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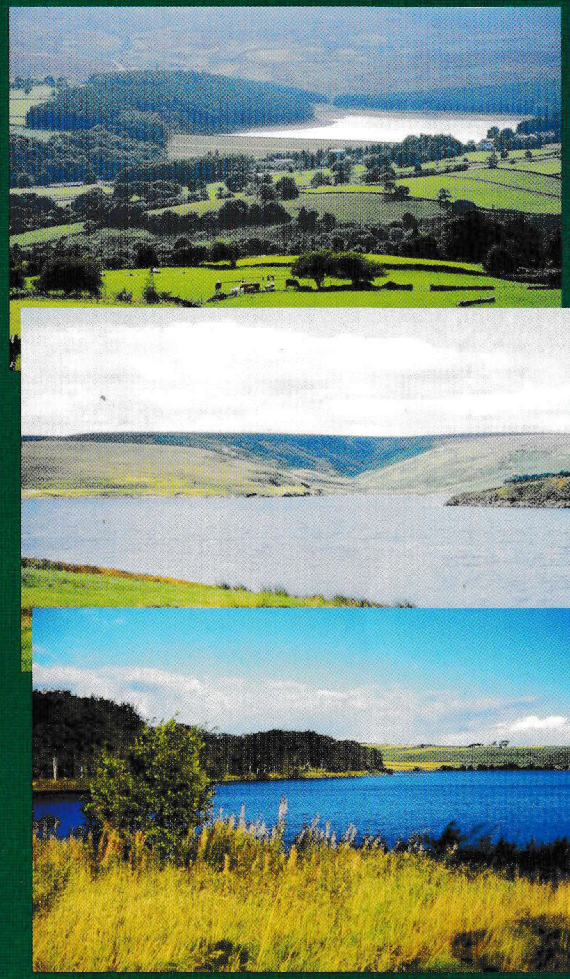

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BARNSLEY BOUNDARY WALK

The Barnsley Boundary Walk is made up of twelve short walks joined to form a continuous route some 73 miles (117 km) in length, mainly through the Metropolitan Borough of Barnsley, but also in parts of Kirklees, Wakefield, Doncaster, and Sheffield.

You can join the route at any point and enjoy one or more sections to suit your time and energies, and travel arrangements.

This leaflet is one of a series of six designed not only to show you the route but also to point out and explain many of the interesting facts and features to be discovered along this very popular walking way.

The walk roughly follows the boundary of the Metropolitan Borough of Barnsley through a great variety of landscapes from the moorland of Dunford, the wooded environs of Wharncliffe, the historic parks at Cannon Hall, Bretton and Wortley, and the wetlands of the Lower Dearne. Landscapes rich in social, economic and natural history.

As you enjoy the Boundary Walk please respect the interests of those who live and work in the countryside.

Further Information

If you have any comments on the Boundary Walk, encounter any difficulties en route, or would like information on other walks and rides in Barnsley, including the Trans Pennine Trail, please contact: Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council, Environmental Services, Public Rights of Way, PO Box 601, Barnsley, S70 9FA. Tel: (01226) 772142. E-mail: publicrightsofway@barnsley.gov.uk.

For details about the Trans Pennine Trail contact The TPT Office c/o Barnsley Council, PO Box 597, Barnsley, S70 9EW. Tel: (01226)772574.

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Waymarked Walk No. 11

LANGSETT to WINSCAR

Starting Point
Langsett Barn Car Park.

Distance
5.7 miles (9.2 km).

Time
Allow yourself up to four hours for exploring at a leisurely pace.

Footwear
This section includes open moorland which can be wet and windy. Choose appropriate footwear .

Waymarks
The route is waymarked with a distinctive **B** circled with arrows.

How to get there
The villages around the route are served by bus services and some railway stations. Nearby bus stops are shown.

You can make your own travel arrangements using the South Yorkshire Travel Line; Tel: (01709) 515151.

If you do use a car please use the car parks where these exist, and be considerate of others when parking elsewhere.

Additional Information

The route is covered by OS Explorer Maps No's:-
OL1 The Peak District, Dark Peak and map 278 Sheffield and Barnsley

A Moorland Experience ...

The attractive and historic village of Langsett provides a gateway into the north eastern area of the Peak District National Park. The advent of the turnpike road and the reservoirs dramatically changed the original agricultural community. The process of change continues as various recreational activities now superimpose on the traditional rural economy.

