



If driving, use the car park (postcode HD9 4AE) behind the **Carlile Institute** (11). Alternatively, the 324 bus service from Huddersfield has stops close to the start of the route.

The plaques at the four churches can be found on the notice boards situated at their main entrance.

Suggested Circular Walking Route (3 miles)

Starting outside **Meltham Town Hall** (1), use the nearby pedestrian crossing and walk towards the road junction. Follow the pavement around the corner to your right to view the quirkily-shaped building which was **Meltham's First School** (2) but is now a restaurant.

When safe to do so, cross over the road to explore the **Church of St. Bartholomew** (3). Follow Holmfirth Road southwards, passing the **Oddfellows' Hall** (4) on your left and the imposing Bent House (now Wrigley Hall) at the corner of Tinker Lane on your right.

Continue past the terraced worker's housing on Wetlands and Calmlands (both on your right) before reaching the junction of Mill Bank Lane where an old milestone stands on the corner. From here, you may wish to follow **Detour 1 (D1)** to the **Church of St. Mary** (12) at Wilshaw.

Cross over the main road and walk north-eastwards along Mill Bank Road to pass above the **Bank Buildings** (5) on your right and to reach Meltham Mills. Alternate routes are to take the footpath through the picturesque Pleasure Grounds, which gives views of the south-facing side of Bank Buildings, or to walk along the unadopted Bank Buildings road which runs below Mill Bank Road.

Walk northwards along Meltham Mills Road, passing the site of the first **Co-operative Store** (6) before reaching **Meltham Mills School** (7). Retrace your steps a few yards to take the signposted disabled access road to reach **St. James' Church** (8) or continue along Meltham Mills Road to take **Detour 2 (D2)** to visit **Christ Church** (13) at Helme.

A footpath from the south-western edge of the church grounds leads into the Robert Ashton Memorial Park and through to the landscaped gardens in front of **Meltham Hall** (9). After exploring the grounds, head northwards out of the Park to join Huddersfield Road and turn left to walk south-westwards back towards the centre of Meltham.

To tick **Durker Roads** (10) off your list, take a detour along Bishops Way, following the signs to the Hotel, before retracing your steps to Huddersfield Road.

Having returned to the **Carlile Institute** (11), take a well-earned refreshment break at one of the cafés or pubs in the centre of Meltham!

Two further **Blue Plaques** are situated at the churches in Wilshaw and Helme. Suggested walking detours are given below, or you can program your car's satnav to take you to HD9 4DZ (Wilshaw) and HD9 5RW (Helme).

Detour 1: Wilshaw (2 miles)

Climb up Holmfirth Road (which then becomes Netherthong Road) and continue straight over the crossroads onto Wilshaw Road to eventually reach the **Church of St. Mary** (12) on your right.

Retrace your route to reach **Bank Buildings** (5). Or, if you have already visited that plaque, you may prefer to take Thick Hollins Road (which becomes Acre Lane) to reach **Meltham Mills** (6).

Detour 2: Christ Church, Helme (2 miles)

From the junction of Meltham Mills Road and Huddersfield Road, cross over into the old Station Road. Immediately after Zest Print, take the path to your right which passes a mill pond on your left. Carry on up this footpath and turn right onto the Meltham Greenway, which is built along the track bed of the former Meltham Branch Line.

Listen out for the sound of a waterfall on your left and, just before the path which leads to the picturesque waterfall of **Folly Dolly Falls** (well-worth a brief detour to view), pass through a metal gate to a path which follows the right-hand edge of a field.

Turn right onto the wider path and after a few yards climb over the stile on your right. The footpath now continues in a straight line towards Helme. Cross over Helme Lane and continue along the footpath to reach **Christ Church** (13).

Retrace your route to return to Meltham Mills. Or alternatively, continue along the Greenway towards the Morrisons supermarket to return to the centre of Meltham.