

WALK 9 – EASY: 4 ¾ miles and 202 feet of climbing (approx.)

Starting point: Litton

Litton – Arncliffe

Refreshments: Falcon Inn, Arncliffe; Queens Arms, Litton

Directions: *(Following heavy rainfall please see the map with an alternative start as the stepping stones will be impassable)*

Go down the road past the Queens Arms for approximately 200 metres and take the turning on your right through the small wooden gate and head over the fields.



The Queens Arms will now be behind you. Follow the footpath signs as the path weaves its way through fields and gates towards the River Skirfare. On reaching the River Skirfare cross the river via the stepping stones and turn left and head through the small wooden gate.



Sticking initially close to the river follow the path, which can be a bit boggy and stony in places until it leaves the river and goes across wide fields. The path goes diagonally through the fields and through gates until reaching the small stepping stones which take you across a boggy spring and through a wooden gate and onto a track. This track can be very wet following heavy rainfall.

Follow the track until coming to the footpath sign on your left hand side, signposting Litton and Halton Gill and the road to your right climbs steeply to Malham. Proceed forwards over the hump back bridge. Here you can either turn left and follow the footpath behind the houses to the road and church or continue straight on into Arncliffe.



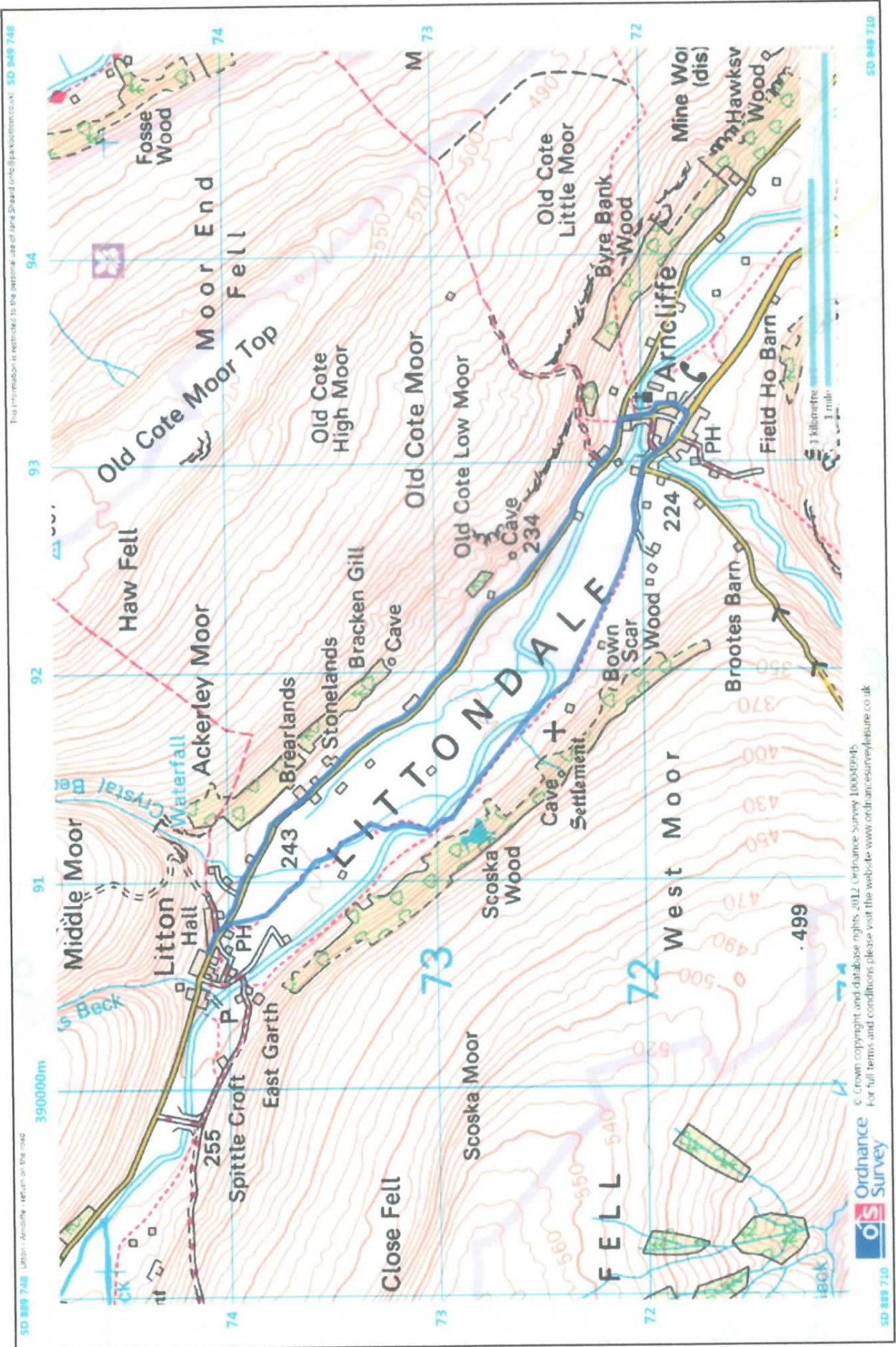
Continuing on will bring you to the greens of Arncliffe. On your right is the Falcon Inn, a traditional pub still serving real ale from the jug and also the original Woolpack in Emmerdale Farm, with Arncliffe being the original setting of the fictional village of Beckindale.

Either continue straight on to see the rest of Arncliffe and turn left at the road end or turn left through the houses towards St Oswald's church. Keeping the church on your right hand side head over the bridge across the River Skirfare. Just over the river is Bridge End house where Charles Kingsley stayed whilst writing the Water Babies, getting his inspiration for the water babies pool under the church bank.



Either re-trace your steps to come back along the river or follow the road passing Old Cotes farm on your right. The road is usually reasonable quiet but please be careful.

The road is slightly undulating, after around 1¼ miles you will pass Stonelands Cottages on your left. Continue along the road, after a further ½ a mile you should see Litton and the Queen's Arms. Continue along the road and arrive back at your starting point.



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