Yorkshire Water welcome visitors to the area surrounding Langsett Reservoir. The walk follows well defined paths to the north and west of the Reservoir to emerge at Swinden with the prospect of open moorland before us.

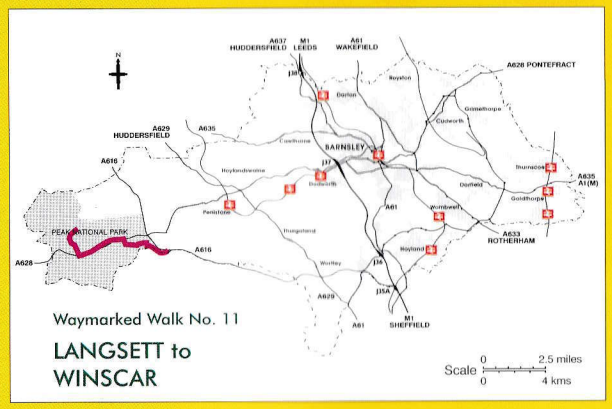
Crossing the A628 leads to the Snow Road and the bridleway across Thurlstone Moors.

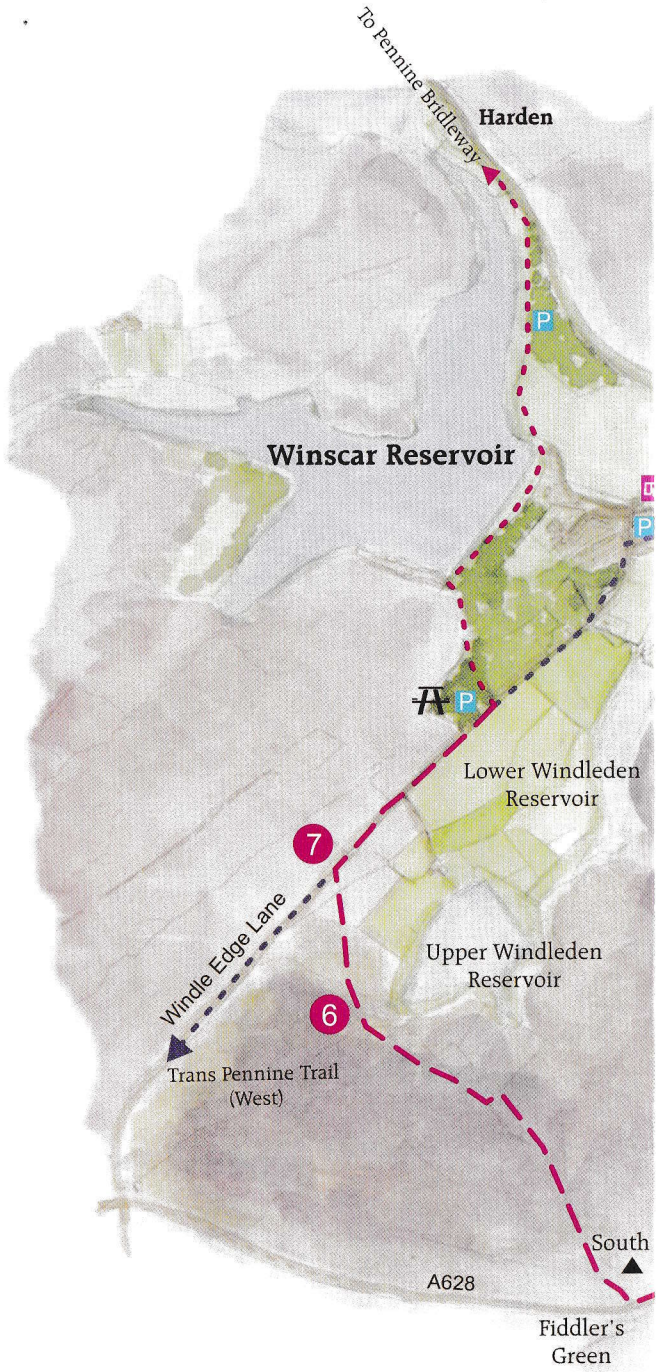
Water catchment again influences the scene as first Windleden and then Winscar Reservoir come into view.

This in parts is wild open moorland in sharp contrast to the softer, gentler landscapes of the east of Barnsley Borough.

