

### 3: Heyroyd House

A Grade II Listed late hall house. Its 1777 classical front façade was probably added to the back of the original house. It has many features of a typical Georgian country house, including a Plantation, a baptismal well or plunge pool, a summer house, a range of ancillary buildings and two walled gardens. Heyroyd appears as a hamlet on early maps and the derivation of the name is thought to mean "high road".

### 4: Noyna Hill

Known locally as Noyna Rocks or just "Noyna" this prominence is unique in this area for having a wide, but not very high (122m or 400ft), rocky outcrop that is distinctive and well-known for walking and being a beauty spot. On summer evenings, swallows circle above these Rocks, which was once a quarry.



Noyna Hill

### 5: The Rough

The Rough is what remains of Lob Common on the fringe of Colne. It is inhabited each spring by countless ground nesting Curlews (an RSPB red-listed bird i.e. of the highest conservation priority) and their distinctive cry is the soundscape of this area.

The Upper Rough once contained Colne Corporation Water Works' reservoir. This was filled in during the 1980s, but the stone pumping house bearing its CCWW 1947 date stone still remains.



The Rough



Old Pump House

### 6: Lidgett & Bents Conservation Area

Of Anglo-Saxon origin, Lidgett means "animal or livestock gateway" and it was traditionally an area on the very fringe of settlements and pasture land. Along with the nearby settlement of Bents, Lidgett is designated as a Conservation Area and the two hamlets are described in the appraisal as "a very attractive rural place at the edge of Colne". Within Lidgett we can see the Grade II Listed buildings of the Turnpike House, adjacent to the roundabout and, higher up on the opposite side of the road, the 1749 former Lidgett Hall, surrounded by handloom weavers' cottages, with Heyroyd House further up the road. Several of these cottages are three storey, with pairs of loomshop windows to the first and second floors.



Curlew, often seen and heard on The Rough during nesting season

This circular walk follows public rights of way across farmland and other privately-owned land. Please respect people who live and work in the countryside.

Be prepared for muddy stretches, uneven path surfaces and weather conditions which change suddenly.

Be careful when crossing any roads.

- Take care to keep to the path
  - Keep dogs on a lead
  - Clean up after your dog
  - Wear waterproof boots
- Take waterproof clothing
- Follow the Countryside Code

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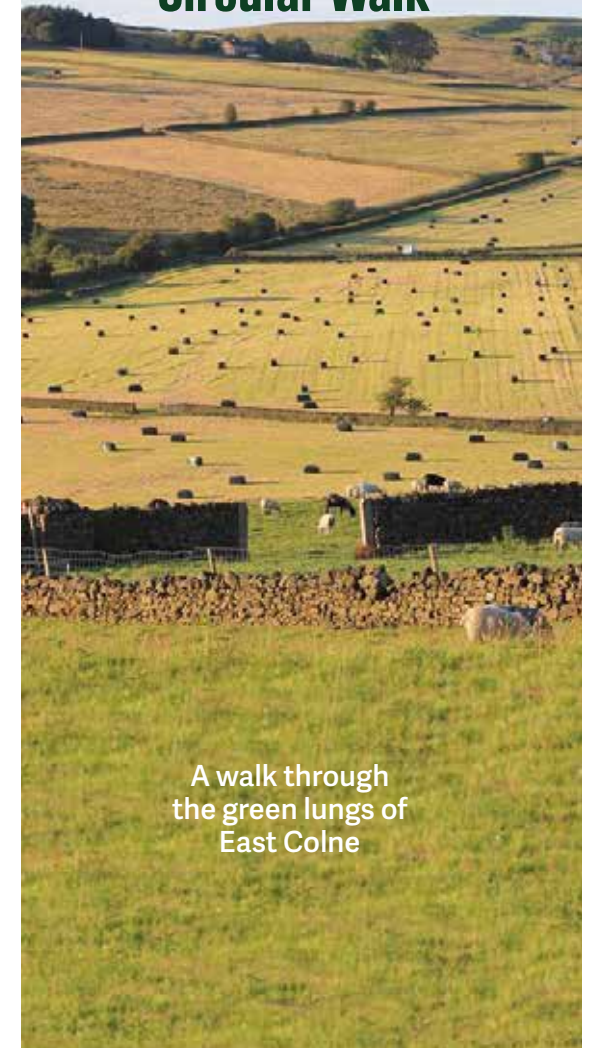
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## EAST COLNE WAY Circular Walk



