractive green space (and more “villas”). Opposite this park the “know you are loved” building was previously a pikelet factory. Follow road round turning left on Albany Road, then almost immediately right down East Grove. Cross Beech Avenue and Gladstone Street to continue down Foxhall Street and reach Berridge Road.

G: Turn left on Berridge Road. Further along on the left are the **Norris Almshouses** whose architect was Watson Fothergill. Cross Sherwood Rise at pedestrian crossing and turn right. Look back across the road at another **Watson Fothergill House** on the corner of Wiverton Street/ Third Avenue. Continue as far as Clumber Street.

H: Here note the **Polish Church** a little further down Sherwood Rise. There are also views to St Andrews Church on Mansfield Road. Turn left on Clumber Street and follow the road round to the right (now Pelham Avenue) passing Bluecoat Trent Academy which opened in 2021. On reaching Mansfield Road turn left to walk through the **John Farr Rest Garden**. Continue up Mansfield Road to return to the start.

POINTS OF INTEREST

Grosvenor Pub. There has been a pub on this site since the early 19th century, originally the Black's Head Inn. In 1873 John Robinson, the founder of Home Brewery, bought the pub and renamed it the The Grosvenor Hotel. There was extensive stabling for racehorses from the Forest racecourse. George Williamson, son of the landlord, was a leading jockey and won the Grand National in 1899. The pub was probably named after a racehorse that won on the Forest in 1890.

Carrington. Carrington began to develop as a village in 1825, when a triangular piece of land between Hucknall Road and Mansfield Road was sold at auction. William Surplice, the architect who designed St John's Church, drew up plans for the original plots around a triangular market place. Lace factories were built to the north of the market place. The houses were mostly demolished in the 1960's and the lace factories in 2008. Original cobbles can still be found on Wesley Grove near the school.

Gladstone Hotel. Built in 1882 the pub is named after the Prime Minister William Gladstone. George Fryer, a former England heavyweight boxing champion was one of the first landlords.

Forman Building. The printing works of Thomas Forman and Sons Ltd opened in 1926 and closed in 1999. Part of the building is now occupied by Tesco, and part by the Indian Community Centre Association.

Great Central Railway. Opened in 1899 from London Marylebone to Sheffield. In Nottingham the line came north from Nottingham Victoria Station. After Carrington Station the line passed through the Sherwood Rise tunnel, emerging just north of Herbert Road where the trajectory of the line can be seen today. This is now a conservation area. Carrington Station closed in 1928 due to competition from motor buses, but the New Basford station remained open until 1964. The line north of Nottingham Victoria closed in 1966. **The railway cutting and conservation area** that could be looked over from **Plantin Road** can be visited at the end of Camelot Avenue – accessed off Haydn Road.

Claremont Primary School. Opened in 1884, originally as Carrington Board Schools. The building was designed by T.C. Hine. During the First World War it was a hospital for wounded soldiers.

Guy Birkin Lace Factory. The now derelict and fire damaged building stands prominent on the skyline. Dating from 1896, it was part of the Maville Works. The large windows were designed to allow plenty of light to enter the working area. Guy Birkin lace business was founded in 1825, one of the oldest lace manufacturing businesses in the world. Manufacture of lace curtains began at the purpose built Maville works in 1869 with 42 lace curtain machines in operation.

Papyrus Works. These were formerly the warehouse and machine rooms for the Birkin Lace Factory.

Hedley Villas Park. This welcome green space hosts an annual Stuff of Life Festival which celebrates the heritage of three factories in the vicinity with a bread competition.

Norris Alms Houses. Designed by Watson Fothergill and commissioned by Mary S Norris (1827-1904) in memory of her brother John Smith Norris, they were erected in 1893 as eight almshouses for use by upperclass educated ladies over 60 years of age and of "reduced circumstances".

Polish Church. Our Lady of Czestochowa Church on Sherwood Rise was designed and paid for by the Polish community in the 1970s and opened in 1981. (source nottsheritagegateway.org)

John Farr Rest Garden. May once have been the "beautiful tea gardens" of Black's Head Inn (now the Grosvenor). John Farr was a chairman of Home Brewery.

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