

Trail 1 continued >>>>

12 Manor Lodge Victorian Hamlet



In Victorian times an industrial hamlet sprang up in the ruins of Manor Lodge, a former Tudor Manor House. The hamlet consisted of local farmers, cutlers and coal miners, and there were shops, a chapel and a beer house known as The Norfolk Arms. Within the ruins of Manor Lodge was...

13 The Wesleyan Methodist Chapel



The Chapel was founded by 'Praying' William Cowlshaw in the early 1800s. After witnessing the death of a sick man he turned from a rough and ready man who would spend a lot of time at the Manor cock-pit, a well known venue for cock-fighting and dog-fighting, to a preacher. A memorial chapel later replaced it and was built opposite to it, on the corner of Manor Park Crescent, in 1904, but was demolished in 1982.

(Images courtesy of Manor Lodge)

Walk back down Manor Lane to St Aidan's Church.

23 Note: Opposite, across City Road, is the former Church Hall (see No. 23 at the end of Trail 2).

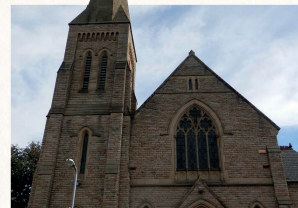
Trail 2 >>>>

St Aidan's Church > Manor Lodge Victorian Hamlet > Wesleyan Methodist Chapel > Victoria Methodist Church > Shrewsbury Hospital > Cholera Monument & Clay Wood > Norfolk Heritage Park > Flint's Farm > St Aidan's Church Hall

1 Start at St Aidan's Church. Go up Manor Lane to reach **12** Manor Lodge Victorian Hamlet and the **13** Wesleyan Methodist Chapel.

Then retrace your steps back down Manor Lane and turn right along Skye Edge Avenue. When you reach the open ground after the houses, note the **14** view across Don Valley towards Wincobank Hill.

Just as the road turns left downhill, go straight ahead on the footpath which descends to Fitzwalter Road and City Road. Cross City Road into the lower part of Fitzwalter Road to:



15 Victoria Methodist Church

Dated 1899 and built in a Gothic Revival style. Included amongst its memorials is a First World War memorial tablet.

At the crossroads opposite take Glencoe Road until it meets Talbot Street. Turn left and at the junction with Norfolk Road note the extensive view **16** across Sheffield City. Turn left into Norfolk Road to:

17 Shrewsbury Hospital



Gilbert Talbot, 7th Earl of Shrewsbury died in 1616 leaving in his Will a provision for the building of a hospital 'for the perpetual maintenance of twentie poor persons'. Then the word hospital meant more of a hostel. Its original location was beside Sheaf Bridge but it was subject to flooding and in 1811 some residents actually drowned. In 1823 the hospital was rebuilt in its current location on Norfolk Road in a gothic style.

Then cross Norfolk Road to:



18 Cholera Monument and Clay Wood

The Cholera Monument remembers 339 of the 402 Sheffield victims of cholera in 1832. This piece of land was given by the 12th Duke of Norfolk so that those who died could be buried quickly, thus helping to stop the disease from spreading. Clay Wood is the remains of an ancient spring wood. It was mentioned in a 1637 land survey and is named after Mr Joseph Clay who leased the site in the 1700s.

Then, facing the city from the viewpoint behind the monument, turn left and follow the tarmac footpath ahead to enter the woods and follow the rear of the houses on Norfolk Road, eventually to meet Granville Road, where you turn left and immediately right into Norfolk Park Road. Continue to then cross the road and enter (to the left):

19 Norfolk Heritage Park



A park with a rich history, it was one of the country's first free public parks and opened in 1848. In her Jubilee year in 1897, Queen Victoria visited the park and 50,000 schoolchildren sang for her. Apparently, she never got out of her carriage during her visit to Sheffield that day.

The grandfather of long-time local resident Erica Fidment was one of the schoolchildren and she still has his song sheet from the day.

Continue straight up along the main park drive. An alternative route to the top via **20** *Jervis Clough* offers a more rustic (and sometimes muddy) option.

Follow the drive round to the left at the top, noting the view **21** from the top.

Exit Norfolk Heritage Park onto St Aidan's Road.

