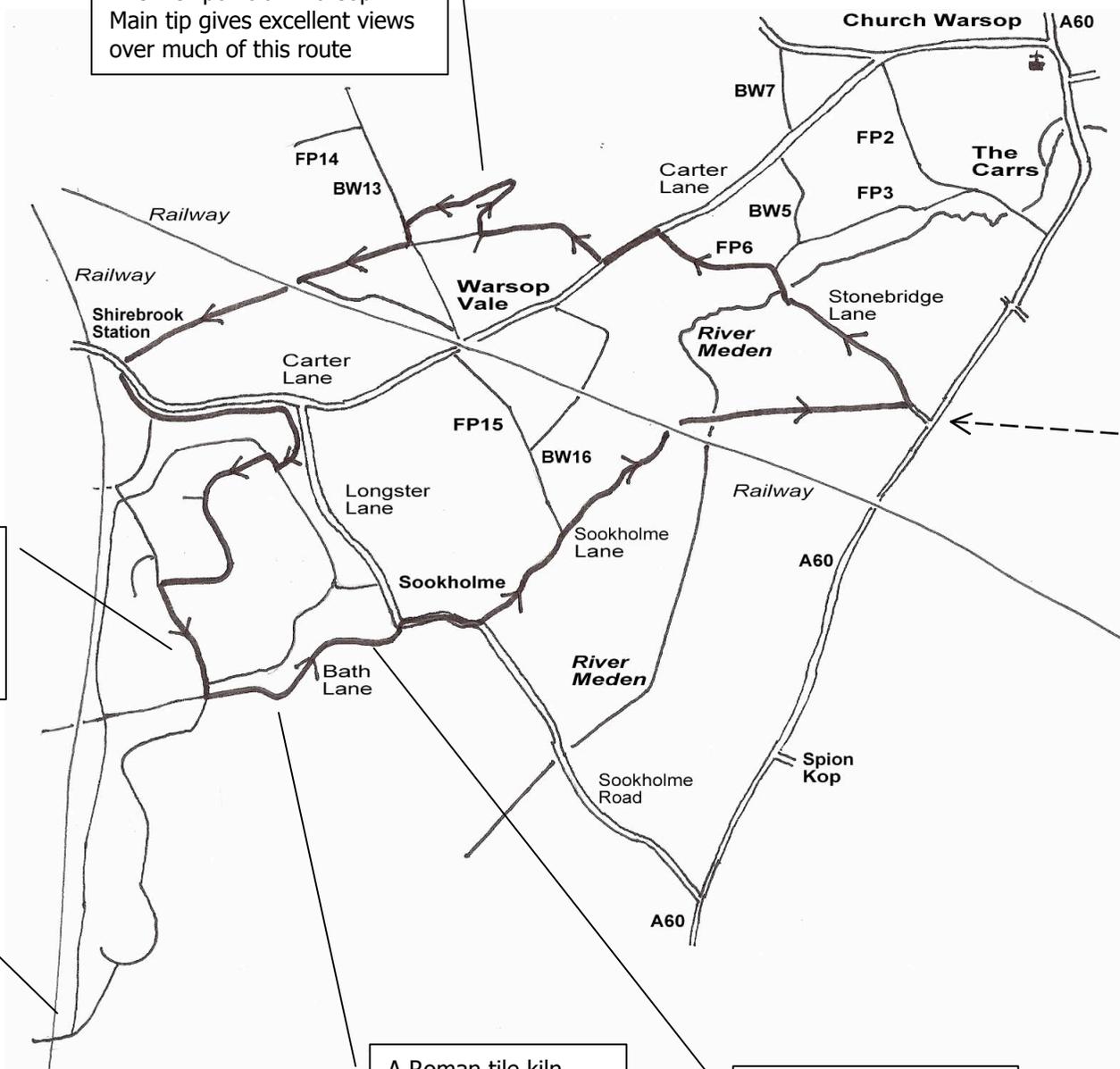


The viewpoint on Warsop Main tip gives excellent views over much of this route



Vale Avenue near the Warsop Motor Co. is our starting point

This hedge marks the Nottinghamshire / Derbyshire county boundary

These paths lead from Shirebrook Tip to Pleasley Vale.

A Roman tile kiln was sited near the spring at Sookholme Bath.

Sookholme Brook is protected as part of the Hills and Holes SSSI

Directions

This walk starts at the corner of Mansfield Road and Vale Avenue, next to the Warsop Motor Company. Go along Vale Avenue, then straight on to Stonebridge Lane. At the end of the surfaced road take the footpath that crosses the River Meden by the green metal bridge and then take the left branch (FP6) where the paths split. At the end of this path cross the road and turn left along Carter Lane.

Continue as far as the sign on the right for Alkane Warsop Energy Park. Turn right through the metal stile onto the cycle track. Follow this track through woodland as far as a crossroads of paths. Turn right towards the pit tip and ascend on the path through the trees to the viewpoint.

Take the path descending steeply towards William Wood Lane (BW13). Turn left onto the lane for a few metres and turn right as the cycle track passes through another squeeze stile. Follow this path between paddocks and meadows, pass under the railway and follow the dismantled railway track towards Shirebrook Station. Pass under the road then turn left along the cycle track that is separated from Carter Lane by a hedge. Cross the road leading to the sewage works and continue beside the hedge as it turns right alongside Longster Lane.

Bear right to cross the metal bridge and then take the right turn. Continue for about 70 metres then take the left turn uphill enjoying the fine views across Sookholme and Nettleworth as you gain height. The path bears left, then right before taking a left turn to join a path heading downhill alongside the hedge that marks the county boundary.

Pass through the metal squeeze stile and turn left onto Bath Lane. At the end of the lane turn right along the busy road, taking care as some motorists fail to acknowledge the 30mph limit! Cross the road and then take the first left along Sookholme Lane. Keep to the lane past Sookholme Church, go under the railway and over the river at Hammerwater Bridge. Keep straight on when the houses of Market Warsop are reached and you will soon return to our starting point. *After wet weather the stretch of the lane beyond Herrings Farm can become very muddy but this section can be avoided by turning left along Spring Lane (BW16/FP15) to Warsop Vale.*

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Tracks on the reclaimed pit sites to the west of the parish are giving us new routes for walking or cycling. With the completion of work on Shirebrook tip we can now complete some interesting circular routes without leaving Warsop parish. Fine views are a feature of the first part of this walk and the return section is mainly along quiet lanes.

Cyclists may adapt this route by leaving The Carrs on the permissive cycle route (FP2) and following Carter Lane to join this walk at Warsop Vale.

This walk is about 9.5 kilometres (6 miles) and should take between 2 and 3 hours

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