A walk through  
the green lungs of  
East Colne

# EAST COLNE WAY

**Length:** 5 miles

**Time:** 2-3 hours

**Our walk starts from the car park at Ball Grove nature reserve. Along the route you will see stunning views of the local area and will pass through farmyards and across green open spaces like The Rough and Lidgett Triangle. You will also see some of East Colne's historic past including almshouses and weavers' cottages. At the end of the walk, relax and enjoy a pot of tea at Lakeside Café.**

- 1: From Lakeside Café, take the path to the left with **Ball Grove Lake** on your right, continue to join the main track. Turn left and continue beside Colne Water until an information board is reached. Bear left up the hill to reach Keighley Road - be careful when crossing to Spring Row cottages. Go right to see **Hartley Homes and Edward VII Post Box**. Retrace steps and continue along Keighley Road to the bus stop (Crow Nest) and footpath sign.
- 2: Follow footpath uphill crossing two rough fields, turn left onto the lane and continue to a gate leading into the field. Go straight ahead and through the next gate. Turn right and shortly left and by keeping to the slightly higher ground cross the field to the row of cottages, pass by the front of these and continue to the narrow road "Bents". Turn right.
- 3: At Skipton Old Road, turn right and then pass **Heyroyd House**. Take the waymarked path on the left crossing the field to the stone stile, continue ahead to reach Castle Road. Cross over and follow the sign posted footpath to the stone step stile onto Cockhill Lane.
- 4: Turn left, Colne Golf Course is on your right, continue past the track leading to Cock Hill Farm until reaching a stone stile. Noyna Hill is in front of you to the north. Take the stile and follow the path to a stone footbridge crossing Moss Beck, go over to the lane.
- 5: Follow the lane bearing left past Moss Houses Farm. At Little Moss House take the waymarked track right to Causeway Top. Continue through two gates and yards until reaching Ragstones Farm track. Through the squeeze stile and follow the field edge parallel to the farm track down to Whitehouse, pass around the barn corner and then join the track, continue until reaching a small gate on the left, go through into the field. Go straight down the field and then right along the path beside the wall of Lower Clough House, go through the small gate and bear right on the path until reaching a gate in the hedgerow at the field top. Turn left along the track to join Brownhill Lane.
- 6: Follow downhill and cross over Foulridge Upper Reservoir, a feeder to the Leeds Liverpool Canal and then uphill to leave the lane by a stone stile on the left. Continue along the footpath over three fields to reach the drive of Lower Clough House. Don't enter the drive but turn right uphill until reaching a gate, here join the drive and continue to Castle Road. Cross and follow footpath sign opposite onto **The Rough**.
- 7: Follow signed footpath forward through the gate and continue down the field towards an old boundary wall and rough tree line, cross a small drainage ditch and pass two stone stile posts, keep tree line and boundary wall to your left and continue downhill. When an old wall and gate post are reached, turn left and keep the drainage ditch to your right. Pass the old **Pump House** over to the left and follow the path down onto Skipton Old Road. Turn right towards the historic **Lidgett Cottages**.
- 8: Opposite these is the footpath, follow this and bear left onto fields known as the Lidgett Triangle. Continue on the path across this field heading to the corner of the hedge. Follow this round and then walk straight on with the wall on your right to the stone steps. Take these and continue straight ahead to the path leading to Bent Lane. Turn right passing Christ Church to Keighley Road. Be careful when crossing, go down the steps opposite, turning left at the road and then go through the car park making your way back to **Ball Grove Country Park**.



Foulridge Upper Reservoir

## POINTS OF INTEREST

### 1: Ball Grove Mill

This complex began as a water-powered, cotton spinning mill in 1784. In 1859, the now beam-engined mill with its 9,132 spindles was sold to William and John Sagar of Lidgett. The Sagers made extensions, including a building to process chamois leather. This tannery eventually traded independently and became the biggest in Europe. After production ceased in 1970, the local authority demolished all but one of the buildings which now is home to Ball Grove Cafe and turned the site into a Country Park and Nature Reserve.

### 2: Hartley Homes

A complex of 20 Grade II Listed almshouses, incorporating a central clock tower which were presented to the town of Colne in 1911 by Sir William Pickles Hartley, founder of the Hartley's jam empire, and Lady Hartley. The almshouses are of dressed local stone beneath a Westmorland slate roof and are arranged around three sides of a rectangle containing a communal landscaped garden.



Hartley Homes

**Edward VII Post Box.** Mounted in the wall to the right of Spring Row Cottages, is a post box whose overall design dates from 1882 and which remained the standard for wall boxes until being discontinued around 1931. During the reign of Edward VII, (1901 to 1910) the box was produced in two versions, this one being from 1901-1904 having plainer lettering than the later 1904-1910 box.



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View from the walk

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