22 Flint's Farm

This used to be at the end of St Aidan's Road. They delivered milk. That area was all farm and fields which is hard to imagine now. Susan Nixon's mum remembered there were always pear trees growing along there.

Continue left along St Aidan's Road to the junction with City Road and the end of the walk, noting:

23 St Aidan's Church Hall



Pete and Geoff Stringfellow hired the hall in August 1962 for £2.10s per week to set up the Black Cat Club. This increased to £6 in June 1963 and acting as DJs they invited crowd-pullers such as Screaming Lord Sutch, The Searchers and Freddie and the Dreamers. A visit by The Beatles was scheduled but their growing popularity meant that a change of venue to Gleadless was needed.

The hall was eventually sold to the Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ as it had to remain as a church building.

Trail 3 >>>>

Pit Hill Slag Heap > Carbrook Ravine Nature Reserve

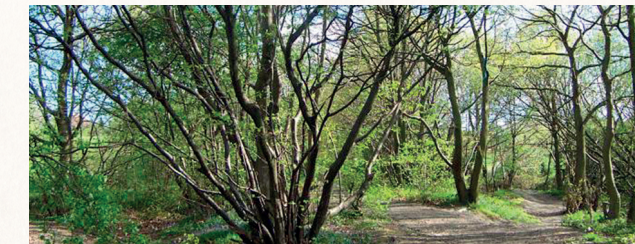
Trail 3 follows Trail 1 as far as:

9 Pit Hill Slag Heap

Turn left down Pit Lane to reach a tarmac path behind the school to *top of open ground* **24** then follow the footpath downhill to pass behind St Teresa's Church and School, crossing Woodrove Avenue and continuing down over the grass to reach Castlebeck Avenue beside a derelict pub. Cross, turn left and then shortly turn right onto the footpath through:

25 Carbrook Ravine Nature Reserve

A place to see beautiful birds, fascinating fungi and to go on woodland wanderers.



(Pictures 1 and 2 courtesy of Wildlife Trust for Sheffield and Rotherham)

Follow the path into the wood, keeping ahead until veering left after crossing a stream. Continue down with the stream on your right, veering left at the bottom to reach a pond **26**. Past the pond follow the path slightly right and almost immediately, bearing left through the wood and then grassy open space to reach a path up to the Parkway/Prince of Wales Road roundabout.

Cross straight over here (or use the underpass) and then follow the footpath (Cycle Route 627) through the hedgerows to **27** *Corker Bottoms*. Take the left fork here and continue with the allotments on your

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i About Manor Memories

Manor Memories was a project run in 2013 by the Sheffield Manor Parish with funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund as part of their All Our Stories initiative.

The project had two key components: collecting and recording oral histories of residents, past and present, of the Manor Parish; and researching the heritage of the local area. The Manor Parish covers a large area including the Manor estate and parts of Norfolk Park. It incorporates Prince of Wales Road, City Road, Granville Road and everything in-between.

The overall aim of the project was to produce a booklet and a DVD, along with this walking trail of the area and packs for the local schools. The project was very important to us because we wanted to make sure that stories are not lost but get passed on to future generations. It also brought together members of the community with a common goal.

This walking trail takes in all the important landmarks in the parish, one or two of which are no longer there but live on in the memories of local residents, past and present. We hope that you enjoy following the different trails and looking at the lovely scenery and landscapes that the Manor Parish has to offer.

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The Three Trails

All trails start and finish at St Aidan's Church at the junction of City Road and Manor Lane.

Trail 1

Approx 4.5 miles

Allow 2.5 – 4 hours

Trail 2

Approx 3.5 miles

Allow 1.75 – 2.75 hours

Trail 3

Approx 6 miles

Allow 3 – 5 hours

Trail 1 >>>>

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1 St Aidan's Church



A church has stood on this site since 1912. Originally a mission church largely constructed out of wood, it was replaced in 1933 by the current church (although the interior has been much altered over the years) which cost £8,000. Local resident, Betty Frost, remembers doing the conga from St Aidan's to the church hall across the road on New Year's Eve.

Go up Manor Lane, right into Warley Road and turn left up Dovercourt Road. Then right at the top into City Road Cemetery.

