

# STAVELEY WALKING TRAIL



Hollingwood Hub - 1.3 mi

Rother Valley Country Park - 5.5 mi ↗

Poolsbrook Country Park - 2 mi ↗



- Walking Trail
- Stepped Access
- Viewpoint
- Car Park
- Toilets
- Cafe

In the town centre there are a range of cafes and pubs, to take a cuppa and comfort break.

## DIRECTIONS

- 1** **START...** at Staveley Hall and head south towards the church through the gate in the wall, turning right onto Church Street
- 2** Continue along High Street to Market Square
- 3** Cross the square towards the far left-hand corner, to Barnfield Close.
- 4** Carefully cross Barnfield Close, turn right and then follow the road round to the left and down the hill to Mill Green Bridge.
- 5** Turn right after crossing the bridge, and follow the canal towpath towards Constitution Hill Bridge.
- 6** Continue along the towpath towards Staveley Canal Basin or you can cross the bridge and head up Constitution Hill back to the church for a shorter route.
- 7** Cross under Hall Lane via the underpass and bear left along the trail to the gate onto Hall Lane. Turn left and proceed up Hall Lane to the Library.
- 8** Directly across the road at the Library you can find a path back to Staveley Hall (next to the 40 speed limit sign) or follow the road round to the Duke Street roundabout and go up the driveway to the Hall.

**FINISH...** back at Staveley Hall.

↓ Staveley Miners Welfare F.C. - 0.1 mi

Poolsbrook Country Park - 0.6 mi ↘

## LANDMARKS: LOOKING TO THE PAST



**THE CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST** has been built and restored over the centuries. The first mention of a church on this site is in the Domesday Survey of 1086. The high altar, which is made of limestone, is said to be the largest single slab altar in Europe. One special feature in the church is the Miners Shrine, as Staveley was formerly a mining town. A statue of St Michael, a lump of coal and an ever-burning lamp are a tribute to those who work in dangerous places.



**MILL GREEN BRIDGE** was built in 1777. This traditional stone bridge shows signs of repair over the ages, and is supported with cast iron arched beams underneath - which reduces the height of the bridge somewhat!



**STAVELEY'S PUBLIC LIBRARY** was built in 1932, at a cost of £5,879.

## ACCESSIBILITY

The total route of **1 MILE** has two fairly steep hills, but no steps. The easier way round the route is to go clockwise, so that you go down Mill Green and up Hall Lane. Try walking the route in both directions, so that you see different viewpoints and get a change in your workout each time. To get to and from Constitution Hill you need to cross over the Canal by the bridge, which has steps up and down it.

## INTRODUCTION



**STAVELEY TOWN DEAL** was awarded £25.2m in March 2021. This funding is to support projects designed to help to regenerate the Staveley area with and for the community. The Town Deal will create new jobs and training opportunities, provide new business units, improve community facilities and make the most of Staveley's green spaces. The funding will run until March 2026, by which time you should be able

to see the changes and improvements which have been made. More information about the Town Deal and the individual projects can be found on the Chesterfield Borough Council website: [www.chesterfield.gov.uk/staveley-town-deal](http://www.chesterfield.gov.uk/staveley-town-deal)

This Walking Trail will take you to where some of the projects are and enable you to see the changing landscape in the Staveley area.

## HEALTH BENEFITS

**WALKING** is a great way to explore the centre of Staveley. This route takes you through some of Staveley's main streets, with its historic buildings, and down to the peace and tranquillity of the Chesterfield Canal. See how these areas change over time – especially High Street and Market Square, through the Staveley 21 Town Centre Improvement project.

The total distance of the walk is **1 MILE** – although it can be made shorter by cutting up or down Constitution Hill (known locally as

Little Hill) – these shorter routes are each about half a mile in length but do include crossing the Chesterfield Canal by a bridge with steps up and down.

Find out more about local walking groups at: [walkderbyshire.org.uk](http://walkderbyshire.org.uk)

**1 MILE OF WALKING**  
= roughly **2,000 STEPS**  
and burns about **100 CALORIES** (or probably a few more as the route has a fairly steep hill to climb!)

## CONNECT WITH NATURE

**WHILST ON YOUR WALK, TAKE SOME TIME TO CONNECT WITH THE NATURE AROUND YOU.**

On the path up Constitution Hill there are benches where you can sit and relax in the calm and quiet amongst the trees. Take some deep breaths and observe the nature around you – it is a great way to de-stress and boost your health.



Walk along the Canal towpath (the Cuckoo Way – named after the boats which worked the canal, not the birds!) and watch the patterns of the ripples on the water, look for swans, geese and other water birds – you might even be lucky enough to spot a Kingfisher! A short detour will take you to the Canal Basin at the bottom of Hall Lane. Sit awhile and enjoy the peaceful lapping of the water. The Staveley Waterside project will bring new life to this area, and you will be able to enjoy watching it grow and develop.

## VIEWPOINT

**HALL LANE** used to lead to a medieval deer park but from the top, by the Library building, you can now see three of the Town Deal projects:

- **CHESTERFIELD CANAL RESTORATION**
- **STAVELEY WATERSIDE PROJECT**
- **HARTINGTON INDUSTRIAL PARK**

You can also see over to Barrow Hill where three more projects are based – DRIVe, Barrow Hill Memorial Hall and Staveley-Barrow Hill Railway Station.

See how the landscape changes over time. Where once there were brownfield sites and reclamation projects, this area is set to see exciting new developments, both as part of the Staveley Town Deal and through other initiatives.

## LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

As the Town Deal projects progress you will be able to see how Staveley is looking to the future, to ensure the maximum benefits for the community. See how many changes you can spot over time:

- **STAVELEY 21**  
Funding will be used to refurbish the Market Square, refresh the high street, help businesses to improve their shop fronts, improve walking connections around the town centre and create new digital connectivity.
- **CANAL RESTORATION**  
As well as improving footpaths, works include reconstruction of 850m of canal channel, two new bridges and a new lock.
- **WHEELS TO WORK**  
will support people into employment by providing environmentally friendly transport for those who have limited options.
- **IMPROVING OUTDOOR SPACE**  
Trees will be planted, paths and connections to the Trans-Pennine Trail improved and green spaces preserved and supported.
- **THE CONSTRUCTION SKILLS HUB**  
will provide training to young people seeking to reskill on a live construction site.
- **SMWFC ACADEMY**  
has improved the car park near to the Chantry Playing Fields, and will create a new education facility at the ground.



## FIND OUT MORE

Scan the QR code to visit the Staveley Town Deal website.

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