

# THE PARISHES OF Barlborough and Clowne

The Monnies Heritage Walk links the two historic villages of Barlborough and Clowne in the District of Bolsover and County of Derbyshire.

The walk begins in the village of Barlborough, formerly known as 'Barleburg' and documented in the Domesday Book of 1086. To find out more about the history of this village visit Barlborough Heritage Centre on Ward Lane which houses a vast collection of photographs, documents and artifacts.

Take time to visit Barlborough Country Park. The park boasts many facilities including a children's play park, adventure playground, multisports court, football pitches and a wildflower reserve alongside a community fruit orchard.



The parish of Clowne also named Clune takes its name from the many springs in the parish. Lying east of the village is Hollin Hill and Markland Grips that form part of the Limestone escarpment. During the Roman period this area was occupied as a fort. Up until recent times the villagers worked the land and mined the coal from local pits.

In 2020 a new walking and cycling trail was opened to the public. The new Clowne Greenway follows the old Clowne Branchline Railway from Creswell to Staveley linking up to the Transpennine Trail.

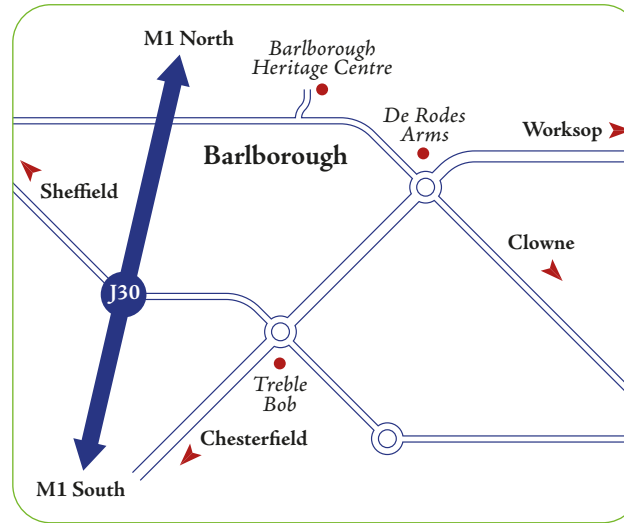
In 1586 the plague reached Derbyshire and villagers from Barlborough, Clowne and other villages died as a result of this terrible disease. The Monnies or Monument Field was documented as being the place where the plague victims were buried.

This leaflet illustrates the walk around the Barlborough Links Golf Course and follows part of the Slayley Hill Bridleway where views of the Peak District can be seen on the horizon. In the summer months look out for the Wyche Elm trees which give a home to the rare White Letter Hairstreak butterflies.



## Barlborough

Barlborough is situated off Junction 30 of the M1 motorway. It is within easy travelling distance of Sheffield, Chesterfield and Worksop.



### Take care when walking and follow the Country Code:

- ◆ Enjoy the countryside and respect its life and work
- ◆ Discover new footpaths and bridleways of the Bolsover District
- ◆ Join with family and friends for a walk in the countryside
- ◆ Take your litter home
- ◆ Keep your pets under close control
- ◆ Protect wildlife, plants and trees
- ◆ Guard against risk of fire
- ◆ Close gates and respect rural buildings
- ◆ Enjoy the exercise and walk to your heart's content

## Public Transport

### Derbyshire bus Traveline:

0871 200 22 33

### Rail:

03457 48 49 50

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### Walk Directions

- 1 The walk starts from Barlborough Heritage Centre on Ward Lane, postcode S43 4JD. From the car park walk down to High Street and turn left. At The Cross bear right into Church street and continue to the De Rhodes Arms crossing over the roundabout into Clowne Road.
- 2 Follow the road past Barlborough Country Park, go over the roundabout and take the marked footpath on the right. Follow the footpath all around the perimeter of Barlborough Links Golf Course to Slayley Hill Lane.
- 3 Turn right and walk down the hill to reach a marked footpath on the right which passes around the Amazon Distribution Centre.
- 4 Upon reaching the lake on the Links walk around the righthand bank and take the grassy path leading to Oxcroft Way. Take care crossing the busy road to enter Ash Close. At the top of Ash Close cross the road and enter Slayley Green. Walk up through The Green, cross Slayley View Road and at the three flowering planters take the left hand path to reach the pedestrian crossing on Chesterfield Road.
- 5 Use the crossing to access New Road. Walk up the hill to reach the start of the walk on Ward Lane.