Winscar Reservoir







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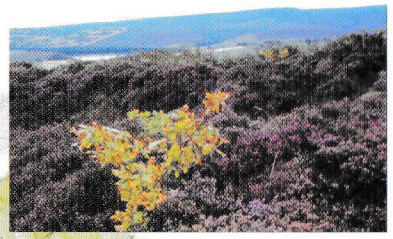
Hartcliffe Hill in full bloom



1 Our walk starts at Langsett on the busy A616. The village caters for visitors with a car park, public toilets and picnic site at Langsett Barn. There is a Café and Public House. Camping is available nearby.

The impressive Langsett Barn dates from 1621 and was renovated in 1992.

Leave the car park and follow the footpath via Langsett Bank. Langsett Reservoir, completed in 1904, supplies north Sheffield with up to 60,000 cubic metres of water per day.

2 At the wide track above Brook House Bridge turn right onto Brook House Lane alongside Hagg Brook, then left onto the wide track running parallel to Badger Lane Brook. At the end of the track bear right onto Swinden Lane (bridleway).

3 At the edge of open country at a gate bear right and follow the track to meet the main A628 road at Ellerslie Lodge.

4 Carefully cross the A628 by the Dog and Partridge Public House and follow the Snow Road track, the original turnpike, for 1½ miles.

5 At Fiddler's Green pass the remains of the Plough and Harrow Inn, continue and then turn right onto the bridleway to cross Thurlstone Moors heading towards Upper Windleden Reservoir.

6 Descend to cross west of Upper Windleden Reservoir then climb the hill diagonally to meet the road at Windle Edge Lane.

7 Turn right and walk to the Yorkshire Water car park and picnic site at Winscar Reservoir where our walk ends.

View of Thurlstone Moors

Waymarked Walk No. 12

WINSCAR to INGBIRCHWORTH

Starting Point
Winscar Reservoir.

Distance
9.5 miles (15.2 km).

Time
Allow yourself half a day or longer to enjoy this strenuous walk.

Footwear
Some sections can have wet, muddy or uneven ground. Choose appropriate footwear.

Waymarks
The route is waymarked with a distinctive **B** circled with arrows.

How to get there
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Big Skies over a Watery Landscape ...

Beyond Winscar Reservoir and Harden, the walk leaves the Peak District National Park behind and departs the Barnsley boundary for a brief excursion into Kirklees District around Hepworth. This departure provides a flavour of *'Last of the Summer Wine'* country.

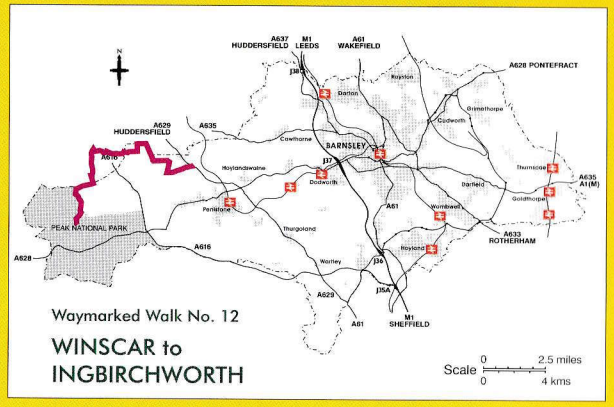
Hepworth is also visited by the Kirklees Way, a long distance route through the equally varied landscapes of Kirklees District.

Beyond Hepworth we climb back to the elevated landscape of Low Common. We follow quiet lanes through a patchwork of drystone walled fields, big skies and long views descending gradually to Ingbirchworth Reservoir.

A last short climb and final descent brings us to Ingbirchworth village and the end of our journey.

