



This walk has been created in memory of the many hundreds of miners who tramped these and other paths to find work in the coal-mines of the area.

It is dedicated to the memory of the late Councillor Vic. Price, an ex-miner who wanted to create a memorial other than the winding wheel symbol, which are scattered around the area.

In recent years the area has been transformed from farmland to young woodland as part of the National Forest.

The walk passes through or by five National Forest woodlands which, together cover 177ha. You are welcome to walk in them all but while the trees are young, please stay on the network of marked paths.

**walk:** 9km (5½miles), allow about 2½ hours, open farmland, young woodland and an old county road (note, part of the route may be muddy after rain) **P** free car park on High Street, opposite the Ram Hotel, Ibbstock

From the car park, turn right and follow the High Street until you reach Grange Road. Turn left and head downhill.

The building at the top of Grange Road was the National School (circa 1818), which was closed in 1906 when other schools were built. Below this on the left you will pass the former infants school.

At the bottom of the hill you will reach a marker stone dedicated by Ibbstock Parish Council. Walk past this following the well-defined path towards the open fields over the footbridge. Continue straight up hill towards Redholme Bungalow Farm, a former isolation hospital.

**A** Beyond the farm you will meet a track leading to Ibbstock Grange Farm up the hill on the left. Cross the track to the surfaced path opposite, and continue through the young trees of Grange Wood. Eventually the path crosses a brook, then another track to enter Battram Wood. Follow the grass track up hill.