# Points of Interest

## 1 Fox & Magpie Tree Sculpture

The tree sculpture was completed in 2015 by artist Andrew Tebbs. It depicts flora and fauna to be seen along the first Fox and Magpie Heritage Trail which takes in the spring beauty of High Wood bluebells.



## 2 Barlborough Village Sign

The traditional sign on the Village Green illustrates the historic buildings with the links to the local farming and coal mining heritage.

## 3 Golden Gate And Memorial Garden

The Golden Gate Mosaic Archway was erected in 1869 by William Hatfield Rodes in memory of his wife Sophy Felicite. The inscription

'The Lord watch over me and thee while we are absent from one another' is written in Hebrew, Latin and Greek. Look out for the Little Soldier Mosaic in the stone bus shelter.

The Memorial Garden was established by the Barlborough Parish Council in 1951 to commemorate the local men who died in the first and second World Wars. Every year in November a service takes place to dedicate their names in an act of remembrance.



## 4 Parish Church Of St. James The Greater

Built in the mid 12th century on or near the site of an earlier Saxon Church. In 2014 an ancient Saxon stone coffin was unearthed in the churchyard. The northern part of the church is the oldest part of the building and in recent years vigorous fund raising has taken place to repair the roof and windows.



## 5 Chandos Pole Alms House

Built in 1752 by Margaret and Mary Pole to house six poor parishioners. The building was modernised in the 1980's and now contains four apartments. Look for the Barlborough Donkey on the left hand wall leading to the Barlborough Medical Practice.

## 6 Church Institute

The main building was constructed in 1908 with later additions to the building in 1937. Over the years the Institute has been the main community building to serve the village. During the Second World War it was used for the purpose of educating the young people who were evacuated from Lowestoft. Older residents will look back fondly at the building where social events were organised to bring people together for lantern shows, dances and Barlborough Jazz Band to lift the spirits during times of conflict.

## 7 Barlborough Country Park

Barlborough Country Park was established after the Slayley Opencast Coal Site finished its excavations early in 1991. The Park has developed over the years by tree planting and establishing recreational and sporting facilities. The northern part of the Park, formerly an old quarry, has been designated a Local Wildlife Site by Derbyshire Wildlife Trust. This site is part of the magnesian limestone strata that extends from Creswell Crags to County Durham.

## 8 Barlborough Links Golf Course

Part of this walk follows the footpath around the perimeter of Barlborough Links Golf Course which was put in place when the Slayley Opencast Coal Mine started its excavations. The first part of the pathway has been undertaken with kind permission from the proprietors of the Golf Course.



## 9 Barlborough No.1 Colliery

The small settlement of West Lea in Clowne lying to the west of the footpath was the site of Barlborough No.1 Colliery sunk in 1873 and at its height employed 550 men. It was renamed Oxcroft No. 3.



## 10 Midland Railway Branch Line

The single track branch railway line was established in the 1870's to carry coal from Barlborough No.1 Colliery down to Staveley and the wider rail networks. A new planning venture by Derbyshire



County Council, the new owner, is to turn this disused railway track into a multi-user Clowne Greenway which will link up with the Trans Pennine Trail in Staveley.

## 11 The Monnies

The sloping hillside on the east side of the lake s marked

Parson's Folly on old maps of the village. This site was reported to be where the Barlborough and Clowne victims of the Great Plague 1586-1606 were buried and was named the Monnies Field or Monument Field.

## 12 Barlborough Primitive Methodist Chapel

Barlborough Methodist Chapel was built in 1913. The Chapel Schoolroom situated behind the Chapel building is a modern community resource used by a number of groups.