Ingbirchworth Reservoir & Royd Moor

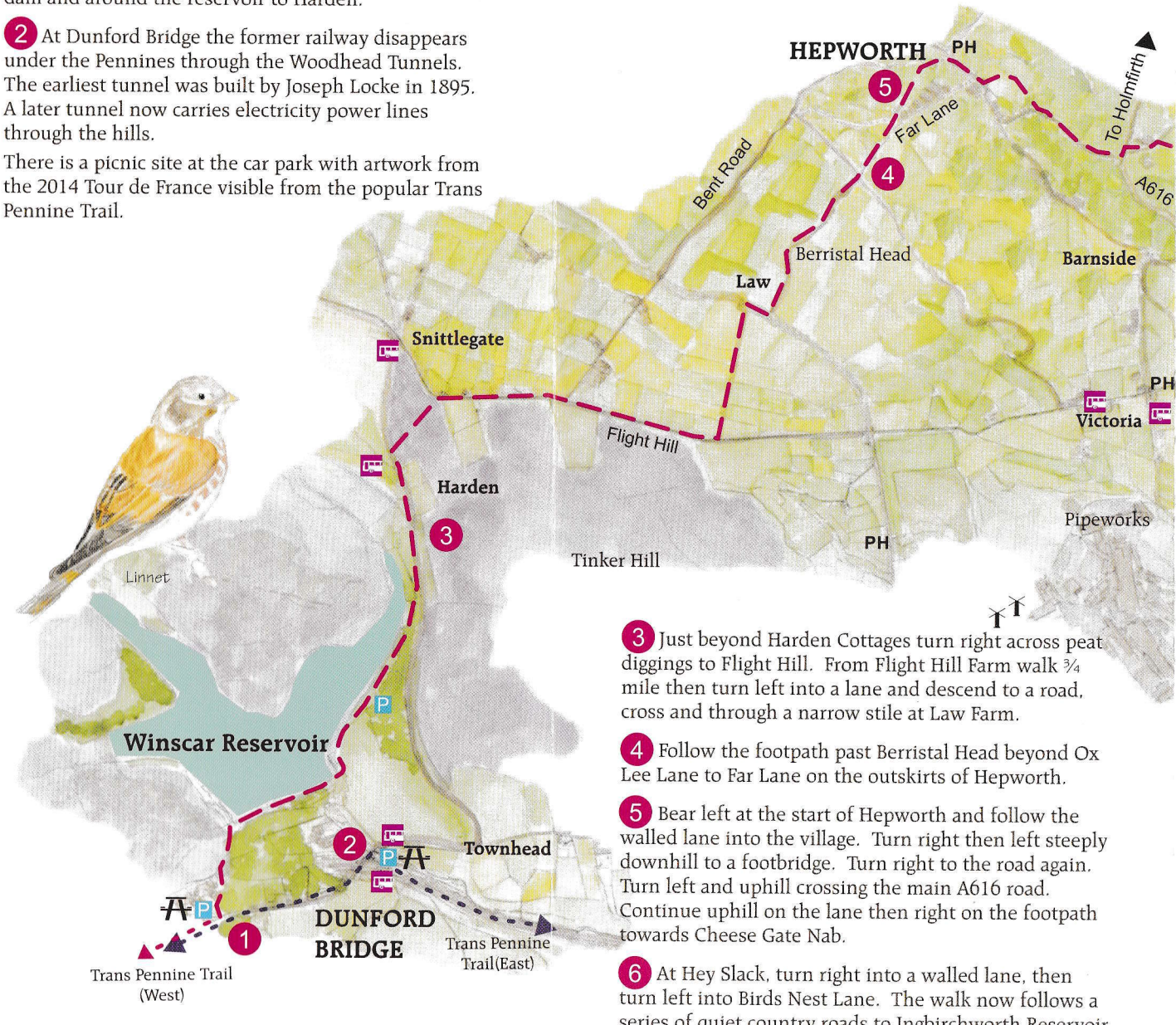




1 Our walk starts at the car park and picnic site at Winscar Reservoir, off Windle Edge. The reservoir is a popular sailing venue. Follow the footpath over the dam and around the reservoir to Harden.

2 At Dunford Bridge the former railway disappears under the Pennines through the Woodhead Tunnels. The earliest tunnel was built by Joseph Locke in 1895. A later tunnel now carries electricity power lines through the hills.

There is a picnic site at the car park with artwork from the 2014 Tour de France visible from the popular Trans Pennine Trail.



3 Just beyond Harden Cottages turn right across peat diggings to Flight Hill. From Flight Hill Farm walk ¾ mile then turn left into a lane and descend to a road, cross and through a narrow stile at Law Farm.

