**SECTION 12 SHIBDEN VALLEY TO NORWOOD GREEN**

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| ***Length and time*** 4½ miles (7km). Should take you about 3 hours ***Highlights***A lovely holly tunnel, a vaccary (old stone slab fence), Stone Chair and some lovely woodland walking***Gradients***Steady climb at the start but after that, no major ascents and descents***Terrain***The routeis all on good tracks and paths***Obstacles***Many stiles to cross and some flights of steps**Facilities**Duke of York at Shelf (closed July 2018, not sure about reopening)Bottomley’s Arms at Shelf (100 metres off the route) Old White Beare and the Pear Tree in Norwood Green**Bus access to the route**There are no buses to the start of this section but several link paths.There are buses at Stone ChairFrom Shelf there are several buses to Halifax and Bradford There are no buses from Norwood Green. You need to continue on to the beginning of the next section to get a bus connection |

1. Just after passing Simm Carr (SE097277) turn left and follow the path to a waymarked stile on the left. Cross this stile to a second stile and head diagonally across the field to the far-left hand corner.
2. Turn right, over a stone stile under an oak tree. Continue up the field edge (keeping left) partly on an old paved path, leading to a stone stile at the top. Cross the stile and turn right on a wide path, towards the houses.
3. Follow the track between the houses and through the farm yard, leading into Adders Gate Lane. Continue along the lane to a junction with a tarmac road. Continue straight ahead along Paddock Road until reaching a water trough at Cowling Lane bus turning-circle, where the tarmac road turns sharp right.
4. Here, you turn left into Cowling Lane and almost immediately right up through a stile keeping to the ﬁeld wall up the hill to Cut Lane. Turn right and almost immediately left into a wide path that has become a tunnel of holly bushes.
5. At the end of this, reaching a junction at a wall, turn left. When you reach the next crossroads, turn right. Continue to the junction with a tarmac road (Tanhouse Lane.)
6. Cross Tanhouse Lane to a stile and follow the path behind the farm buildings on the right, to a track. Bear right and then left along it away from the farm, and upon reaching a wall turn half right through a stile to go along a path marked by stone slabs (vaccaries) as far as the tarmac road. *(There is a bus service from here)*
7. Go left and then right to ﬁnd the Duke of York Inn on the corner of the Brighouse and Denholme Gate Road (A644).
8. Examine the inscription on the Stone Chair, opposite the front of the pub, and then turn down West Street into Shelf Hall Lane and continue past the junior school. Here the Bronte Way joins the Calderdale Way from the left and follows the same route until the far side of Bailiff Bridge.
9. At telegraph pole, take a sign posted paved passage on the right to Bradford Road (A6036) or continue ahead for 100 metres for a refreshment stop at the Bottomley’s Arms.
10. Cross the road to Bridle Stile and follow the road or the parallel waymarked footpath along the edge of Shelf Hall Park. Immediately before the car park, turn right downhill to Stile House where the road becomes a cinder track and continue for about 750m towards Dean House Farm. Do not enter the farmyard; look for a wooden stile in the wall to the left before the farm gate, and go down to the stream, cutting across the field corner.
11. Cross the stile and footbridge near a waterfall, ascend the steps and turn right onto a cinder lane which passes a house and garage on the right. Go through the gap in the fence ahead and bear right along the path above North Wood.
12. After a short distance, bear left at the fork, taking the higher path. Further on, a stream crosses the path at an opening to the left. Go through and up diagonally to a stile to the left of the nearest pylon.
13. Follow the topside of the wall and continue straight, passing Middle Ox Heys, and continue to the T-junction. You are now in Norwood Green.
14. Turn left along the road for about 600m, passing the Old White Beare pub on the left, to the war memorial (SE 142 267).