**SECTION 11 BROCKHOLES TO SHIBDEN VALLEY**

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| ***Length and time*** 3½ miles (5½ km). Should take you about 2½ hours  ***Highlights*** The 17th century buildings of Holdsworth (just off the route), Shibden Beck and more great panoramic views  ***Gradients*** There are a couple of steep climbs on this section  ***Terrain*** The routeis all on good paths and tracks with some road walking  ***Obstacles*** There are many stiles to cross  **Facilities**  Moorlands Inn on the Keighley Rd at the beginning of the route.  **Bus access to the route**  To crossroads near to the Moorlands Inn at Brockholes 522 and 504 from Halifax  No buses from the Shibden Valley end of the walk |

**Access from the previous section**: Pass the chapel and continue along Per Lane to the cross roads with the main road.

**Starting at this section**: Travel by bus along the Keighley Rd (A629) to the crossroads with Per Lane and Cow Hill Gate Lane.

1. From the corner of Per Lane and the Keighley Road (SE070298), cross the Keighley Road and walk along Blind Lane (which becomes a grass track) to its junction with a tarmac road. Cross the road and follow the waymarked track past two gates into a field. Cross the field to a gap-stile near a house.
2. Turn left and continue past the front of the house (Upper West Scausby) before turning left again, in front of the next building. Pass around it, continue along a path going to the right, following a flagged and then paved path to the corner of the field. Go through the wicket-gate and along a short ginnel to Riley Lane. *(There is a bus service from here)*
3. Cross the road and turn left. Almost immediately, at an old gatepost, bear right and take a narrow-walled path to the right of the houses, go through a kissing gate and into a field. Follow the wall on your right down to its junction with a paved lane. Turn right onto the lane, walk past the houses and then left onto a paved path. This becomes a wide track.

*(A pleasant and more sheltered alternative to point 4 below is to turn right onto a field path after passing through the buildings and follow the path over stiles into a wood. Continue following the path until it emerges from the wood at Holdsworth.)*

1. Follow the track downhill, ignoring all field gates. Just after it starts dropping more steeply, look for a cross-path. Turn right through a stile and walk straight ahead to a stile on the other side of the field. Continue through a series of stiles to a grassy lane with a factory to the left. Follow the track alongside the factory fence, until it reaches the hamlet of Holdsworth and meets the main road. *(There is a bus service from here)*
2. At the junction, turn left into Holdsworth Road. Walk downhill, along the main road, for about 500 metres. Turn left at the road signed to Holmfield Mills and then left again onto Brow Lane. Continue up this road for another 500 metres, then turn right up the stone setted Crooked Lane. It’s worth pausing as you climb up the lane to look back on the route you have walked so far. After about 500 metres, at the end of the lane, turn left onto Queensbury Road (A647) *(There is a bus service from here)*
3. Head for the junction opposite, on the other side of the main road and follow Swales Moor Road for about 200 metres. Turn off left opposite Slack End to descend a steep track, which winds down hill. About 40 metres after passing an old water trough on the right, turn sharp right and follow the track downhill.
4. After a gate, the path passes through holly bushes, then bears left, down a paved path beside a gully, to a stone gatepost. Continue ahead and then slightly left, down through another bank of holly. Turn sharp left, over two stiles and follow a fenced path downhill to a junction.
5. Turn left here, following the wall to your right. Keep on the paved path down to Shibden Brook.
6. Cross Shibden Brook by the stone footbridge and follow steps up to the tarmac lane. Turn right, to pass the hamlet of Simm Carr (SEO97277) in approx 200 metres.

*Beyond Simm Carr Link Path W heads to Halifax, where Link Path Z continues to Salterhebble. Link Path X goes to Stump Cross and Shibden Hall and joins Link Path Y to Southowram.*