4 Follow the footpath past Berristal Head beyond Ox Lee Lane to Far Lane on the outskirts of Hepworth.

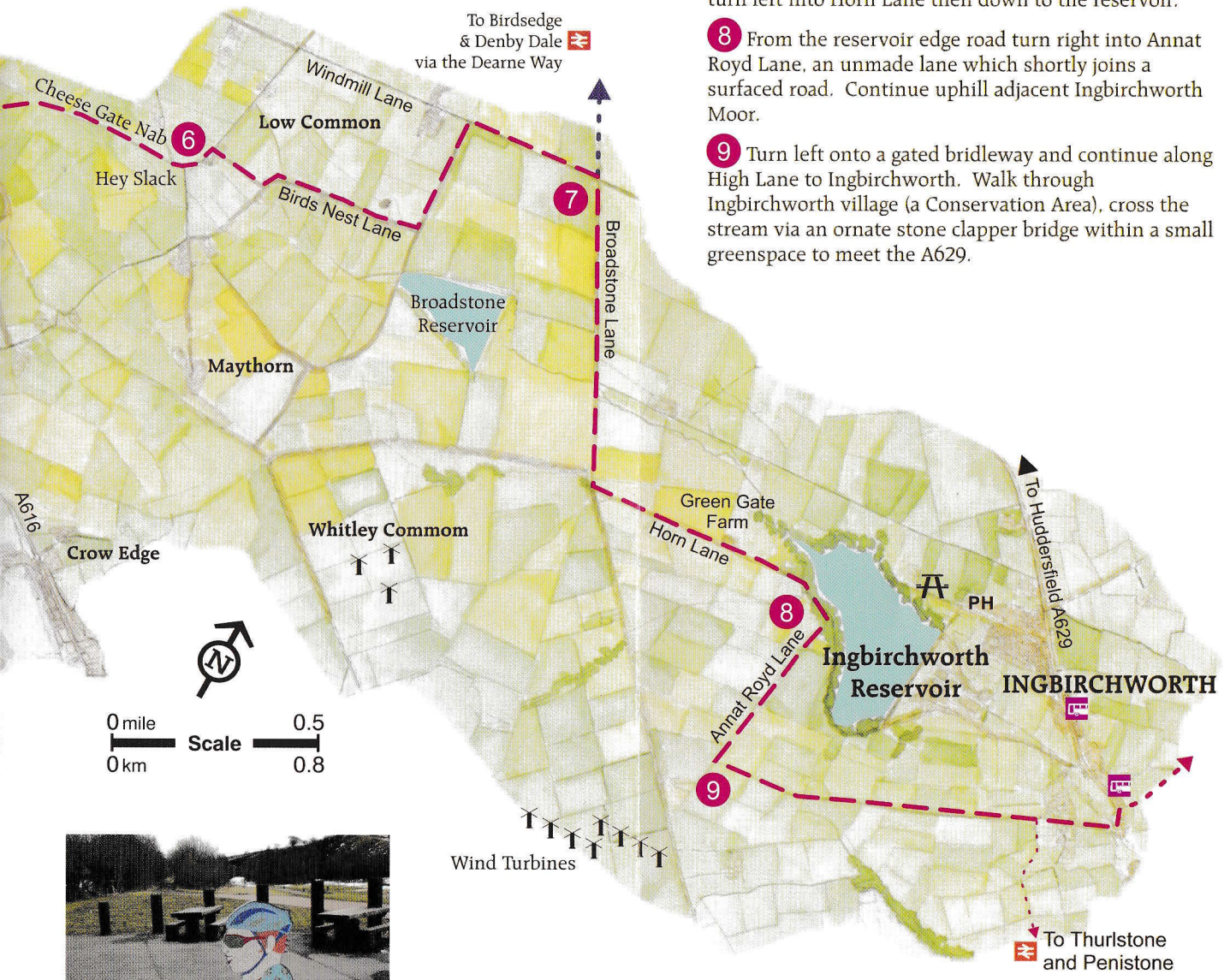
5 Bear left at the start of Hepworth and follow the walled lane into the village. Turn right then left steeply downhill to a footbridge. Turn right to the road again. Turn left and uphill crossing the main A616 road. Continue uphill on the lane then right on the footpath towards Cheese Gate Nab.

6 At Hey Slack, turn right into a walled lane, then turn left into Birds Nest Lane. The walk now follows a series of quiet country roads to Ingbirchworth Reservoir. Follow Birds Nest Lane then turn right into Windmill Lane at Low Common.

7 Turn right again onto Broadstone Road; after ¾ mile turn left into Horn Lane then down to the reservoir.

8 From the reservoir edge road turn right into Annat Royd Lane, an unmade lane which shortly joins a surfaced road. Continue uphill adjacent Ingbirchworth Moor.

9 Turn left onto a gated bridleway and continue along High Lane to Ingbirchworth. Walk through Ingbirchworth village (a Conservation Area), cross the stream via an ornate stone clapper bridge within a small greenspace to meet the A629.



2014 Tour de France art at Dunford Bridge

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