2 City Road Cemetery

Originally known as Intake Cemetery, as City Road was then Intake Road. It opened in 1881 and covers 100 acres. The first burial was in May 1881 and was of a young boy named Emmanuel Reid.

The first cremation took place in April 1905. On the left, just before the dilapidated RC Chapel, note the *Belgian Memorial* (3). Sheffield hosted 3,000 Belgian refugees during WW1, and this memorial is to the soldiers and civilians who died here.



Further on, on the right is the *Sheffield Blitz Memorial* (4). 134 victims of the Sheffield Blitz (12th and 15th December 1940) are buried in a communal grave. Some of the victims' names can be seen on the marble blocks embedded into the walls of the Blitz Garden.

Turn left as you exit the memorial, towards the top of the cemetery and the chapel.

5 On a fine day there's an extensive view SW to the Peak District from the top of the steps.

Descend the steps to exit the cemetery onto City Road and turn left.

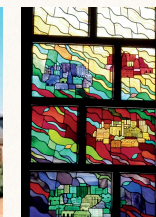
6 Deep Pits Chapel and Institute



Where the petrol station is now on City Road. Some people remember this as a corrugated iron or tin building. Others remember a wooden structure (picture shows the tea ladies outside it on opening day in 1920). It was a place of worship. Former resident Patrick Roe used to play on the square piece of ground at the side with his friends and the caretaker used to come and chase them off.

Turn left (past the Convenience store) into Manor Fields and walk diagonally right, following the street lamps, to exit onto bottom of Cary Road. Up Cary Road to:

7 St Swithun's Church



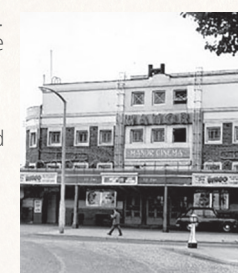
This church was built in 1990 after the original 1929 church building was demolished due to subsidence.

The church features some beautiful stained glass windows.

On the roundabout past St Swithun's take the second turning on the right up Windy House Lane, 3rd left along Queen Mary Road to Prince of Wales Road, then right to Manor Top.

8 Manor Cinema

Where Poundland is now at Manor Top. A typical picture palace which was more like a theatre. Usherettes showed you to your seat if the film had started. It opened in 1927 and closed in 1969. Patrick and Veronica Roe met there and later married. Local lady Susan Nixon recalls her first film was *Snow White* and the *Seven Dwarfs* – the wicked queen frightened her so much she used to slide down her seat to hide from her!



As a brief optional extension, cross Prince of Wales Road and head down Mansfield Road to:

9 Pit Hill Slag Heap

This was on the site of the former fire station on the corner of Pit Lane. Susan Nixon's mum Ada, and her friend Mary Dyson, used to tell her that they were warned not to go near to the pit hills because they were always catching fire naturally.

24 Note: Trail 3 continues from here >>>>

To continue Trail 1 return to Manor Top, cross and turn right down Prince of Wales Road, taking the third turning left into Fairleigh. At the roundabout continue to the right of St Swithun's Church, down Bassledene Road. At the end, continue straight ahead onto the footpath on Manor Fields, bearing right at the end to enter Raynald Road. Turn left into Raynald Road and after a short distance turn left along a path opposite Archdale Road and then right, back onto Manor Fields. Follow the grassy path right until it emerges on Harbourough Avenue. Turn left to:

10 William Temple Church

A joint Anglican-Methodist church built in 1957, and home to a wide range of community activities and services.



Continue down Harbourough Avenue and left at the roundabout into Manor Park Centre. Walk past the shops then right through snickets and through Seaton Fields, then right and left to reach Manor Lane opposite Manor Oaks Farm.

11 Anti-Aircraft Battery

(Photo courtesy of Manor Lodge)



During the First World War Manor Oaks Farm held a strategic importance as it was located on a hill in the centre of Sheffield. An anti-aircraft battery was established to see off early forms of aerial bombardment from Zeppelin raids. Apparently the guns didn't fire during a 1916 Zeppelin raid as all the officers were attending a function at Cutler's Hall in Sheffield. Just after the Second World War, 15 homeless families started squatting in the disused military huts on the opposite side of Manor Lane, which were built during the war.

Carry on up Manor Lane past Manor Lodge and the Turret House.